

RESOLUTION NO. 16212

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDWOOD CITY ESTABLISHING PEDESTRIAN MALL ON BROADWAY BETWEEN JEFFERSON AVENUE AND MAIN STREET AND ON REDWOOD CREEK BETWEEN THE MAIN STREET PARKING LOT AND THE MARSHALL GARAGE

WHEREAS, on January 8, 2024, the City Council of the City of Redwood City adopted Resolution 16196 declaring its intention to establish a pedestrian mall on three street segments: one segment on Broadway between Redwood Creek and Main Street, another segment on Broadway between Redwood Creek and Jefferson Avenue, and the third on Redwood Creek between the Main Street parking lot and the Marshall Garage, pursuant to the Pedestrian Mall Act of 1960 (California Streets and Highways Code Section 11000 et seq.); and

WHEREAS, the City Council set the date of April 15, 2024, as the public hearing for hearing claims of damages, protests, and objections to the establishment of the pedestrian mall; and

WHEREAS, the City of Redwood City (City) completed the required public noticing of Resolution 16196, which included posting copies of the resolution on the street segments proposed to be established as pedestrian mall, mailing copies of the resolution to all property owners and tenants located along the proposed street segments of pedestrian mall, and recording a copy of the resolution with the San Mateo County Recorder's Office; and

WHEREAS, the City Council held the public hearing on April 15, 2024, on the establishment of the pedestrian mall; and

WHEREAS, the City did not receive written objections from landowners representing the majority of the frontage on either of the proposed pedestrian mall; and

WHEREAS, one claim of damages by reason of the establishment of the pedestrian mall was made or filed prior to the hour set for the public hearing; and

WHEREAS, at said public hearing, evidence, both written and oral, was given pertaining to the establishment of the pedestrian mall and all persons desiring to be heard were fully heard; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has weighed the benefits to be derived from the establishment of the pedestrian mall and has determined that the pedestrian mall on three street segments: one segment on Broadway between Redwood Creek and Main Street, another segment on Broadway between Redwood Creek and Jefferson Avenue, and the

third on Redwood Creek between the Main Street parking lot and the Marshall Garage shall be established by adoption of an ordinance.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDWOOD CITY, CALIFORNIA, HEREBY FINDS AND RESOLVES THAT:

1. Pursuant to the Pedestrian Mall Act of 1960 (California Streets and Highways Code Section 11000 et seq.), the City Council of the City of Redwood City hereby establishes a pedestrian mall on three street segments: one segment on Broadway between Redwood Creek and Main Street, another segment on Broadway between Redwood Creek and Jefferson Avenue, and the third on Redwood Creek between the Main Street parking lot and the Marshall Garage. The pedestrian mall is shown on Exhibit A, attached hereto and incorporated by reference.

2. The Redwood City Downtown Precise Plan-Wide Amendments Subsequent Environmental Impact Report (DTPP SEIR) (State Clearinghouse No. 2021090249) evaluated the environmental impacts of the closure of Broadway between Jefferson Avenue and Main Street and on Redwood Creek. On June 26, 2023, the City Council adopted Resolution 16153, certifying the DTPP SEIR and adopting Findings of Fact, a Statement of Overriding Considerations, and a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program. The current proposal for the closure of Broadway between Jefferson Avenue and Main Street and on Redwood Creek falls within the scope of the DTPP SEIR.

As set forth in CEQA Guidelines sections 15162 (Subsequent EIRs and Negative Declarations) and 15163 (Supplement to an EIR), the pedestrian mall will not result in any new environmental effects, or a substantial increase in the severity of any environmental impact or require new mitigation measures beyond those identified in the DTPP SEIR.

In addition, the pedestrian mall is exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15301. The proposed pedestrian mall would involve improvements on existing highways and streets with negligible or no expansion of use and the addition of protective exclusive pedestrian space, pedestrian crossing, street trees and other similar alterations. Accordingly, these improvements are categorically exempt from CEQA under CEQA Guidelines section 15301, which exempts projects that consist of improvements to existing highways and streets with negligible or no expansion of use.

3. The City Council hereby finds that objections to the establishment of the pedestrian mall were not submitted by a majority of the abutting property owners.

4. The City Council hereby finds that one claim of damages was filed prior to the hour set for the public hearing in accordance with California Streets and Highways Code Section 11304, and the City Council hereby denies that claim in accordance with California Streets and Highways Code Section 11310.

5. The City Council hereby finds and determines that the public interest and convenience require the establishment of the pedestrian mall described in Resolution 16196 and that vehicular traffic will not be unduly inconvenienced thereby.

6. This resolution takes effect upon the effective date of an ordinance prohibiting vehicular traffic on the three proposed pedestrian mall segments except for emergency and utility maintenance vehicles which shall be allowed access at all hours. Additional vehicles will be excepted from this restriction through the issuance of an encroachment permit by the City Engineer. The ordinance will add Article VIII (Pedestrian Malls) to Municipal Code Chapter 20 to establish related rules and regulations.

7. The City will fund any improvements to the pedestrian mall at a future date, which could include bollards, planters, or other traffic-blocking devices.

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Passed and adopted by the Council of the City of Redwood City at a
Joint City Council/Successor Agency Board/Public Financing Authority Meeting
thereof held on the 6th day of May 2024 by the following votes:

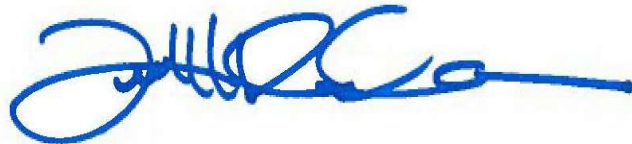
AYES: Aguirre, Eakin, Martinez Saballos, Sturken, Vice Mayor
Espinoza-Garnica and Mayor Gee

NOES: None

ABSENT: Howard


ABSTAINED: None

RECUSED: None



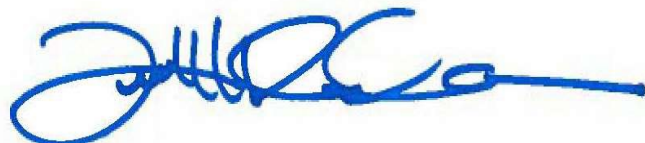
Jeff Gee
Mayor of the City of Redwood City

Attest:



Yessika Castro, CMC, CPMC
City Clerk of Redwood City

I hereby approve the foregoing resolution this
7th day of May 2024.



Jeff Gee
Mayor of the City of Redwood City