

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON, AUTHORIZING CITY STAFF TO APPLY FOR A GRANT FOR THE MITIGATING COASTAL FLOOD RISKS IN OLYMPIA WA PROJECT AND TO EXECUTE, IF AWARDED, ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO FULFILL THE TERMS OF THE GRANT

WHEREAS, the City of Olympia’s downtown core is vulnerable to the impacts from sea level rise; and

WHEREAS, to address this vulnerability, the City of Olympia, the Port of Olympia, and the LOTT Clean Water Alliance jointly funded and developed the Olympia Sea Level Rise Response Plan, March 2019 and formed the Olympia Sea Level Rise Collaborative to oversee its implementation; and

WHEREAS, the Olympia Sea Level Rise Collaborative includes the State of Washington Department of Enterprise Services and the Squaxin Island Tribe as ex-officio members; and

WHEREAS, the State of Washington Department of Enterprise Services is currently leading the Deschutes Estuary Restoration Project located in Downtown Olympia; and

WHEREAS, risk from extreme winter storms, high tides, and sea level puts at risk the Budd Inlet Treatment Plan (BITP), the region’s primary wastewater treatment serving 130,000 people; the Port of Olympia; emergency transportation corridors; and more than 450 small businesses; and

WHEREAS, in addition to asset damage from direct flooding, overland marine flooding from extreme high tides can enter the combined sewer system and overwhelm BITP’s capacity, leading to localized backups in buildings and streets and disrupting biological wastewater treatment processes; and

WHEREAS, building a system of flood gates, flood walls, and berms within Percival Landing Park and in the City’s rights-of-way is a critical hazard mitigation and climate resilience strategy identified in the Olympia Sea Level Rise Response Plan, the Thurston County Hazard Mitigation Plan and Olympia’s wastewater, and stormwater management plans; and

WHEREAS, constructing protective measures at these locations blocks a major flood pathway, creates a temporary shoreline during large coastal storm events, and prevents marine waters from entering the combined system and flooding inland areas with critical infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the Olympia Sea Level Rise Collaborative, led by the City of Olympia, submitted a preapplication for the State of Washington BRIC Capability and Capacity Building Grant Program in September 2024 and was selected to submit a complete application; and

WHEREAS, the grant program was cancelled in FY2024 and was reinstated for the next fiscal year, and the City was invited by the State of Washington to resubmit a BRIC Capability and Capacity Building Grant application; and

WHEREAS, the State of Washington BRIC Grant Program, if awarded to the City, will be used to advance Olympia Sea Level Rise Response concept designs for the Percival Landing focus area to further stages of the design and construction documentation process. The total requested funds are \$560,420; and

WHEREAS, the terms of the State of Washington BRIC Grant Program requires 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 Mitigating Coastal Flood Risks in Olympia WA Project;

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

1. The City’s Climate Programs are authorized to pursue the Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) Grant Program offered by the State of Washington to fund the design and documentation of a system of flood gates, flood walls, and berms within City property near downtown shorelines and in the City’s rights-of-way.
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, and Assistant City Manager Stacey Ray as alternate.
3. The City agrees to comply with the terms of the State of Washington BRIC Grant Program, including providing up to 12.5 percent matching funds for its share of the project.
4. 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