

**CITY OF ALBANY
CITYCOUNCIL AGENDA
STAFF REPORT**

Agenda Date: November 15, 2021
Reviewed by: NA

SUBJECT: California Department of Parks and Recreation’s Office of Grants and Local Services (OGALS) Proposition 68 Per Capita & Recreational Infrastructure Revenue Enhancement (RIRE) Programs Project Applications

REPORT BY: Isabelle Leduc, Assistant City Manager/Recreation & Community Services Director
Mark Hurley, Public Works Director

SUMMARY

The item before the City Council is the adoption of Resolution No. 2021-115, authorizing the submission of applications with the California Department of Parks and Recreation’s Office of Grants and Local Services (OGALS) to receive funding from the Proposition 68 Per Capita and Recreational Infrastructure Revenue Enhancement (RIRE) Grant programs for 7 park projects and to appropriate \$37,961 in matching funds from available fund balance in Measure M - Parks & Open Space Parcel Tax (2018).

PARKS, RECREATION & OPEN SPACE COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION

That the Council authorize the submission of applications with the California Department of Parks and Recreation’s Office of Grants and Local Services (OGALS) for 7 park projects to receive funding from Proposition 68 Per Capita and Recreational Infrastructure Revenue Enhancement (RIRE) grant programs with options for adding 2 additional projects if funding allows for shading over the play structure at Peggy Thomsen Pierce Street park and Lighting improvements for the tennis/pickleball courts at Ocean View park.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the Council adopt Resolution No. 2021-115, authorizing the submission of applications with the California Department of Parks and Recreation’s Office of Grants and Local Services (OGALS) for 7 park projects to receive funding from Proposition 68 Per Capita and Recreational Infrastructure Revenue Enhancement (RIRE) grant programs and appropriate \$37,961 in matching funds from available fund balance in Measure M - Parks & Open Space Parcel Tax (2018).

BACKGROUND

On June 5, 2018, California voters approved Proposition 68, the “Parks and Water Bond Act of 2018” (Senate Bill 5). Proposition 68 supports several grant programs for drought, water, parks, climate, coastal protection, and outdoor access. The City is eligible to receive \$189,805 from the Per Capita Grant Program and \$250,000 from the Recreational Infrastructure Revenue Enhancement (RIRE) Grant program for local park rehabilitation, creation and improvements. The State has allocated these funds to the City of Albany and will disburse funding once the grant applications are processed by the California Department of Parks and Recreation’s Office of Grants and Local Services (OGALS).

City staff attended a mandatory Per Capita technical assistance workshop in August 2020. Council authorized by Resolutions the filing of applications with OGALS to receive funding from Proposition 68 Per Capita Grant program on December 7, 2020 (See Attachment 2 for Staff Report & Resolution) and on January 19, 2021 for the RIRE grant program (See Attachment 3 for Staff Report & Resolution). The Resolutions also designate the City Manager to represent the City and execute all documents and negotiations on behalf of the City. Applications to OGALS are due by December 31, 2021.

DISCUSSION

The identification of projects to be funded by Prop 68 was included in the scope of the Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Master Plan update currently underway. Groundworks Office, the firm retained by the City to conduct the Parks Master Plan update reviewed potential park projects eligible for Prop 68 grant programs with the Parks Recreation and Open Space (PROS) Commission on October 14, 2021. Recommended projects for Prop 68 funding are as follow:

1. Jewel’s Terrace Park Shade Improvements
Install shading elements to Jewel's Terrace Park picnic area. Shading can be a grove of trees or material furnishing.
2. Jewel’s Terrace Park Dog Amenities
Install new signage indicating dog and dog owner etiquette. Develop a system that defines dog play area.
3. Memorial Park Lighting Improvements
Install new lighting elements, per existing construction drawings along paths.
4. Memorial Park Dog Park Improvements
Reconfigure and relocate entrance to dog park on south side (near batting cage) and construct fencing for a play area for small dogs within the existing dog park. Add new benches or seating elements.
5. Ocean View Park Permanent Pickleball courts
Design and construct pickleball courts to replace one or two tennis courts.

6. Dartmouth Tot Lot seating element upgrade
Replace seating elements with new furnishings that prioritize community and comfort.
7. Pierce Street Park access and landscape improvements
Design and construct staircase to improve pedestrian circulation, provide native California planting in the surrounding improvement area.

The PROS Commission also recommended 2 optional projects if funding allowed. The 2 projects include the installation of a shading element over the play structure at Peggy Thomsen Pierce Street park and lighting improvements for the tennis/pickleball courts at Ocean View park. Based on the current project cost projections, there is not enough grant funding to include these 2 projects.

