

RESOLUTION NO. 24-40

A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY OF CHIPLEY CITY COUNCIL, CHIPLEY, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION TO THE STATE OF FLORIDA, DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE FOR A RURAL INFRASTRUCTURE FUND (RIF) GRANT FOR THE PLANNING AND DESIGN FOR NEEDED INFRASTRUCTURE AT THE I-10 AND SR 77 INTERCHANGE.

WHEREAS, the City of Chipley recognizes the potential for economic growth and increased tourism within the community; and

WHEREAS, existing infrastructure at I-10 and SR 77 is currently insufficient to accommodate the needs of visitors, businesses, and residents, which may hinder economic development and tourism; and

WHEREAS, the planning and design for infrastructure south of this intersection is necessary to support local businesses, attract tourists, and enhance the overall economic vitality of Chipley; and

WHEREAS, the City Council deems it in the best interest of the City to undertake the planning and design of infrastructure south of I-10 and SR 77; and

WHEREAS, that the City Administrator has authority and rights to execute all required grant related application and agreement documents in the absence of the Mayor.

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

1. **Authorization of Planning:** The City Council hereby authorizes the planning and design for infrastructure south of the intersection of I-10 and SR 77.
2. **Funding Allocation:** The City Council directs the City Administrator to allocate funding for the planning and design of infrastructure south of the intersection of I-10 and SR 77. This funding shall be sourced from a combination of city funds, grants, and any other available financial resources deemed appropriate.
3. **Approval for Grant Application:** The City of Chipley City Council hereby approves the submission of a grant application to Florida Department of Commerce, Rural Infrastructure Fund Grant Program, for funding for design and planning for infrastructure south of the intersection of I-10 and SR 77 in the City of Chipley.
4. **Project Oversight:** The City of Chipley City Administrator or their designee is authorized and directed to oversee the preparation and submission of the grant application, as well as manage the implementation and administration of the project upon receipt of the grant funding.

5. **Compliance and Reporting:** The City of Chipley City Council will adhere to all grant requirements and reporting obligations as specified by the granting agency and will ensure that the project aligns with the objectives of promoting economic development and tourism.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 10TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2024.

CITY OF CHIPLEY

ATTEST:

Tracy L. Andrews, Mayor

Sherry Snell, City Clerk