

RESOLUTION NO. 245-38

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ARCATA IN APPRECIATION OF THE CITY OF ARCATA VOTERS FOR SUPPORTING AND ADOPTING MEASURE H

WHEREAS, on June 12, 2024, the City Council of the City of Arcata voted unanimously to place the additional $\frac{3}{4}$ of a cent or .75% Transactions and Use Tax (TUT) on the November 5, 2024, ballot; and

WHEREAS, through a community survey, Arcata voters identified service and program priorities that included: 1) emergency, disaster and climate change preparedness and response; 2) services addressing homelessness and its impacts to the City; 3) providing clinical mental health response to people in crisis; 4) improved sidewalks, bike lanes and trails; and 5) preserving recreation and local parks; and

WHEREAS, the City Council and City Staff are civil servants for the Arcata Community and engagement and responsiveness to members of the community including residents, business owners and operators, employees, students and visitors is critical to providing the services, facilities, program and amenities that are desired and essential for making Arcata a community where people are healthy, happy and content; and

WHEREAS, the City has continued to improve and add to the parks and recreational facilities available to the public by leveraging grants, California State Legislative allocations and use of limited City General Funds and Open Space, Parks, Trails Funds. The 271.13 acres of Arcata Parks are a high priority for the City and a cornerstone of the quality of life, so continuing to maintain and improve parks and recreation opportunities is a high priority for use of Measure H proceeds; and

WHEREAS, the TUT ballot question, designated as Measure H, passed with 65% voter support in the November 5, 2024, election; and

WHEREAS, the $\frac{3}{4}$ of a cent of Measure H TUT will be effective on April 1, 2025 and is estimated to generate \$700,000 of additional revenue for the final three months of FY 2024-25 and \$2.6 million of annual revenue going forward; and

WHEREAS, in the FY 2024-25 Mid-Year Budget Resolution, the City Council allocated Measure H funds to projects that support and further the priorities identified by Arcata voters:

- \$25,000 to replace the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) door operators at the Arcata Community Center (ACC)
- \$275,000 to replace the 20-year-old roof at the ACC, to support installation of solar panels that will be funded with an Energy Conservation Assistance Act (ECAA) loan with repayment funded from energy savings
- \$50,000 for encampment and illegal dumping clean up in Arcata

- \$110,000 annually, for one Full-time Environmental Services Facility Crew Leader position, to lead maintenance of City Parks and other public facilities. This position will plan and increase the regular maintenance of City resources, including opening the restrooms at Redwood Park during operating hours.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Arcata appreciates, commends and thanks the Arcata Community, Arcata Voters and The Yes on H Committee for its support for and passage of Measure H.

DATED: March 19, 2025

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

City Clerk, City of Arcata

Mayor, City of Arcata

CLERK'S CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Resolution No. 245-38, passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Arcata, Humboldt County, California, held on the 19th day of March, 2025 by the following vote:

AYES: NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTENTIONS:

City Clerk, City of Arcata