## **ORDINANCE NO. 2057**

## AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SANTA CLARA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING ULISTAC NATURAL AREA GRANT PROJECT TO REMOVE INVASIVE PLANTS AND PLANT NATIVES SPECIES IN ACCORDANCE WITH CITY CHARTER SECTION 714.1

## BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF SANTA CLARA AS FOLLOWS:

**WHEREAS**, the Ulistac Natural Area ("Park"), located at 4901 Lick Mill Blvd. is 40 acres of parkland (APNs: 097-05-002, 097-05-100, 097-05-106, 097-83-002) and was dedicated on March 22, 2000 to showcase seven distinctive natural habitats;

WHEREAS, the original Open Space Park Master Plan for Ulistac calls for the removal

of non-native and invasive species and the restoration of habitat with appropriate,

drought tolerant native species, through continued City & volunteer efforts to this day;

WHEREAS, the City is eligible for the Valley Water's Safe, Clean Water Program Grant

for Invasive Plant Removal and Habitat Restoration at Ulistac Natural Area (Project);

**WHEREAS**, the Project will include renovation and improvements to existing park amenities such as the removal of non-native and invasive species and the restoration of habitat with appropriate, drought tolerant native species;

WHEREAS, the voters of the City of Santa Clara passed Measure R in 2016, which added section 714.1 to the City Charter, which prohibits substantial building, construction, reconstruction, or development of parks and recreation facilities except pursuant to ordinance subject to referendum;

**WHEREAS,** the Park Project improvements constitutes as substantial building, construction, reconstruction and/or development, and is subject to Measure R; and,

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**WHEREAS,** the City Council desires to approve the Park Project improvements by ordinance in accordance with City Charter section 714.1.

## NOW THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF SANTA CLARA AS FOLLOWS:

**SECTION 1**: That the City Council hereby approves the building, construction, reconstruction and/or development in accordance with the Open Space Park Master Plan for Ulistac Natural Area, attached hereto and incorporated by this reference, and in accordance with City Charter section 714.1.

**SECTION 2**: **Savings clause**. The changes provided for in this ordinance shall not affect any offense or act committed or done or any penalty or forfeiture incurred or any right established or accruing before the effective date of this ordinance; nor shall it affect any prosecution, suit or proceeding pending or any judgment rendered prior to the effective date of this ordinance. All fee schedules shall remain in force until superseded by the fee schedules adopted by the City Council.

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**SECTION 4**: **Effective date**. This ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days after its final adoption; however, prior to its final adoption it shall be published in accordance with the requirements of Section 808 and 812 of "The Charter of the City of Santa Clara, California." PASSED FOR THE PURPOSE OF PUBLICATION this 7<sup>TH</sup> day of March, 2023, by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCILORS:

NOES: COUNCILORS:

Becker, Chahal, Hardy, Jain, Park, and Watanabe, and Mayor Gillmor

COUNCILORS: None

ABSENT: COUNCILORS: None

ABSTAINED: COUNCILORS:

ATTEST:

None

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Attachment incorporated by reference: 1. Open Space Park Master Plan - Ulistac Natural Area