ANALYSIS

Prop 68 requires project be completed within 2 years of funding disbursement. The deadline to submit applications for the programs is December 31, 2021. Several criteria were considered in the selection of projects. Projects for Prop 68 funding were selected for swiftness in planning, design and construction due to the two-year timeline for project completion and the fast-approaching deadline for application submission. Complex projects that require additional community planning process or are not sited on City property would prevent the timely submission by December 31, 2021. Other projects located at environmentally sensitive sites such as Albany Neck and Bulb, Albany Hill, and Cerrito Creek would not meet the submission deadline because they would be subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) review before the City could formally take actions to approve the projects. Depending on the scope of the project and its potential impacts, the analysis would be prepared by a consultant and could take from six months to one year or more to complete. The 7 projects proposed for Prop 68 funding qualify to be categorically exempt from CEQA. In such cases, documentation will be prepared and filed with the Alameda County Recorder. The projects recommended for Prop 68 funding distribute funding across multiple improvement project sites. The PROS Commission agreed with the Consultants that smaller-scale projects, that are CEQA exempt and sited at different parks will benefit the respective communities surrounding each park. Additionally, project management will be more efficient as it is conducted concurrently for all projects by one project manager.

SUSTAINABILITY CONSIDERATIONS

Park improvements promote sustainability by increasing park access, the tree canopy and native planting.

SOCIAL EQUITY AND INCLUSIVITY CONSIDERATIONS

The allocation of Prop 68 funding to five different parks will benefit park users and communities throughout the City.

CITY COUNCIL STRATEGIC PLAN INITIATIVES

This item helps to fulfill Goal 3: Maximize and Improve Parks and Open Space.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION

The projects will be funded with a combination of Prop 68 Per Capita and RIRE grant programs. The Per Capita grant program requires a 20% match for projects not serving a “severely disadvantaged community” (median household income less than 60% statewide average). Fund balance from Measure M - Parks & Open Space Parcel Tax (2018) in the amount of \$37,961 will be used to cover the required match for projects sited at Ocean View and Pierce Street parks. Staff plans to submit 5 applications to OGALS that will include all 7 projects recommended by the PROS Commission. Please see table below for a breakdown of park project costs per application and funding sources.

| Park Project Applications | Per Capita | RIRE | Match (Measure M) | Project Cost |
|---|------------------|------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| Jewel’s Terrace Park dog amenities and shade improvements | | \$35,000 | | \$35,000 |
| Memorial Park lighting and dog park improvements | | \$200,000 | | \$200,000 |
| Ocean View Park Permanent Pickleball courts | \$100,000 | | \$20,000 | \$120,000 |
| Dartmouth Tot Lot seating element upgrade | | \$15,000 | | \$15,000 |
| Pierce Street Park access and landscape improvements* | \$89,805 | | \$17,961 | \$107,766 |
| TOTAL | \$189,805 | \$250,000 | \$37,961 | \$477,766 |

Both Per Capita and RIRE Prop 68 funding will be administered on a reimbursement basis for project expenditures incurred.

NEXT STEPS

Project applications will be submitted to OGALS.

Attachments

1. Resolution No. 2021-115 Authorizing Submittal of Park Projects funded with Prop 68
2. Prop 68 Staff Report 12-7-2020 & Resolution No. 2020-118 Approving Submittal of Application for Per Capita
3. Prop 68 Staff Report 1-19-21 & Resolution No. 2021-08 Approving Submittal of Applications for RIRE

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RESOLUTION NO. 2021-115

**A RESOLUTION OF THE ALBANY CITY COUNCIL TO AUTHORIZE
THE SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS WITH THE CALIFORNIA
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION’S OFFICE OF GRANTS AND
LOCAL SERVICES (OGALS) FOR 7 PARK PROJECTS TO RECEIVE FUNDING
FROM PROPOSITION 68 PER CAPITA AND RECREATIONAL
INFRASTRUCTURE REVENUE ENHANCEMENT (RIRE) GRANT PROGRAMS
AND APPROPRIATE \$37,961 IN MATCHING FUNDS FROM AVAILABLE FUND
BALANCE IN MEASURE M - PARKS & OPEN SPACE PARCEL TAX (2018)**

WHEREAS, on June 5, 2018, California voters approved Proposition 68, the “Parks and Water Bond Act of 2018” (Senate Bill 5). Proposition 68 supports several grant programs for drought, water, parks, climate, coastal protection, and outdoor access.; and

