

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-43

**A RESOLUTION TO REJECT A BID FOR RECONSTRUCTION OF TENNIS COURTS
IN BENNETT PARK AND REFUND DONATIONS FOR THE PROJECT**

WHEREAS, during its meeting held on April 27, 2015, City Council authorized spending up to \$75,000 for the reconstruction of tennis courts in Bennett Park and, during its meeting of May 11, 2015, City Council rejected a motion to rescind the action of April 27, 2015; and

WHEREAS, on July 13, 2015, City Council authorized using \$10,000 of the \$75,000 that it had previously approved as a donation to the crowdfunding effort undertaken through the Patronicity grant program; and

WHEREAS, the crowdfunding and other fundraising efforts generated a total of \$67,957.95 which amount includes \$10,000 contributed by the City; and

WHEREAS, in 2016, the City solicited bids for the project but none were received; and

WHEREAS, the City's engineers made modifications to the specifications and again solicited bids for this project which bids were due on April 18, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the only bid received was submitted by Rumsey and Sons in the base amount of \$174,114 with an additional amount of \$17,000 for alternate 1 which included concrete work, benches and ADA parking; and

WHEREAS, the base bid of Rumsey and Sons is in excess of financial resources available to complete this project and City staff and its engineers doubt the ability to obtain bids that would fall within the amount of funds available for the project if additional bids were solicited; and

WHEREAS, donors to the project have in the past contacted the City requesting the return of funds that they donated to the project if it were not to be completed; and

WHEREAS, continued delays in completing this project can be expected to limit the community's ability to utilize the Patronicity grant program for other place-making initiatives in Charlotte;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the bid of Rumsey and Sons is hereby rejected and City staff is directed to return donations received for the project to the donors.