



# MEMORANDUM

Council Agenda  
Item No. IX.H.  
2/9/2016

## The City of OKLAHOMA CITY

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: James D. Couch, City Manager

Resolution naming a portion of the original Civic Center Park property located adjacent to the Municipal Building "City Hall Park", 200 North Walker Avenue. Ward 6

Location 200 North Walker Avenue.

Background The City of Oklahoma City (City) maintains an extensive system of parks and recreation venues for the use and enjoyment of the public. The mission of the City's Parks and Recreation Department is to provide parks, recreation, and cultural services to Oklahoma City residents and visitors so they can enjoy an enhanced quality of life.

Staff propose naming the property adjacent to the Municipal Building, 200 North Walker Avenue, "City Hall Park." The area is just east of Bicentennial Park, northwest of Frank J. Hightower Park, and southwest of Carolyn Hill Park.

The property was deeded to the City in 1927, along with the land that now houses the Civic Center and City Hall. Historical documents show it has been considered part of the Civic Center Park property since the 1930s. The area was recently enhanced through Project 180, with hardscape and landscape elements to complement the Project 180 renovation of Bicentennial Park, which was completed previously.

Staff feels that the naming would help differentiate the space from adjoining park areas. It would also provide a distinct venue that could be incorporated into special events and other activities held downtown. Staff believes that "City Hall Park" meets the criteria for park naming contained in the City's Park Naming and Renaming Policy, since City Hall is "an outstanding feature of the park, park area, or park facility."

On January 20, 2016, the Oklahoma City Park Commission recommended approval of the naming.

Review Parks and Recreation Department

Recommendation: Resolution be adopted.

Attachment