

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON, APPROVING A GRANT AGREEMENT FOR DEVELOPMENT AND CONSTRUCTION OF A HOMELESS SHELTER AND DAY SERVICES CENTER LOCATED AT 3444 MARTIN WAY EAST, OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON, BETWEEN THE CITY OF OLYMPIA, A WASHINGTON MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, AND INTERFAITH WORKS, A WASHINGTON PUBLIC BENEFIT CORPORATION

WHEREAS, the Olympia City Council passed Ordinance No. 7146 on July 17, 2018, finding, and declaring a public health emergency relating to human health and environmental conditions caused by increasing homelessness in the City of Olympia; and

WHEREAS, after considering public testimony and reviewing the conditions that gave rise to this public health emergency, the City Council found that the conditions still existed and passed and adopted ordinances declaring a *continuing* state of public health emergency relating to homelessness as follows:

- Ordinance No. 7179 – December 18, 2018
- Ordinance No. 7192 – May 7, 2019
- Ordinance No. 7207 – November 12, 2019

and

WHEREAS, after considering public testimony and finding that the emergency relating to homelessness was continuing and increasing in the City of Olympia and was further compounded and exacerbated by the special dangers posed by the COVID-19 pandemic, the City Council passed and adopted the following ordinances declaring a *continuing* state of public health emergency relating to homelessness:

- Ordinance No. 7243 – May 5, 2020
- Ordinance No. 7256 – November 2, 2020

WHEREAS, in 2019, the Thurston County Board of County Commissioners also declared a formal state of emergency with regard to homelessness in the county, recognizing that unsheltered homelessness and affordable housing were significant issues for Thurston County before the COVID-19 pandemic, which has been exacerbated by COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, overnight shelters are presently reduced to half capacity to accommodate social distancing guidelines due to the pandemic. Many people experiencing homelessness are living with permanent disabilities and chronic illness, and are at high risk for both transmission of and complications from COVID-19. As a result of COVID-19, Interfaith Works' year round shelter is full and has to turn many people away, thus requiring action to provide more space to meet a number of the Olympia community's emergent needs; and

WHEREAS, Interfaith Works has acquired real property located at 3444 Martin Way East in the City of Olympia, consisting of a site that is approximately .5 acres with an existing 4,576 square foot building

and gravel parking lot with ten (10) parking spaces. This property is accessed off of Martin Way East to the south and abuts the Mary Elder Road right-of-way to the north; and

WHEREAS, the plan for the site at 3444 Martin Way East in Olympia is to demolish the existing building and for Interfaith Works to construct parking and an enclosed outdoor space and an approximately 6,000 square foot building to operate a 24/7 shelter for thirty-eight (38) people, more or less, through 2021. Thereafter, the building shall be converted to a daytime service center upon the completion of the shelter and permanent supportive housing presently under construction at 2828 Martin Way East; and

WHEREAS, the shelter facility, as well as the exterior property at 3444 Martin Way East and its perimeter will be monitored and maintained by Interfaith Works' staff, which will respond as necessary to any problem or disruption; and

WHEREAS, the shelter facility proposed by Interfaith Works shall house men, women, couples, and gender non-conforming individuals, with sleeping rooms broken into four different sleeping rooms. Persons over fifty (50) years of age and those with pre-existing conditions shall be prioritized for shelter placement; and

WHEREAS, the proposal by Interfaith Works will require construction of a modular building. Included within the proposal is a prefabricated hygiene structure with toilets, showers, and washers/dryers. The hygiene structure will connect to the proposed building and necessary utilities. It will be ADA accessible and have HVAC, accessible flooring, fire suppression, four (4) sleeping dorms with 9-10 beds each, a common area, and access to the hygiene facilities from inside the structure so guests will not need to go outside. Additionally, a half bathroom for staff and three compartment sinks will be plumbed into the structure itself. Interfaith Works intends to fence the perimeter of the property at 3444 Martin Way East to provide privacy and attractive detailing for neighbors; and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated Interfaith Works will encounter extensive costs to update sewer connection, frontage improvements, and pedestrian accessibility to the site at 3444 Martin Way East; and

WHEREAS, Interfaith Works will prioritize highly vulnerable adult individuals and their pets, as well as couples without dependent children. The majority of Interfaith Works' guests may be over sixty (60) years old and meet the federal definition of "chronically homeless" and are living with complex challenges related to their physical and mental health; and

WHEREAS, Interfaith Works has trained, experienced staff and volunteers for whom safety is a top priority and who will be responsible for appropriately assessing a person's risk during intake for shelter services, providing beds for the most vulnerable members of the homeless community in the City of Olympia and Thurston County; and

WHEREAS, Interfaith Works shall take referrals from all local service providers, and shall work regularly with the Coordinated Entry system and utilize county-wide standard vulnerability index tool as well as the eligibility criteria of "high risk COVID-19" to prioritize the limited number of beds available, and to do so in a way that will serve all genders; and

WHEREAS, Interfaith Works shall follow all City of Olympia building occupancy limits, fire codes, building and zoning codes and other safety and comfort considerations for the development and construction of

the property at 3444 Martin Way East for a shelter and daytime service center with professional, trained staff on site at all times during the day and a minimum of two staff members overnight, with volunteers assisting in providing meals; and

WHEREAS, supportive services shall be provided by Interfaith Works, including but not limited to Targeted Peer Support based on case management through Interfaith’s Navigation Team Program; coordination of clinical support services including visiting clinical mental health workers; coordination of transportation to primary and specialty care appointments; providing meals from volunteers or food organizations; access to linens, towels, blankets, clothing, hygiene supplies, basic over-the-counter first aid and medicine supplies; coordination of guests personal laundry; and daily one-site shower coordination; and

WHEREAS, the Olympia City Council desires to provide grant funding in the amount of \$250,000 to Interfaith Works for the development and construction of a 24/7 shelter and day services facility at 3444 Martin Way East by Interfaith Works, upon the terms and conditions set forth in the Grant Agreement, so Interfaith Works may provide essential services to the City of Olympia’s and Thurston County’s homeless community who are at risk due to the COVID-19 pandemic;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE OLYMPIA CITY COUNCIL DOES HEREBY RESOLVE as follows:

1. The Olympia City Council hereby approves the Grant Agreement between the City of Olympia and Interfaith Works for construction and development of a homeless shelter and day services center located at 3444 Martin Way East Project upon the terms and conditions contained therein.
2. The City Manager is directed and authorized to execute on behalf of the City of Olympia the Grant Agreement with Interfaith Works, together with any other documents necessary in connection with said grant to Interfaith Works for the 3444 Martin Way East Project, and to make any minor modifications as may be required and are consistent with the intent of the Grant Agreement, or to correct any scrivener’s errors.

PASSED BY THE OLYMPIA CITY COUNCIL this _____ day of _____ 2021.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Mark Barber

CITY ATTORNEY