WHEREAS, the City is eligible to receive \$189,805 from the Per Capita Grant Program and \$250,000 from the Recreational Infrastructure Revenue Enhancement (RIRE) Grant program for local park rehabilitation, creation and improvements; and

WHEREAS, the State has allocated these funds to the City of Albany and will disburse funding once the grant applications are processed by the California Department of Parks and Recreation’s Office of Grants and Local Services (OGALS); and

WHEREAS, the identification of projects to be funded by Prop 68 was included in the scope of the Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Master Plan update currently underway and Groundworks Office, the firm retained by the City to conduct the Parks Master Plan update, reviewed potential park projects eligible for Prop 68 grant programs with the Parks Recreation and Open Space (PROS) Commission on October 14, 2021; and

WHEREAS, recommended projects for Prop 68 are as follow:

1 1. Jewel’s Terrace Park Shade Improvements

2 Install shading elements to Jewel's Terrace Park picnic area. Shading can be a
3 grove of trees or material furnishing.

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5 2. Jewel’s Terrace Park Dog Amenities

6 Install new signage indicating dog and dog owner etiquette. Develop a system
7 that defines dog play area.

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9 3. Memorial Park Lighting Improvements

10 Install new lighting elements, per existing construction drawings along paths.

11 4. Memorial Park Dog Park Improvements

12 Reconfigure and relocate entrance to dog park on south side (near batting cage)
13 and construct fencing for a play area for small dogs within the existing dog park.
14 Add new benches or seating elements.

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16 5. Ocean View Park Permanent Pickleball courts

17 Design and construct pickleball courts to replace one or two tennis courts.

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19 6. Dartmouth Tot Lot seating element upgrade

20 Replace seating elements with new furnishings that prioritize community and
21 comfort.

22 7. Pierce Street Park access and landscape improvements

23 Design and construct staircase to improve pedestrian circulation, provide native
24 California planting in the surrounding improvement area.

25 **WHEREAS**, the 7 projects proposed for Prop 68 funding were selected for swiftness in
26 planning, design and construction due to the two-year timeline for project completion and the
27 fast-approaching deadline for application submission and qualify to be categorically exempt
28 from CEQA.

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**CITY OF ALBANY
CITYCOUNCIL AGENDA
STAFF REPORT**

Agenda Date: December 7, 2020
Reviewed by: NA

SUBJECT: Authorizing Resolution to the California Department of Parks and Recreation Office of Grants and Local Services for Proposition 68 Per Capita Program Grant Funding

REPORT BY: Eva Phalen, Recreation & Community Services Manager
Isabelle Leduc, Assistant City Manager/Recreation & Community Services Director

SUMMARY

The item before the City Council is the adoption of Resolution No. 2020-118 authorizing the filing of applications with the California Department of Parks and Recreation Office of Grants and Local Services (OGALS) to receive funding from the Proposition 68 Per Capita Grant program for local park rehabilitation, creation and improvements.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the Council adopt Resolution No. 2020-118 authorizing the filing of applications with the California Department of Parks and Recreation Office of Grants and Local Services (OGALS) to receive funding from the Proposition 68 Per Capita Grant program.

BACKGROUND

On June 5, 2018, California voters approved Proposition 68, the “Parks and Water Bond Act of 2018” (Senate Bill 5). Proposition 68 supports several grant programs for drought, water, parks, climate, coastal protection, and outdoor access. One of these programs is the “Per Capita Program”, which provides funding to cities and counties statewide for local park rehabilitation, creation and improvements on a per capita basis. The City of Albany’s allocation is \$189,805. Under this program, grant recipients are encouraged to utilize awards to rehabilitate existing infrastructure and to address deficiencies in neighborhoods lacking access to the outdoors. City staff attended a mandatory technical assistance workshop in August 2020.

DISCUSSION

The next step to obtain Proposition 68 Per Capita funds is initiated by City Council adoption of a resolution approving the filing for all applications associated with the

contract. The Council must adopt the resolution language as provided by the State. Adoption of the resolution expresses the City's agreement with the State funding contract and confirmation that the City will complete, operate and maintain the grant-funded projects. The resolution also designates an authorized position, the City Manager, to represent the City and execute all documents and negotiations on behalf of the City.

Applications to OGALS are due by December 2021. It is envisioned that project(s) for the use of Proposition 68 Per Capita funding will be selected based on the outcome of the update to the Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION

There is no financial impact associated with the adoption of the authorizing resolution.

