A RESOLUTION APPROVING CERTAIN PROJECTS IDENTIFIED UNDER THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FOR FUNDING ASSISTANCE; AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURES FOR SAID PROJECTS; AUTHORIZING THE PROGRAM MANAGER TO COORDINATE WITH CITY STAFF AND THIRD PARTIES TO BEGIN IMPLEMENTATION OF SAID PROJECTS; AUTHORIZING THE FINANCE DIRECTOR TO PREPARE NECESSARY BUDGET AMENDMENTS TO RECEIVE REVENUES AND ALLOCATE EXPENDITURES FOR SAID PROJECTS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, Congress authorized the disbursement of Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds ("SLFRF") under the American Rescue Plan Act ("ARPA") to aid local government in responding to and recovering from the coronavirus pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the first disbursement of funds has been distributed to the City of Powder Springs by the Georgia Office of Planning & Budget following the completion of an application for funding as well as registration with certain federal programs;

WHEREAS, the City requested the City Manager and ARPA program manager to develop a program specifying the use of funds disbursed to the City and prepare a list of recommended eligible uses for Mayor and Council approval;

WHEREAS, the rules development by the U.S. Department of the Treasury to implement SLFRF under ARPA directs recipient to expend funds in a publicly accountable manner, and the City requested the City Manager and ARPA program manager to develop a program and list of recommended eligible projects that is responsive to the needs of the community;

WHEREAS, the City has developed a program following interviews with community stakeholders, a public survey, a Town Hall and feedback from City staff;

WHEREAS, pandemic-related priorities identified by the above sources of input centered on several themes, including investments in various infrastructure improvements, assistance for struggling households and support of small businesses and promotion of downtown to help boost the City's recovery from the pandemic;

WHEREAS, based upon this feedback and program eligibility guidelines, a list of projects has been generated, which includes projects that will enhance residential quality of life, promote business activity and support struggling families, and the City desires to approve the list of projects identified in the attached Exhibit A and authorize the expenditure of funds under the ARPA program to implement said projects;

WHEREAS, the list of projects includes estimated costs of implementation, which may vary and require adjustment by the program manager and finance department as each project is implemented, and the City desires to approve such adjustments as well as consider additional projects for funding throughout the duration of the ARPA program consistent with the governing rules;

WHEREAS, the receipt and expenditure of funds under the ARPA program for the approved projects shall be included in the City's budget, and the City authorizes the preparation of appropriate accounts and budget amendments to reflect the revenues and expenditures;

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BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED by the Council for the City of Powder Springs that it approves the list of projects identified in the attached Exhibit A as authorized ARPA projects, approves and authorizes the expenditure of ARPA funds to complete said projects, authorizes the program manager to begin implementation of said projects, authorizes the adjustment of project costs as projects are implemented, authorizes the creation of budget documents to reflect revenues and expenditures, and authorizes the Council to consider additional projects for funding consistent with the governing federal rules related to the ARPA program. This resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

SO RESOLVED this 21st day of February, 2022.

Albert Thurman, Mayor

Henry Lust, Council Member

Doris Dawkins, Council Member

Dwayne Green, Council Member

Patrick Bordelon, Council Member

Patricia Wisdom, Council Member

ATTEST:

Kelly Axt, City Clerk