

RESOLUTION NO. 24-_____

Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Emeryville Selecting The Proposal From Sijia Chen Of Sijia Chen Studio For The 40th Streetscape Public Art Project; Authorizing The City Manager To Execute An Agreement With Artist Sijia Chen For The Design, Fabrication And Installation Of The 40th Streetscape Public Art Project In An Amount Not To Exceed \$500,000; And Appropriating \$25,000 From The Public Art Fund (Fund 243) To The Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget For CIP Project No. COF-03

WHEREAS, Article 4 of Chapter 2 of Title 3 of the Emeryville Municipal Code establishes the Contributions for the Art in Public Places Program; and

WHEREAS, Section 3-2.404 of the Emeryville Municipal Code establishes the Emeryville Public Art Fund to implement the Art in Public Places Program; and

WHEREAS, on November 15, 2016, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 16-167 adopting the Emeryville Public Art Master Plan, which included the 40th Streetscape Public Art Project; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 18.13 of the Art in Public Places Program Policy and Procedure, adopted by the City Council by Resolution No. 90-115 on December 18, 1990, the Public Art Committee (“PAC”) shall review art plans for artwork to be located within a public place by the City; and

WHEREAS, on June 6, 2023., the City Council adopted Resolution No. 23-069 approving the Capital Improvement Program for Fiscal Years 2023-2024 to 2027-2028 (the “CIP”), which allocated \$500,000 in Art in Public Places funds for new public art investments as CIP No. COF-03, including the “40th Street Multimodal Improvement Public Art”; and

WHEREAS, between February 1, 2024 and March 15, 2024, the City accepted submittals of artist qualifications for the 40th Streetscape Public Art Project via Call for Entry; and

WHEREAS, forty-five qualifications submittals were received and individually ranked by a Selection Panel; and

WHEREAS, on March 28, 2024, the Selection Panel reviewed twelve semifinalists and recommended five finalists be awarded Conceptual Design Proposal Contracts as follows: (1) Jeanine Centuori and Russell Rock of UrbanRock Design; (2) Sijia Chen of Sijia Chen Studio, (3) Scott Donahue, Lesley Gasparetti, and John Roberts; (4) Addie Boswell and Matt Cartwright; (5) Pete Goldlust, Melanie Germond, “The Germlusts”, Yusuf Lateef, and Matt Burney; and

WHEREAS, on April 25, 2024, the PAC recommended the City Council award Conceptual Design Proposal Contracts to the five finalists as recommended by the Selection Panel; and

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WHEREAS, on May 21, 2024, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 24-56, authorizing the execution of Conceptual Design Proposal Contracts with the five applicants as recommended by the PAC; and

WHEREAS, on August 27, 2024, after reviewing conceptual design proposals, the Selection Panel interviewed the five finalists and recommended the selection of Sijia Chen of Sijia Chen Studio for the 40th Streetscape Public Art Project; and

WHEREAS, on September 12, 2024, the PAC recommended the City Council select Sijia Chen for the 40th Streetscape Public Art Project and recommended the City Council be forwarded the conceptual design proposals from the five finalists; and now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Emeryville hereby selects Sijia Chen of Sijia Chen Studio for the 40th Streetscape Public Art Project, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the City Council hereby authorizes the City Manager to execute the Artist Agreement for Design, Fabrication, Transportation and Installation with Sijia Chen of Sijia Chen Studio in substantial form as attached hereto as Exhibit A; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the City Council hereby authorizes the City Manager to make minor amendments to the Artist Agreement as necessary to effectuate its purpose, provided such amendments do not materially increase the obligations of the City thereunder, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Emeryville hereby appropriates \$25,000 from the Public Art Fund (Fund 243) to the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget for CIP Project No. COF-03 for the 40th Street Multimodal Improvement Public Art.

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ADOPTED, by the City Council of the City of Emeryville at a regular meeting held Tuesday, November 19, 2024, by the following vote:

AYES: _____
NOES: _____
ABSTAIN: _____
ABSENT: _____

MAYOR

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Signed by:
Christie Crowl

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CITY CLERK

SPECIAL COUNSEL

ATTACHMENTS

- Exhibit A – Artist Agreement