

RESOLUTION NO. R-2016-153

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF SALADO, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF UPDATE TO THE APPLICATION FOR FUNDING THROUGH THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM, TO DEVELOP A COMBINED ON-ROAD AND OFF-ROAD LANDSCAPE TRAIL FACILITY FOR PEDESTRIANS AND BICYCLISTS, AND OTHER NON-MOTORIZED FORMS OF TRANSPORTATION AND SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS ALONG ROYAL STREET AND COLLEGE STREET ENDING AT SALADO CREEK PARK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$330,665 WITH \$264,532 REIMBURSED TO THE VILLAGE THROUGH FEDERAL FUNDING; REPEALING PROVISIONS OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2015-115 AND R-2015-115.01; AND PROVIDING AN OPEN MEETINGS CLAUSE.

Whereas, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) has announced a matching funding program entitled "Transportation Alternatives Program;"

Whereas, eligible project types include, but are not limited to the construction of on-road and off-road trail facilities for pedestrians, bicyclists, and other non-motorized forms of transportation, construction of infrastructure-related projects and systems that will provide safe routes for non-drivers, conversion and use of abandoned railroad corridors for trails for pedestrians, bicyclists, or other non-motorized transportation users and construction of infrastructure-related projects to improve the ability of students to walk and bicycle to school;

Whereas, the Village adopted Resolution No. R-2015-115 and R-2015-115.01 authorizing the application for funding through the Texas Department of Transportation, Transportation Alternatives Program in the amount of \$330,958 with \$295,166 reimbursed to the Village through federal funding;

Whereas, the Village desires to update the amount to be spent and reimbursed on this project and update the grant application;

Whereas, the Trails Subcommittee recommends submission of a landscaped hike and bike trail and associated safety improvements project originating at Royal Street to College Street and running along Salado Creek Park for consideration with a total estimated construction and TxDOT administration cost of \$330,665 of which \$264,532 would be funded by the program; the Village matching funds being 20% (\$65,107 less in-kind);

Whereas, if awarded, the Trails Subcommittee believes the proposed project will begin implementation of Salado's Trails Master Plan, and promote goals established in the Village's Comprehensive plan to: 1) explore alternatives to the automobile (e.g. hike and bike trails) and identify ways in which such alternatives can be accommodated within the existing and future transportation system; 2) explore transportation alternatives to the automobile (e.g., hike and bike trails) and identify ways in which such alternatives can be accommodated within the existing and future transportation system, this is especially needed in and around Downtown Salado, where the concentrated retail area is located; 3) establish a trail system that is capable of providing an alternative to the automobile throughout the Village, but especially in and around Downtown Salado; this should be correlated with the Transportation Plan; 4) consideration should be given to connecting neighborhoods with walk/bike trails when streets are not practical; 5) a network of trails and pathways would enable the Village to expand upon several of its major assets, including Main Street, Salado Creek, and local historical sites, while providing recreation opportunities for residents and visitors; 6) increase accessibility to historic places that are significant to Salado's past to broaden the Village's attractions as a tourism destination; 7) apply for any applicable grants, such as those available from ISTEPA or Texas Parks and Wildlife Department; and 8) ensure that as the Village experiences growth and development, its existing character and charm is maintained and enhanced.

Whereas, grant funding program guidelines provide a maximum reimbursement of 80%, with the Village providing a minimum of 20% cash match - if awarded the grant, the Village will provide a \$65,107 less in-kind cash match (20%);

Whereas, funding for the south Salado hike and bike trail improvements is available in Account No. 4770; and

Whereas, the Board of Aldermen has considered the matter and deems it in the public interest to authorize and support this action.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE VILLAGE OF SALADO, TEXAS THAT:

Part 1: The Board of Aldermen authorizes submission of an application for funding through the Texas Department of Transportation, Transportation Alternatives Program in the amount of \$330,665 with \$264,532 reimbursed to the Village through federal funding, to develop a combined on-road and off-road landscaped trail facility for pedestrians and bicyclists, and other non-motorized forms of transportation and safety improvements.

Part 2: The trail will originate at Royal Street, and generally run behind Barrow's Brewery, to Salado Creek Park;

Part 3: The Village of Salado will contribute up to \$65,000 in local matching funds;

Part 4: The Mayor is authorized to execute any documents, which may be necessary to apply for this grant, and accept any funds that may be received for this grant.

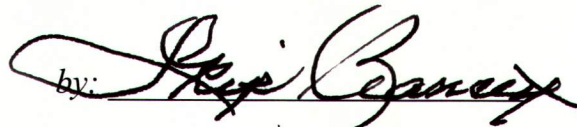
Part 5: It is hereby officially found and determined that the meeting at which this Resolution was passed was open to the public as required and that public notice of the time, place, and purpose of said meeting was given as required by the Open Meetings Act.

Part 6: Any provision in Resolution No. R-2015-115 and R-2015-115.01 that is in conflict with this Resolution is hereby repealed.

PASSED & APPROVED this, the 27th day of October, 2016, by a vote of

5 (ayes) to 0 (nays) to 0 (abstentions).

VILLAGE OF SALADO:

by: 

Skip Blancett, Mayor

ATTEST:



Chrissy Lee, Village Secretary