

RESOLUTION 2023-15

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING BEAUTIFICATION TREATMENTS ALONG THE 3RD STREET CORRIDOR IN THE DOWNTOWN BUSINESS DISTRICT

WHEREAS, the Wyoming Department of Transportation (WYDOT) is planning major street improvements on 3rd Street between Boswell and Curtis to include resurfacing, ADA upgrades, sign replacement and concrete repairs; and

WHEREAS, the City has determined that the design and construction of beautification treatments along the 3rd Street corridor for the downtown business district will improve community quality and character; and

WHEREAS, on June 20, 2017, City Council resolved to direct staff to proceed with the design of gateway medians and to allocate funds for construction; and

WHEREAS, on May 7, 2018, the Laramie Main Street board voted to pledge \$30,000.00 to help construct gateway medians on 3rd Street and Laramie Main Street Alliance is willing to reallocate these funds for gateway treatments if City Council does the same; and

WHEREAS, on June 5, 2018, City Council approved an agreement with WYDOT for \$135,105.00 to add gateway medians to the 3rd Street rehabilitation project; and

WHEREAS, the construction industry has seen inflationary costs rise and it is expected the cost of the medians will double to \$270,000.00; and

WHEREAS, on May 21, 2019, City Council resolved to support the filing of a final design to WYDOT that included reducing the median at Clark and Lewis to allow for turning movements into businesses; and

WHEREAS, City staff, Laramie Main Street Alliance and the Wyoming Department of Transportation believe that the current mid-block median design from Clark Street to Lewis Street does not meet the needs of all stakeholders including the traveling public as it creates safety and maintenance concerns; and

WHEREAS, City staff believes it to be in the best interest of all parties to eliminate both medians from the design and construction process with WYDOT and replace with beautification treatments that may include, but not be limited to, placemaking entries, overhead structures, improved lighting systems or other treatments; and

WHEREAS, City staff, downtown business owners, the Laramie Main Street Alliance and the Laramie Public Art Coalition will develop a project team to determine the best options for the beautification treatments leading toward placemaking for the downtown business district utilizing the “3,2,1... 3rd Street” action plan as a guiding document.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF LARAMIE, WYOMING,
HEREBY RESOLVES:**

Section 1. City Council supports the removal of both medians from the 3rd Street design and construction and directs staff to notify WYDOT that the Agreement to Render Services for medians is cancelled.

Section 2. This resolution supersedes all previous resolutions and actions by City Council related to WYDOT's 3rd Street rehabilitation project and the "3, 2, 1... 3rd Street" plan.

Section 3. City Council directs staff to work with downtown business owners, the Laramie Mainstreet Alliance and the Laramie Public Art Coalition to design and construct beautification treatments and other enhancements along the 3rd Street corridor in the downtown business district.

Section 3. Transfer funds from the 3rd Street Median project and amend the FY23 budget allocating an additional \$135,000.00 for a total amount of \$270,105.00, with the option to seek additional funding with the Laramie Mainstreet Alliance and/or City if necessary, based on current inflationary and design options.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED THIS 7th day of February 2023.

Brian Harrington, Mayor and President of the
Laramie City Council

Attest:

Nancy Bartholomew, City Clerk