

RESOLUTION NO. R-2019-34

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TYLER, TEXAS AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN THE APPLICATION FOR THE 2019 BETTER UTILIZING INVESTMENTS TO LEVERAGE DEVELOPMENT (“BUILD”) GRANT; AND EXPRESSING THE CITY COUNCIL’S SUPPORT OF ENHANCING SOUTH BROADWAY INFRASTRUCTURE AND STREETSCAPING FROM FRONT STREET TO ERWIN STREET; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, South Broadway from Front Street to Erwin Street is the City’s gateway corridor to downtown; and

WHEREAS, a Complete Street provides safe mobility for all users, including bicyclists, pedestrians and transit vehicles, while also economically stimulating downtown by facilitating improvements to the infrastructure and streetscape; and

WHEREAS, a South Broadway Complete Street enhancement project (“Project”) would include lighting, wider sidewalks, American Disabilities Act (ADA) crosswalks, landscape medians to alleviate safety concerns, burying of the power lines, creating landscape islands along the sidewalks to enhance safety, site furniture, wayfinding signage and other items; and

WHEREAS, creating the opportunity to apply for and possibly receive BUILD grant funds would continue the public investment in the economic growth and revitalization of Downtown Tyler, relating directly to objectives outlined in Chapter 4. of the Tyler 1st Comprehensive Plan pertaining to the Downtown Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, BUILD grant funding would also support the Industry Growth Initiative (IGI) Arts & Entertainment Action Steps, step number four: to develop and implement a Streetscape Plan for Downtown; and

WHEREAS, both the Tyler 1st Comprehensive Plan and the IGI were developed with extensive citizen involvement and represent two of the guiding documents for future planning and strategic planning within the City of Tyler; and

WHEREAS, in order to seriously pursue outside funding sources for the Project, an expression of support by the City is required; and

WHEREAS, it is in the public interest for the City Council to officially state its support for enhancing south Broadway infrastructure and streetscaping from Front street to Erwin street; and

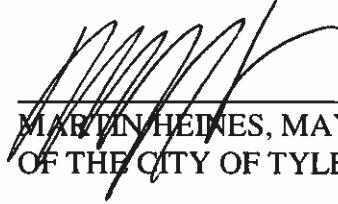
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TYLER, TEXAS AS FOLLOWS:

PART 1. That the City Manager is hereby authorized to sign the application for the 2019 BUILD Grant.

PART 2. That the City Council, hereby expresses its support of the Complete Streets Enhancement project for South Broadway from Front Street to Erwin Street.

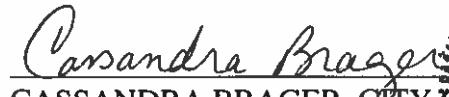
PART 3: That this resolution shall become effective immediately from and after its passage and approval by the City Council.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 10th day of July, A.D., 2019.



MARTIN HEINES, MAYOR
OF THE CITY OF TYLER, TEXAS

ATTEST:


CASSANDRA BRAGER, CITY CLERK



APPROVED:



DEBORAH G. FULLUM,
CITY ATTORNEY