

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON, AUTHORIZING CITY STAFF TO APPLY FOR A GRANT FOR THE PERCIVAL CREEK BRIDGE SEWER REROUTE PROJECT AND TO EXECUTE, IF AWARDED, ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO FULFILL THE TERMS OF THE GRANT

WHEREAS, a major rain and windstorm on February 7, 2020 caused a large tree to fall on the City of Olympia utility bridge crossing Percival Creek, causing severe damage. Water and sewer lines were broken, the beams holding up the bridge were broken, the bridge deck and railings were severed, an embankment under the bridge foot was severely eroded; and

WHEREAS, the storm event and subsequent damage to the sewer line caused the release of untreated sewage into Percival Creek, Capitol Lake and Budd Inlet; and

WHEREAS, the 10-inch diameter sewer main serves approximately 765 residential units and 42 commercial accounts, including the Thurston County Courthouse; and

WHEREAS, the City of Olympia received a FEMA mitigation grant and a Washington State Department of Commerce Emergency Loan to repair the damage caused by the February 7, 2020 storm event back to its pre-disaster function; and

WHEREAS, the Washington State Department of Commerce Emergency Loan also included funding for an analysis of the feasibility of using horizontal directional drilling for replacing the sewer main under Percival Creek as an alternative to full restoration of the utility bridge; and

WHEREAS, emergency repairs have been completed to the Percival Creek Utility Bridge and sewer and water mains to pre-disaster function and a feasibility analysis of using horizontal directional drilling for replacing the sewer main has been completed; and

WHEREAS, the location of the utility bridge makes it susceptible to repeat storm events, and the utility bridge is not built to current seismic standards; and

WHEREAS, the State of Washington Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) Grant Program provides funding for projects that reduce risks from disasters and natural hazards; and

WHEREAS, the Wastewater Utility submitted a preapplication for the State of Washington BRIC Grant Program in September 2024 and was selected to submit a complete application for the fiscal year 2025 BRIC Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Government cancelled the fiscal year 2025 BRIC Grant Program after the complete fiscal year 2025 application for the Percival Creek Bridget Sewer Reroute Project was submitted, and reinstated the fiscal year 2025/2026 BRIC Grant Program in March 2026, allowing the Wastewater Utility to resubmit a complete application; and

WHEREAS, the State of Washington BRIC Grant Program, if awarded to the City, will be used for rerouting the sewer main on the Percival Creek Utility Bridge for the City's Wastewater Utility. The total project cost is estimated at \$7,135,909; and

WHEREAS, the terms of the State of Washington BRIC Grant Program require 25 percent matching funds, which is subject to a potential reduction to 12.5 percent. The maximum grant term is three years; and

WHEREAS, the “Resolution Designating Applicant Agent” must be submitted with the completed BRIC Grant Program Sub-Application for the Percival Creek Sewer Re-route Project;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE OLYMPIA CITY COUNCIL HEREBY RESOLVES as follows:

1. The City’s Wastewater Utility is authorized to pursue the Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) Grant Program offered by the State of Washington to fund part of the cost of rerouting the sewer main currently located on the Percival Creek Bridge.
2. The Mayor is authorized to execute the Resolution Designating Applicant Agent on behalf of the City Council designating City Manager Steven J. Burney as Applicant Agent, with Public Works Director Mark Russell as alternate.
2. The City agrees to comply with the terms of the State of Washington BRIC Grant Program, including providing up to 25 percent matching funds.
3. If the City is awarded a grant under the State of Washington BRIC Grant Program, the City Manager is authorized and directed to execute the State of Washington BRIC Grant Program Agreement on behalf of the City of Olympia, provided the terms of that Agreement are deemed acceptable, and the City Manager is further authorized and directed to execute any other documents necessary to execute said Agreement, and to make any minor modifications as may be required and are consistent with the intent of the Agreement, and to correct any scrivener’s errors.

PASSED BY THE OLYMPIA CITY COUNCIL this _____ day of _____ 2026.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Michael M. Young

SENIOR DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY