

RESOLUTION NO. _____ (CM)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE APPROVING THE REMOVAL OF THE GREEN ROOF FROM THE SCOPE OF GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT AT RAMSAY PARK AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS REQUIRED TO PROVIDE FORMAL NOTIFICATION TO THE CALIFORNIA NATURAL RESOURCES AGENCY PER GRANT AGREEMENT UG2101-0

WHEREAS, on October 25, 2022, the Council adopted Resolution No. 217-22 approving the application for funding green infrastructure at the Nature Center (“Ramsay Park Phase IV”) to the California Natural Resources Agency (CNRA), appropriating \$827,853.38 to the Special Grants Fund [0260], and authorized and directed the City Manager of the City of Watsonville to conduct all negotiations and execute and submit all documents necessary for the aforementioned project; and

WHEREAS, in June 2023, the City of Watsonville entered into a grant agreement with the CNRA to design and build three features of green infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the aforementioned grant agreement requires the City of Watsonville to formally request any amendments in writing; and

WHEREAS, the City of Watsonville requires an amendment to change the scope of the project removing reference to one of the three green infrastructure features (“green roof”) due to budgetary constraints prohibiting the construction of a new building for the Nature Center (“Ramsay Park Phase III”); and

WHEREAS, an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration was prepared for the Ramsay Park Renaissance Project, in accordance with the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) to disclose the potential impacts of a project and suggest methods to minimize those impacts; and

WHEREAS, the Initial Study was made available for public review and

comment from September 30, 2022, to October 31, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Zoning Administrator, in the exercise of his/her independent judgment as the decision-maker of the City of Watsonville for this project, found there is no substantial evidence that the project will have a significant effect on the environment and a Mitigated Negative Declaration has been prepared for the project in accordance with Public Resources Code section 21080(c) and is inclusive of Ramsay Park Phase IV; and

WHEREAS, a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP) has also been prepared for the project, in accordance with CEQA Guidelines section 15074 to ensure all identified mitigation measures are incorporated as conditions of approval; and

WHEREAS, an Administrative Use Permit and Design Review Permit with Environmental Review (PP2022-4245) was approved for the Ramsay Park Renaissance Project on August 16, 2023, by the Community Development Department.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE, CALIFORNIA, AS FOLLOWS:

1. That the City Council hereby approves the removal of a green roof feature from the green infrastructure scope of work comprising Ramsay Park Phase IV due to budgetary constraints identified between design and construction phases.

2. That the City Council hereby directs the City Manager to provide formal notification to the CNRA of the required change of scope to the project removing the green roof features from the project and Grant Agreement UG2101-0.
