RESOLUTION 22-018

AUTHORIZING SUBMITTAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR THE CALIFORNIA COASTAL COMMISSION’S LCP LOCAL ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Budget Act of 2021 provides up to $31 million to support the Coastal Commission’s LCP Local Assistance Grant Program which awards grants to local governments to support coastal resiliency and updates to Local Coastal Programs (LCPs); and

WHEREAS, the California Coastal Commission, under the authority of the California Coastal Act, may provide financial assistance to support coastal planning and has approved a grant program to provide such financial assistance for LCP planning; and

WHEREAS, the goal of the grant program is to develop new or updated LCPs in conformance with the California Coastal Act and to promote coastal resiliency and address the effects of climate change; and

WHEREAS, grant proposals submitted under this grant program must complete Local Coastal Program (LCP) planning work with special emphasis on coastal resiliency and addressing the effects of climate change and sea-level rise; and

WHEREAS, the City of Pacific Grove, has an effectively certified LCP; and

WHEREAS, through the practical application of the standards of the Implementation Plan (IP) pertaining to Coastal Hazards, staff has discovered that the coastal hazards science that these measures were based on in the development of the Local Coastal Program (LCP) have become outdated and are onerous to individual property owners seeking to make improvements to properties along the coast; and

WHEREAS, the City of Pacific Grove, desires to pursue the services of a professional geomorphologist or equivalent to update the background information and data needed to prepare an amendment to Section 23.90.140 (Coastal Hazards) of the Implementation Plan (IP) and Chapter 2.1 (Coastal Hazards) of the Land Use Plan (LUP), as needed, for approval by the City and submittal for certification by the California Coastal Commission; and

WHEREAS, the City of Pacific Grove commits to and agrees to fully support a planning effort intended to amend a certified LCP pursuant to the provisions of the California Coastal Act, with full public participation and coordination with the Coastal Commission staff; and

WHEREAS, enactment of this Ordinance qualifies for a CEQA Statutory Exemption as provided by section 15265 of the CEQA Guidelines – Adoption of Coastal Plans and Programs. The City Council finds no evidence of unusual circumstances has been submitted within the context, or evidence the project will cause significant adverse changes in the significance of an historical resource as contemplated by CEQA Guidelines 15300.2.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Pacific Grove, hereby:

1. Directs the Community Development Department Director, or designee, to submit the grant application package attached hereto as Attachment 1 to the California Coastal Commission to provide financial and planning assistance, under authority of the California Coastal Act, in the amount of $100,000.00 to fund the project more particularly described in the grant application package.

2. Authorizes the City Manager of the City of Pacific Grove, to execute, in the name of the City of Pacific Grove, all necessary applications, contracts and agreements and amendments thereto to implement and carry out the grant application package attached hereto, and any project approved through approval of the grant application.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PACIFIC GROVE on this 20th day of April, 2022 on the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Coletti, Poduri, Smith, and Tomlinson.
NOES: Mayor Peake and Mayor Pro Tem McAdams.
ABSENT: Councilmember Amelio.

APPROVED:

BILL PEAKE, Mayor

ATTEST: 4/25/2022
DATED: __________________________

SANDRA KANDELL, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

DAVID C. LAREDO, City Attorney