

RESOLUTION 2022-27

SUPPORTING INITIATIVES IN THE HISTORIC DOWNTOWN DISTRICT IN AN EFFORT TO ASSIST WITH ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

WHEREAS, in response to business climate changes due to the worldwide pandemic and public health orders the Laramie City Council heard and approved four economic initiatives for 2020 to assist with economic development in the Historic Downtown District; and,

WHEREAS, the initiative included the installation of “free” hand sanitizer stations, the approval of a Laramie Main Street Alliance managed sidewalk sale permit for retail businesses, the development of a liaison team to assist business owners with temporary and permanent right-of-way encroachment procedures and the development of a parklet referred to as “Hollyhock Commons;” and,

WHEREAS, the “free” hand sanitizer stations are still in existence and will be maintained by staff as clean hands are a known way to prevent the spread of disease; and,

WHEREAS, the liaison team to assist business owners with temporary and permanent right-of-way encroachment procedures is no longer necessary as the Engineering Department has assumed this role; and,

WHEREAS, the two remaining items including the approval of a Laramie Main Street Alliance managed sidewalk sale permit for retail businesses and the installation of the “Hollyhock Commons;” are all that remain; and,

WHEREAS, City staff believes that the approval of these items would benefit the Historic Downtown District by allowing businesses an easier avenue to utilize the right of way for sales and that providing an enjoyable and safe outdoor eating option adds to vibrancy and enjoyment for visitors to our Historic Downtown District.

NOW THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF LARAMIE WYOMING, RESOLVES:

SECTION 1. That foregoing recitals are incorporated in and made part of this resolution by this reference.

SECTION 2. That the City Council supports the proposed initiatives and authorizes the implementation of an outdoor eating option from the Thursday prior to Memorial Day through October 29, 2022.

PASSED AND APPROVED on this, the 19th day of April 2022.

Paul Weaver, Mayor and President
Laramie City Council

ATTEST

Nancy Bartholomew, CMC
City Clerk