

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON, RATIFYING THE APPLICATION FOR TWO GRANTS BETWEEN THE CITY OF OLYMPIA AND THE WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE FOR THE TRANSIT ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT GRANT (TODI) AND HOUSING ACTION PLAN IMPLEMENTATION (HAPI) GRANT AND APPROVING ACCEPTANCE OF EITHER OR BOTH GRANTS, IF AWARDED TO THE CITY.

WHEREAS, Olympia’s Comprehensive Plan encourages high-density, compact, infill development and redevelopment within existing urban areas; and

WHEREAS, Olympia’s Housing Action Plan calls for the City to increase housing supply and affordability through a variety of actions, including reducing parking minimums, making use of infill development tools under the State Environmental Policy Act, and subarea planning for the Capital Mall Triangle that explores adaptive reuse, low-income housing and displacement strategies, among others; and

WHEREAS, the 2021 Washington State Legislature appropriated \$7.5 million in operating and capital funds to help cities increase residential building capacity and facilitate transit-oriented development that leverages high-capacity transit system investments and increases high-density residential development near transit; and

WHEREAS, the Washington Department of Commerce has released two grants to disperse funding from the Legislature for Housing Action Plan implementation and planning for transit-oriented development; and

WHEREAS, the Transit Oriented Development Implementation (TODI) grant, if awarded to Olympia, would establish a long-range plan and actions to move forward Olympia’s vision for a thriving, high density neighborhood on Olympia’s westside, and establish a pre-development environmental impact statement (EIS) that addresses environmental and community issues while reducing developer uncertainty; and

WHEREAS, the Housing Action Plan Implementation (HAPI) grant, if awarded to Olympia, would assist the City in analyzing and carrying out a public review process to reduce parking minimums for multi-family housing and areas with frequent transit throughout the city, in order to reduce housing costs and free up more land for housing development; and

WHEREAS, City staff have submitted applications to the Department of Commerce for both the TODI and HAPI grants; staff expect a decision on the City applications by October 29; and

WHEREAS, because the window of time is short between when Commerce will announce the grant recipients and when they anticipate signed contracts, it is necessary for the City Council to pre-authorize the City Manager or his designee to execute the documents necessary to accept the funding if the City is awarded one or both grants;

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

1. The Olympia City Council hereby ratifies application for two grants between the City of Olympia and the Department of Commerce for the TODI and HAPI Grants, as described above.

2. If the City of Olympia is awarded either the TODI or HAPI grants, or both, the City Manager or his designee is directed and authorized to execute on behalf of the City of Olympia any grant agreement or agreements necessary to receive grant funds, provided the City Manager or designee deems the terms of such grant agreement or agreements reasonable.

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

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Michael M. Young

DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY