

RESOLUTION NO. 16-27

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF CLEARWATER (THE CITY), FLORIDA AUTHORIZING THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR OR DESIGNEE TO TRANSMIT EXHIBIT A AS THE CITY'S APPLICATION FOR THE FORWARD PINELLAS COMPLETE STREET GRANT PROGRAM ON BEHALF OF THE CITY'S COUNCIL, THE CITY'S GOVERNING BODY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, "complete streets" is a design concept contextualizing the relationship between the streets and their surrounding area that endeavors to provide accessible and efficient connections between home, school, work, recreation, and retail destinations for all, regardless of age or ability, by improving pedestrian and vehicular environments and supporting economic growth and community stability; and

WHEREAS, Forward Pinellas has a competitive funding program for "complete streets" concept planning and design; and

WHEREAS, representatives of the Skycrest Neighborhood Association and other interested citizens approached the City requesting the City's participation in the Forward Pinellas Complete Street Grant Program (hereinafter referred to as Program) for the development of a "complete streets" conceptual design plan; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to develop a "complete streets" concept and design plan for Drew Street (S.R. 590) from North Ft. Harrison Avenue to U.S. Highway 19 (hereinafter referred to as the Project), which could serve to enhance the connectivity between the City's Downtown Community Redevelopment Area and the US 19/Drew Street Activity Center, if the City elects to implement the plan; and

WHEREAS, Exhibit "A" is the City's grant application, and it describes the Project and provides a cost estimate to complete concept planning process, prepare design concepts, and finalize documents related to the "complete streets" plan; and

WHEREAS, the City commits to a contribution of \$50,000.00 toward the Project, which is in the form of \$25,000.00 in-kind services and \$25,000.00 direct funding, and the City expects Forward Pinellas to match the City's contribution, via the Program, to help the City create the plan for the Project; ,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLEARWATER, FLORIDA:

Section 1. The City Council supports the proposed Project, as described in Exhibit "A" with the addition of the block from North Osceola Avenue to North Ft.

Harrison Avenue, and authorizes the Community Development Coordinator or Designee to transmit to Forward Pinellas as the City's application for the Program.

Section 2. This resolution shall take effect immediately after adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2016.

George N. Cretekos
Mayor

Approved as to form:

Attest:

Camilo Soto
Assistant City Attorney

Rosemarie Call
City Clerk