

RESOLUTION NO. RES-2021-206

RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA APPROVING THE PARKS MEASURE PRIORITY PLAN UPDATE

WHEREAS, Sonoma County placed a one-eighth of one percent sales tax measure, Parks for All - Measure M, the Parks Measure on the 2018 voters' ballot; and

WHEREAS, Council supported Measure M by Resolution on October 2, 2018; and

WHEREAS, voters approved Measure M, Parks Measure on November 6, 2018; and

WHEREAS, Measure M provides funding for uses as specified in Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, Council approved an Initial and Long-Term Priority Plan by Resolution on September 2, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Initial and Long-Term Priority Plan anticipates updates after community outreach efforts; and

WHEREAS, implementation of the Initial and Long-Term Priority Plan Community Plan for citywide outreach has resulted in thirteen community meetings to collect Parks Measure community priorities; and

WHEREAS, over sixteen hundred Parks Measure participant surveys were collected and analyzed from February 27, 2020, through July 7, 2021; and

WHEREAS, data collected from all the surveys showed a strong community preference for a Parks Measure years 3-10 spending strategy that focuses on capital projects, enhanced maintenance, and minor consideration for enhanced recreational programming; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Community Services discussed several strategies for utilizing all of the funds allocated to the City of Santa Rosa in years 3-10 of the Parks Measure and received community input at their regular meetings on April 28, 2021, and September 22, 2021 meetings; and

WHEREAS, on September 22, 2021, the Board of Community Services, at their regular meeting, following public input, recommended Council approval of an updated Parks Measure Priority Plan for funds received in years 3-10, not already allocated, that allows for approximately fifty percent of funds to be utilized towards all capital improvement Parks Measure categories, approximately forty percent of funds to be utilized towards enhanced maintenance and fuel reduction Parks Measure categories, and approximately ten percent of funds utilized for the recreation programming Parks Measure category.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Santa Rosa approves the Parks Measure Priority Plan Update for funds received in years 3-10 of the Parks Measure.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Exhibit A is made part of this Resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this action is not subject to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because it is not a project with potential for resulting in either a direct, or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment, pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15378. Pursuant to Section 15378(b)(4) CEQA does not apply to creation of government funding mechanisms or other government fiscal activities that do not involve any commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment. In addition, or in the alternative, this action is exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) because there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment in that this action relates to funding for specified projects which have been previously subject to CEQA review or will be subject to CEQA review prior to project commencement.

IN COUNCIL DULY PASSED this 16th day of November, 2021.

AYES: (6) Mayor C. Rogers, Vice Mayor N. Rogers, Council Members Alvarez, Sawyer, Schwedhelm, Tibbetts

NOES: (0)

ABSENT: (1) Council Member Fleming

ABSTAIN: (0)

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_ APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM: \_\_\_\_\_  
City Attorney

Exhibit A – Parks Measure Priority Plan Update