Attachments

1. Resolution No. 2020-118

1 (A) Conducting active outreach to diverse populations, particularly minority, low-
2 income, and disabled populations and tribal communities, to increase awareness within
3 those communities and the public generally about specific programs and opportunities.
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5 (B) Mentoring new environmental, outdoor recreation, and conservation leaders to
6 increase diverse representation across these areas.
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8 (C) Creating new partnerships with state, local, tribal, private, and nonprofit
9 organizations to expand access for diverse populations.
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11 (D) Identifying and implementing improvements to existing programs to increase
12 visitation and access by diverse populations, particularly minority, low-income, and
13 disabled populations and tribal communities.
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15 (E) Expanding the use of multilingual and culturally appropriate materials in public
16 communications and educational strategies, including through social media strategies, as
17 appropriate, that target diverse populations.
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19 (F) Developing or expanding coordinated efforts to promote youth engagement and
20 empowerment, including fostering new partnerships with diversity-serving and youth-
21 serving organizations, urban areas, and programs.
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23 (G) Identifying possible staff liaisons to diverse populations.
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- 25 8. Agrees that to the extent practicable, the project(s) will provide workforce education and
26 training, contractor and job opportunities for disadvantaged communities (PRC
27 §80001(b)(5)).
28 9. Certifies that the grantee shall not reduce the amount of funding otherwise available to be
29 spent on parks or other projects eligible for funds under this division in its jurisdiction. A
one-time allocation of other funding that has been expended for parks or other projects,
but which is not available on an ongoing basis, shall not be considered when calculating a
recipient's annual expenditures. (PRC §80062(d)).

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10. Certifies that the grantee has reviewed, understands, and agrees to the General Provisions contained in the contract shown in the Procedural Guide; and
 11. Delegates the authority to the City Manager, or designee to conduct all negotiations, sign and submit all documents, including, but not limited to applications, agreements, amendments, and payment requests, which may be necessary for the completion of the grant scope(s); and
 12. Agrees to comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws, ordinances, rules, regulations and guidelines.

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APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Albany at its meeting on the 7th day of December, 2020, by the following a roll call vote:

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AYES: Council Members Barnes, Maass, McQuaid, Nason, and Mayor Pilch

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NOES:

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ABSENT:

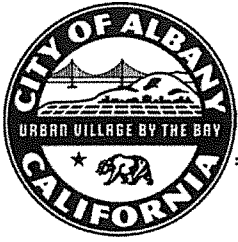
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NICK PILCH, MAYOR



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RESOLUTION NO. 2020-118

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
ALBANY, The 7th day of December, 2020, by the following votes:

AYES: Council Members Barnes, Maass, McQuaid, Nason and Mayor Pilch

NOES: none

ABSENT: none

ABSTAINED: none

RECUSED: none

WITNESS MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF THE CITY OF ALBANY, this
8th day of December, 2020.

Anne Hsu
CITY CLERK

**CITY OF ALBANY
CITYCOUNCIL AGENDA
STAFF REPORT**

Agenda Date: January 19, 2021
Reviewed by: NA

SUBJECT: Authorizing Resolution to the California Department of Parks and Recreation Office of Grants and Local Services for Recreational Infrastructure Revenue Enhancement (RIRE) Program Funding

REPORT BY: Eva Phalen, Recreation & Community Services Manager
Isabelle Leduc, Assistant City Manager/Recreation & Community Services Director

SUMMARY

The item before the City Council is the adoption of Resolution No. 2021-08 authorizing the filing of applications with the California Department of Parks and Recreation Office of Grants and Local Services (OGALS) to receive funding from the Recreational Infrastructure Revenue Enhancement (RIRE) program for improving and enhancing local or regional park infrastructure.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the Council adopt Resolution No. 2021-08 authorizing the filing of applications with the California Department of Parks and Recreation Office of Grants and Local Services (OGALS) to receive funding from the Recreational Infrastructure Revenue Enhancement (RIRE) program.

BACKGROUND

On June 5, 2018, California voters approved Proposition 68, the “Parks and Water Bond Act of 2018” (Senate Bill 5). The Recreational Infrastructure Revenue Enhancement (RIRE) program originates from Proposition 68. The program supports revenue enhancement measures aimed at improving and enhancing local or regional park and recreational infrastructure. “Revenue enhancement measures” are measures that identify a new tax or fee that will fund the measure or extend an existing tax or fee otherwise scheduled to expire.

Funds are awarded proportionally based on the population of the voting area population, with a minimum allocation of \$250,000. The City of Albany’s allocation is \$250,000. Under this program, grant recipients are encouraged to utilize awards to make park infrastructure more valuable in quality, desirability and attractiveness for users.

