

Resolution



City Council
City of Wilmington
North Carolina

Introduced By: Rebecca L. Hawke, City Manager

Date: 7/15/2025

Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Apply for \$77,750 in United States Tennis Association Grants to Assist with Resurfacing Courts at Althea Gibson Tennis Complex

LEGISLATIVE INTENT/PURPOSE:

WHEREAS, the Althea Gibson Tennis Complex at Empie Park features twenty-four hard tennis courts, which are recommended to be resurfaced every four to eight years; and,

WHEREAS, Center Court and courts nine through eighteen were last resurfaced in 2018; and;

WHEREAS, the FY26 Parks Maintenance Capital Fund contains \$100,000 for tennis court resurfacing; and,

WHEREAS, based on a quote received in June 2025, the cost for resurfacing eleven courts is estimated to be \$192,944; and,

WHEREAS, grants are available from United States Tennis Association (USTA) National, USTA Southern, and USTA North Carolina to assist with resurfacing public tennis courts, with a cumulative total available in grant funding of \$77,750; and,

WHEREAS, the Greater Wilmington Tennis Association (GWTA) has pledged up to \$20,000 to help cover any remaining costs of the resurfacing project not met by grant awards and City funds.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT, the City Manager is hereby authorized to apply for three USTA grants in the amount of \$77,750 for the resurfacing of the Althea Gibson Tennis Complex's Center Court and courts nine through eighteen.

Adopted at a _____ meeting

On _____ 2025

Bill Saffo, Mayor

Attest:

Penelope Spicer-Sidbury, City Clerk