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CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. _____ C.M.S.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE FUNDING FROM THE REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA IN THE AMOUNT OF UP TO TWO HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND AND FOUR DOLLARS (\$225,004.00) ON A COST-REIMBURSABLE BASIS TO HIRE A GRANT FUNDED EXEMPT LIMITED DURATION EMPLOYEE TO COORDINATE PERMITTING FOR THE OAKLAND ECOBLOCK PROJECT AND UPDATE CODES AND PROCESSES TO FACILITATE ADDITIONAL ECOBLOCK-STYLE RETROFITS

WHEREAS, the University of California, Berkeley and the City of Oakland are collaborating on the “Oakland EcoBlock,” which will demonstrate cost-effective reduction of carbon emissions at a city block scale; and

WHEREAS, the City’s Equitable Climate Action Plan includes Action B-2 to eliminate natural gas use in all existing buildings by 2040; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has adopted a target of reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 56 percent by 2030; and

WHEREAS, the Oakland EcoBlock will reduce greenhouse gas emissions in line with the City’s carbon neutrality goals by providing renewable energy, providing shared electric vehicles and bicycles, and replacing natural gas appliances; and

WHEREAS, the Oakland EcoBlock is a pilot project designed to test climate-friendly solutions to lower utility costs, create resilient homes, increase local control of electrical energy systems, and keep Oaklanders rooted in their communities; and

WHEREAS, the Oakland EcoBlock provides critical resources to assist a frontline community of Oakland with creating resilient, sustainable homes and reliable energy systems; and

WHEREAS, the Oakland EcoBlock has analyzed and identified needed changes to Oakland Municipal Codes, permitting processes, and standards to facilitate the implementation of neighborhood/city block scale sustainable upgrades; and

WHEREAS, the University of California, Berkeley has received grant funding for the project from the California Energy Commission and will transfer funds to the City of Oakland as a subrecipient of the grant; and

WHEREAS, this funding is needed to support a Grant Funded Exempt Limited Duration Employee who will lead policy updates and permitting changes related to implementation of the Oakland EcoBlock project as well as similar future decarbonization projects on a neighborhood/city block scale; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the Oakland City Council, does hereby authorize the City Administrator to accept and appropriate funding from The Regents of the University of California in the amount of up to two hundred twenty-five thousand and four dollars (\$225,004.00) on a cost-reimbursable basis to fund a Grant Funded exempt limited duration employee to coordinate permitting for the Oakland EcoBlock project and lead City policy and permitting changes to facilitate similar future projects; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That funds will be deposited and appropriated in Fund 2159 – State of California: Other, Org 02161 - Sustainability and Energy Group, Account 54919 - Services: Miscellaneous Contract, in a project to be established; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: The City Council finds that the acceptance of this funding is not considered a project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) so CEQA does not apply to this acceptance and appropriation of funds for the employment of the Grant Funded Exempt Limited Duration Employee; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That prior to execution, all agreements shall be reviewed and approved as to form and legality by the City Attorney’s Office and executed copies of each agreement shall be filed with the City Clerk.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES -

NOES –

ABSENT –

ABSTENTION –

ATTEST: _____
ASHA REED
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council of the
City of Oakland, California