RESOLUTION NO. 24-180 C.S.

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MONTEREY

AUTHORIZING THE FINANCE DIRECTOR TO APPROPRIATE \$210,000 FROM THE NEIGHBORHOOD AND COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM ENDING BALANCE ACCOUNT TO THE EL ESTERO PARK CENTER PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT UPGRADE PROJECT ***NCIP***

WHEREAS, on the 17th day of October 2023, City Council adopted and approved the Fiscal Year 2023/24 Neighborhood and Community Improvement Program (NCIP) (Resolution 23-122 C.S.);

WHEREAS, El Estero Park Center Playground Equipment Upgrade was an approved Cut-Off Project recommended by the NCIP Committee and approved by City Council (Resolution 23-122 C.S.);

WHEREAS, as of the 4th day of November 2024 the balance of the NCIP Unappropriated Funds (Ending Balance) Account (31nunap) is \$1,516,895; and

WHEREAS, the City of Monterey Planning Office determined the project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines (Article 19, Section 15301, Class 1) because the project consists of the installation of replacement playground at the El Estero Park Center. Furthermore, the project does not qualify for any of the exceptions to the categorical exemptions found at CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2.

Exception a - Location. Classes 3, 4, 5, 6, and 11 are qualified by consideration of where the project is to be located -a project that is ordinarily insignificant in its impact on the environment may in a particularly sensitive environment be significant. Therefore, these classes are considered to apply in all instances, except where the project may have an impact on an environmental resource of hazardous or critical concern where designated, precisely mapped, and officially adopted pursuant to law by federal, state, or local agencies. Exception a – Location – does not apply to projects which are exempt under Class 1.

Exception b - Cumulative Impact. All exemptions for these classes are inapplicable when the cumulative impact of successive projects of the same type in the same place, over time is significant. There would be no cumulative impact because the project involves the replacement of existing playground equipment.

Exception c - Significant Effect. A categorical exemption shall not be used for an activity where there is a reasonable possibility that the activity will have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances. No unusual circumstances are anticipated due to improvements' limited scope and distinct locations.

Exception d - Scenic Highways. A categorical exemption shall not be used for a project which may result in damage to scenic resources, including but not limited to, trees, historic buildings, rock outcroppings, or similar resources, within a highway officially designated as a state scenic highway. This does not apply to improvements which are required as mitigation by an adopted

negative declaration or certified Environmental Impact Report (EIR). The project would not be visible from a scenic highway.

Exception e - Hazardous Waste Sites. A categorical exemption shall not be used for a project located on a site which is included on any list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government Code. No impact to sites included on any list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government code would occur.

Exception f - Historical Resources. A categorical exemption shall not be used for a project which may cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource. The replacement playground equipment will be installed in the same location as the existing playground equipment, which was installed over a filled swimming pool. Therefore, the project would not have an impact on historical or archeological resources.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MONTEREY that the above recitals are true and correct and are hereby incorporated and adopted as findings of the City Council as if fully set forth herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MONTEREY that it hereby authorizes the Finance Director, or their designee, to appropriate \$210,000 from the NCIP Ending Balance Account (31nunap) to the El Estero Park Center Playground Equipment Upgrade Project Account (ncp2446).

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MONTEREY this 19th day of November, 2024, by the following vote:

AYES: 5 COUNCILMEMBER: Barber, Garcia, Haffa, Smith, Williamson

NOES: 0 COUNCILMEMBERS: None ABSENT: 0 COUNCILMEMBERS: None ABSTAIN: 0 COUNCILMEMBERS: None

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

Tyller Williamson Mayor of said City

City Clerk thereof