

RESOLUTION 2020-43

SUPPORTING FOUR INITIATIVES IN THE DOWNTOWN DISTRICT IN AN EFFORT TO ASSIST WITH ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS RELATED TO COVID19

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020 Governor Mark Gordon declared a State of Emergency and Public Health Emergency in the State of Wyoming in response to the worldwide pandemic; and,

WHEREAS, Governor Gordon’s Declaration of a State of Emergency and Public Health Emergency direct the Wyoming Department of Health to take all appropriate and necessary actions; and,

WHEREAS, the Wyoming Department of Health issued multiple public health orders providing guidance and restrictions related to business operations that are currently in place through July 31, 2020; and,

WHEREAS, in response to business climate changes due to the worldwide pandemic and public health orders the Laramie Main Street Alliance conducted a survey related to potential changes in the downtown district that may assist businesses due to these items; and,

WHEREAS, City staff reviewed the results of this survey, discussed other considerations with the Laramie Main Street Alliance and developed multiple initiatives to implement in the Downtown District to assist with economic development during the worldwide pandemic and public health order requirements; and,

WHEREAS, items under consideration include the installation of twelve “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” where the eastern portion of the “Hollyhock Parking Lot” would be converted to allow for socially distanced outdoor dining and public use.

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 “Hollyhock Commons” through September 30, 2020.

PASSED AND APPROVED on this, the 21st day of July 2020.

Joe Shumway, Mayor and President
Laramie City Council

ATTEST

Nancy Bartholomew,
City Clerk