

RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT

RESOLUTION NO. ____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION TO THE WYOMING BUSINESS COUNCIL UNDER THE BUSINESS READY COMMUNITY GRANT AND LOAN PROGRAM FOR AN ENHANCEMENT GRANT ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNING BODY FOR THE CITY OF GILLETTE FOR A GRANT AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$500,000.

FOR THE PURPOSE OF the construction of the *Downtown Public Facilities Enhancement Project* consisting of a public restroom facility to be utilized mainly in conjunction with the 3rd Street Downtown Plaza and the rehabilitation and restoration of the existing City owned parking lot

WHEREAS, the Governing Body for the City of Gillette desires to participate in the Business Ready Community Grant And Loan Program to assist in financing this project; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the City of Gillette recognizes the need for a public restroom facility to be utilized mainly in conjunction with the 3rd Street Downtown Plaza and the rehabilitation and restoration of the existing City owned parking lot and believes this project will address those needs; and

WHEREAS, the public benefit(s) of this project will be the provision of an essential service and convenience for Gillette residents and visitors, and the consideration is that it will establish infrastructure to support events, downtown marketing, provide ADA accessible facilities; and

WHEREAS, the specific goals and measures of success of this project are directly linked to the overall effort to not only sustain, but also create additional economic health for the downtown business district. It provides convenience at a community gathering place which plays a role in the long-term comprehensive approach to downtown redevelopment; and

WHEREAS, the Business Ready Community Grant And Loan Program requires that certain criteria be met, as described in the Wyoming Business Council's Rules governing the program, and to the best of our knowledge this application meets those criteria; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the City of Gillette plans to fund the 50% local match for the requested Business Ready Community Enhancement Grant And Loan Program Project from its own resources including 1% sales tax revenue; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body for the City of Gillette has a comprehensive operation and maintenance plan including projected expenses and project income sources extending the life of the asset(s); and

WHEREAS, In the event of any project cost overruns, the City of Gillette will provide funding in the amount necessary to complete the project utilizing appropriate general or 1% funds identified for economic development expenditures ; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body for the City of Gillette has considered other possible funding solutions for this project which include unexpended 1% funds of the City, further grant opportunities, and other local funding set aside for economic development ; and

WHEREAS, the City of Gillette held a public hearing on May 5, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 201 E. 5th Street, Gillette, Wyoming to solicit testimony from citizens, and gave full consideration to all comments received; and

WHEREAS, the City of Gillette engaged the private sector with the market area and gave full consideration to all comments received; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF GILLETTE, that a grant application not to exceed \$500,000 be submitted to the Wyoming Business Council for consideration of assistance in funding the Downtown Public Facilities Enhancement Project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Mayor, Louise Carter-King, as the chief elected official will be the authorized representative of the City of Gillette to act on matters relating to this grant application.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED July 7, 2015.

Louise Carter-King, Mayor

Attest:

Karlene Abelseth, City Clerk

CERTIFICATE

I, Karlene Abelseth, City Clerk, hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the City of Gillette, Wyoming at a public meeting held on July 7, 2015, and that the meeting was held accordingly to law; and that said Resolution has been duly entered in the minutes of the City of Gillette, Wyoming.

Karlene Abelseth, City Clerk