DISCUSSION

The passing of Measure M in 2018 to maintain and fund park and open space facilities makes the City eligible for RIRE grant funds. The next step to obtain Recreational Infrastructure Revenue Enhancement (RIRE) program funds is initiated by City Council adoption of a resolution approving the filing for all applications associated with the contract. The Council must adopt the resolution language as provided by the State. Adoption of the resolution expresses the City's agreement with the State funding contract and confirmation that the City will complete, operate and maintain the grant-funded projects. The resolution also designates an authorized position, the City Manager, to represent the City and execute all documents and negotiations on behalf of the City.

Applications to OGALS are due by December 2021. It is envisioned that project(s) for the use of Recreational Infrastructure Revenue Enhancement (RIRE) program funding will be selected based on the outcome of the update to the Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION

There is no financial impact associated with the adoption of the authorizing resolution.

Attachments

1. Resolution No. 2021-08

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RESOLUTION NO. 2021-08

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALBANY
APPROVING APPLICATION(S) FOR RECREATIONAL
INFRASTRUCTURE REVENUE ENHANCEMENT GRANT FUNDS**

WHEREAS, the State Department of Parks and Recreation has been delegated the responsibility by the Legislature of the State of California for the administration of the Recreational Infrastructure Revenue Enhancement Grant Program, setting up necessary procedures governing application(s); and

WHEREAS, said procedures established by the State Department of Parks and Recreation require the grantee’s Governing Body to certify by resolution the approval of project application(s) before submission of said applications to the State; and

WHEREAS, the grantee will enter into a contract(s) with the State of California to complete project(s).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Albany City Council hereby:

1. Approves the filing of project application(s) for Recreational Infrastructure Revenue Enhancement program grant project(s); and
2. Certifies that said grantee has or will have available, prior to commencement of project work utilizing Recreational Infrastructure Revenue Enhancement funding, sufficient funds to complete the project(s); and
3. Certifies that the grantee has or will have sufficient funds to operate and maintain the project(s); and
4. Certifies that it will comply with the provisions of §1771.5 of the State Labor Code; and
5. (PRC §80001(b)(8)(A-G)) To the extent practicable, as identified in the “Presidential Memorandum--Promoting Diversity and Inclusion in Our National Parks, National Forests, and Other Public Lands and Waters,” dated January 12, 2017, the Albany

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City Council will consider a range of actions that include, but are not limited to, the following:

(A) Conducting active outreach to diverse populations, particularly minority, low-income, and disabled populations and tribal communities, to increase awareness within those communities and the public generally about specific programs and opportunities.

(B) Mentoring new environmental, outdoor recreation, and conservation leaders to increase diverse representation across these areas.

(C) Creating new partnerships with state, local, tribal, private, and nonprofit organizations to expand access for diverse populations.

(D) Identifying and implementing improvements to existing programs to increase visitation and access by diverse populations, particularly minority, low-income, and disabled populations and tribal communities.

(E) Expanding the use of multilingual and culturally appropriate materials in public communications and educational strategies, including through social media strategies, as appropriate, that target diverse populations.

(F) Developing or expanding coordinated efforts to promote youth engagement and empowerment, including fostering new partnerships with diversity-serving and youth-serving organizations, urban areas, and programs.

(G) Identifying possible staff liaisons to diverse populations.


6. Agrees that to the extent practicable, the project(s) will provide workforce education and training, contractor and job opportunities for disadvantaged communities (PRC §80001(b)(5)); and

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- 7. Certifies that the grantee has reviewed, understands, and agrees to the General Provisions contained in the contract shown in the Procedural Guide; and
- 8. Delegates the authority to the City Manager, or designee to conduct all negotiations, sign and submit all documents, including, but not limited to applications, agreements, amendments, and payment requests, which may be necessary for the completion of the grant scope(s); and
- 9. Agrees to comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws, ordinances, rules, regulations and guidelines.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Albany at its meeting on the 19th day of January, 2021, by the following a roll call vote:

AYES: Council Members Jordan, McQuaid, Nason, Tiedemann and Mayor Gary
NOES: none
ABSENT: none
ABSTAIN: none



GE'NELL GARY, MAYOR



City of Albany

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RESOLUTION NO. 2021-08

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALBANY,

The 19th day of January, 2021, by the following votes:

AYES: Council Members Jordan, McQuaid, Nason, Tiedemann and Mayor Gary

NOES: none

ABSENT: none

ABSTAINED: none

RECUSED: none

WITNESS MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF THE CITY OF ALBANY, this

20th day of January, 2021.

Anne Hsu
CITY CLERK