

RESOLUTION NO.

WHEREAS, in 2021, Council approved the Austin Climate Equity Plan that described 74 strategies to equitably reach net-zero community-wide greenhouse gas emissions by 2040; and

WHEREAS, according to an August 2022 quarterly update, three of 74 strategies are complete, 41 are underway, and many strategies require substantial investment to achieve; and

WHEREAS, Council approved Resolution No. 20240215-025, which called for an investment plan to implement the Austin Climate Equity Plan; and

WHEREAS, the resulting memo to Council issued on May 21, 2024, by the Chief Sustainability Officer provided two attachments of Staff and Joint Sustainability Committee recommendations for climate and environment capital improvements or programs; and

WHEREAS, the Austin Climate Equity Plan establishes goals for the management of natural systems including, “By 2030, all City-owned lands are included under a management plan that results in neutral or negative carbon emissions and maximizes community benefits.”; and

WHEREAS, on October 10, 2024, Council adopted the Austin/Travis County Food Plan, which was co-created with the community to set clear goals and strategies to move toward a more equitable, sustainable, and resilient food system; and

WHEREAS, the Austin/Travis County Food Plan includes Strategy 1.6, “Establish opportunities for community-led regenerative food production on areas of publicly owned land that are well-suited to agriculture, including parkland, public right-of-way, and floodplain buyout land, where appropriate.”; and

