

CITY OF FAIRFIELD

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-221

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FAIRFIELD TO ESTABLISH A PUBLIC ART FUND AND AUTHORIZE AN ADJUSTMENT TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022 BUDGET

WHEREAS, the Heart of Fairfield Specific Plan outlines public art as one of the strategies to revitalize downtown Fairfield and encourages the expansion of “public art through the Heart of Fairfield in order to highlight the City’s rich history and unique businesses”; and

WHEREAS, on June 1, 2021, the City Council approved the adoption of the Heart of Fairfield Downtown Roadmap, as a component of the Economic Development Strategic Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Heart of Fairfield Downtown Roadmap outlines placemaking tactics, including installation of public art, to transform the Heart of Fairfield into a unique destination that enlivens and adds vibrancy to downtown’s physical image; and

WHEREAS, the Heart of Fairfield Downtown Roadmap Action 1.6 calls for establishment of an operational plan for managing and installing art, including initial investment of \$100,000 for a Mural Fund and \$150,000 for a Public Art Fund (collectively the “Program”); and

WHEREAS, other municipalities actively fund their public art through numerous sources including, but not limited to, fundraising events, public and private grants, partnerships, estate trusts, private donations, corporate donations, non-profit organizational transfers, general fund allocations, capital improvement project funds, and fees levied on a percentage basis on new development; and

WHEREAS, the City holds Fund 264 for AB 1600 Urban Design Impact Fees and under AB 1600 (Government Code 66000b), a fee is defined as “a monetary exaction, other than a tax or assessment that is charged by a local agency to the applicant in connection with the approval of a development project to defray all, or a portion of, the increased costs of the public facilities required by new development”; and

WHEREAS, in October 2006, the City published a technical report to update the AB 1600 Plan and Fees, defining the category of Urban Design Projects as “a variety of landscaping, signage, and public art projects that enhance the public perception of the City and create a sense of identity and community”; and

WHEREAS, funding was not allocated in the City’s approved 2021-2022 Budget for the Program and thus requires an adjustment in the amount of \$250,000 to cover Program costs; and

WHEREAS, the revised appropriation constitutes an update to the 2021-2022 Budget approved pursuant to Resolution 2021-126.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FAIRFIELD HEREBY RESOLVES:

Section 1. The council authorizes the establishment of a Public Art Fund.

Section 2. The city manager is authorized to expend money from the Public Art Fund, up to his approval authority, in compliance with the council adopted Public Art Policy.

Section 3. The council approves the appropriation of \$250,000 in AB 1600 Urban Design Fees (Fund 264) to cover costs associated with the execution of this resolution.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 7th day of September, 2021, by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: PRICE / BERTANI / MOY / PANDURO / TIMM / TONNESEN / VACCARO

NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: _____

ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: _____

ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEMBERS: _____

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK