

**CITY OF HUTCHINS, TEXAS
RESOLUTION NO. R2024-10-1217**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUTCHINS, TEXAS, APPROVING AN ADVANCE FUNDING AGREEMENT (“AFA”) WITH THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR TX DOT GREEN RIBBON PROGRAM PROJECT LANDSCAPING IMPROVEMENTS OF I-45 CITY OF HUTCHINS BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT WHICH CONSISTS OF THE INTERSTATE HIGHWAY 45 FROM W. PALESTINE TO E. DOWDY FERRY ROAD; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Texas Department of Transportation's Green Ribbon Program was established to allocate funds for landscaping activities including planting and establishment of trees and plants on the state highway system; and

WHEREAS, TXDOT requires recipients of Green Ribbon Program funds to enter into an AFA prior to distribution of funds; and

WHEREAS, the City of Hutchins has been awarded Green Ribbon Program Project funds for landscaping improvements on IH 45 from W. Palestine to E. Dowdy Ferry Road; and

WHEREAS, the City of Hutchins is authorized to enter into an AFA with TXDOT for the Green Ribbon Program;

WHEREAS, the City Council believes it to be in the best interest of the citizens of Hutchins to approve an AFA with TXDOT for Green Ribbon Project funding for the landscape improvements described above.

WHEREAS, Title 43, Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 11, Green Ribbon Program, allows local governments, by the execution of written agreements, to provide money, property or services for the aesthetic improvements on the state highway system; and

WHEREAS, Rider 15 of House Bill1 of the 86th Legislature, expands the Green Ribbon Project, a public-private partnership initiative, to enhance the appearance of public highways by incorporating in the design and improvement of public highways the planting of trees and shrubs emphasizing natural beauty and greenspace, integrating public art, and highlighting cultural uniqueness of neighborhoods, to other areas of the state; and

WHEREAS, The Texas Transportation Commission passed Minute Order Number 115814 authorizing the State to undertake and complete a highway improvement or other transportation project generally described as landscaping development. The portion of the project work covered by the Agreement is identified in, Scope of Work; and

WHEREAS, all legal and statutory prerequisites for the adoption of this Resolution have been met, including but not limited to the Open Meetings Act; and

WHEREAS, the City of Hutchins City Council deems the adoption of this Resolution to be in the best interests of the health, safety, and welfare of the public.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUTCHINS, TEXAS, THAT:

SECTION 1. All matters stated hereinabove are found to be true and correct and are incorporated herein by reference.

SECTION 2. The City Council approves and authorized entering into the Advance Funding Agreement (AFA) with TxDOT.

SECTION 3. The City Administrator or Mayor of the City of Hutchins, Texas is hereby authorized to execute the Advance Funding Agreement, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein, and to exercise the rights and duties of the City thereunder in order to receive funding through the Green Ribbon Program for landscaping improvements at the intersection of Highway 45 from W. Palestine to E. Dowdy Ferry Road

SECTION 4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately from and after its passage, as the law and charter in such cases provide

DULY PASSED by the City Council of the City of Hutchins, Texas on this 21st day of October 2024.

APPROVED:

Mario Vasquez, Mayor

ATTEST:

Cynthia Olguin, City Secretary