

RESOLUTION NO. 28770

RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA APPROVING A MATCHING GRANT APPLICATION TO THE SONOMA COUNTY AGRICULTURAL PRESERVATION AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT FOR ACQUISITION OF THE SANTA ROSA SOUTHEAST GREENWAY AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ACCEPT ALL DONATIONS TOWARD THE SOUTHEAST GREENWAY PROJECT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY COUNCIL

WHEREAS, in accordance with the voter-approved Expenditure Plan, the Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District (District) has established a competitive Matching Grant Program (the Program) for projects that provide open space, community recreation, and/or public access opportunities within and near incorporated areas and other urbanized area of Sonoma County; and

WHEREAS, the District released Guidelines and Application Materials for the 2016 round of funding; and

WHEREAS, the City has identified the Southeast Santa Rosa Greenway (Project) as a priority project to implement Council Goal #4, “Maintain and Enhance our City’s Cultural, Historical and Recreational Assets” by supporting the efforts of the Southeast Greenway Campaign; and

WHEREAS, the City is part of the Southeast Greenway Community Partnership: another partner, Sonoma Land Trust, is acting as the fiscal sponsor for the Southeast Santa Rosa Greenway Campaign Committee, and leading the land acquisition component of the Project; and

WHEREAS, the City believes that the Project meets the criteria for the District’s Matching Grant Program and will provide a linear greenway on the 57 acre Caltrans Right-of-Way (Property) through Santa Rosa that includes walkable urban open space, wildlife habitat, community gardens, walking and biking trails, and other compatible land uses; and

WHEREAS, the Program requires applicants to provide the equivalent of a one-to-one match for the Project and the City has identified matching funds, which include foundation and public agency grants, in kind services, and private contributions; and

WHEREAS, the purchase price of the Property will be determined by an appraisal and is expected to exceed \$1,000,000.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Santa Rosa hereby finds, determines, declares, and orders as follows:

1. The foregoing recitations are true and correct;
2. The Project is consistent with the City’s 2035 General Plan;

3. The City has reviewed, understands, and agrees to the provisions contained in the Program Guidelines;
4. The City acknowledges that if the Project is funded, it will be required to comply with all federal, state and local laws;
5. A matching grant application to the Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District for acquisition of the Santa Rosa Southeast Greenway in the amount of \$1,000,000 is approved and the City Manager or his designee is authorized to submit a grant application; and
6. The City Manager or his designee is authorized to accept the grant and conduct all negotiations and submit and sign all documents, including but not limited to, application, matching grant agreement, conservation easement, recreation covenant, irrevocable offer of dedication, amendments, reimbursement requests and so on, which may be necessary for completion of the Project, subject to approval by the City Attorney.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Manager is authorized to accept all donations toward the Southeast Greenway Project on behalf of the City Council.

IN COUNCIL DULY PASSED this 19th day of April, 2016.

AYES: (4) Vice Mayor Schwedhelm, Council Members Carlstrom, Combs, Wysocky

NOES: (0)

ABSENT: (2) Council Members Olivares, Coursey

ABSTAIN/

RECUSED: (1) Mayor Sawyer

ATTEST: _____ APPROVED: _____
Interim City Clerk Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Attorney