



Agenda Item: Resolution

Title: Resolution 2023-15, Supporting Beautification Treatments Along the 3rd Street Corridor in the Downtown Business District

Recommended Council MOTION:

I move to approve Resolution 2023-15, Supporting Beautification Treatments Along the 3rd Street Corridor in the Downtown Business District, amend the budget as appropriate, and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign.

Administrative or Policy Goal:

Holistic Economic Development: Consider and Implement Improvement Program within Primary Retail Corridors

Background:

In 2015, WYDOT announced planning for major maintenance for the entirety of 3rd Street between Interstate 80 and Curtis Street. Expected improvements include ADA improvements, repairs to the storm system and traffic signal and resurfacing. The project is scheduled for the summer of 2025.

On June 20, 2017, City Council approved resolution 2017-41 directing staff to proceed with the design of medians. The design was completed and submitted to the Wyoming Department of Transportation (WYDOT) for incorporation to their plans.

On June 5, 2018, City Council approved a Cooperative Agreement with the Wyoming Department of Transportation in the amount of \$135,105.00 for participation in the 3rd Street Median Project.

In 2019, citizens approached City staff to reevaluate the median designs to allow turning movements into businesses. Staff met with key business owners and Laramie Mainstreet Alliance and developed a design which eliminated extending the median into the north end at Clark Street. The south end was discussed with the recommendation to leave the same plan in place.

On May 21, 2019, City Council resolved to support the filing of a final design to the Wyoming Department of Transportation that included reducing the median at Clark and Lewis to allow for turning movements into businesses. Staff then sent the conceptual design to WYDOT.

On September 13, 2022, as WYDOT was working to complete design, they reached out to City staff to voice concerns about the revised design on the northern median regarding safe pedestrian crossings and visual obstructions. City staff, WYDOT, business owners and a Downtown Laramie representative met to discuss a plan forward. It was verbally agreed on that the northern median would be removed, and a side street gateway treatment may be installed.

For consistency, further discussions have led to the decision to remove both medians, allocate funds from the medians for other gateway treatments and beautification along the 3rd Street corridor in the Downtown District. WYDOT is requesting a final decision on the matter so the design can be completed and placed out to bid.

Legal/Statutory Authority:N/A

BUDGET/FISCAL INFORMATION:

The cost of the medians in 2018 was estimated at \$135,105 per the Co-Op Agreement. Staff anticipates that cost to have doubled due to inflation over the past few years.

REVENUE

Source	Amount	Type
Fees/Charges for Service	\$135,105.00	3rd St Medians - WYDOT Agreement. GFS3MD
Other		
Total	\$135,105.00	

EXPENSE

Proposed Project Cost.

Project Budget	Amount	Funds
Project Cost	\$270,000.00	
Contingency 0%	\$0.00	
Total Amount	\$270,000.00	

Amount spent to date (approved and adopted by Council)

Budget	Amount	Funds
Total Budget Allocation	\$135,105.00	
Less Amount Spent to Date	\$0.00	
Remainder of Budget	\$135,105.00	

Proposed Cost (Approval of this item authorizes preparation of a budget revision for the proposed amount)

Expenditures	Amount	Fund
Proposed Expenditure	\$270,000.00	
Current Budget	\$135,105.00	
Additional Amount Requested	\$135,000.00	
Total Proposed Budget	\$270,105.00	

Responsible Staff:Brooks Webb, Public Works Director
Malea Brown, COO

Attachments:

Resolution 2023-15
Main Street Letter
Stage Point Support
WYDOT Letter