RESOLUTION NO. 2022-R-07

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A LETTER OF COMMITMENT AND AUTHORIZING THE TASK FORCE ON AGING COMMITTEE TO SUBMIT THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTATION ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF BUDA TO APPLY TO JOIN THE AARP AGE-FRIENDLY COMMUNITIES NETWORK

WHEREAS, nearly 20% of Buda’s population is age 50 and above, and 10.6% are age 60 and older (Older Texans as designated by the Older Americans Act), and the number of older Buda residents is projected to continue increase; and

WHEREAS, research shows that older Americans overwhelmingly want to remain in their homes and communities as they age,

WHEREAS, access to quality health care, long term services and supports and affordable housing is essential for older adults to live in their homes and communities; and

WHEREAS, 21% of adults age 65 and older do not drive, and more than half of these non-drivers do not leave home on a given day, in part because they lack transportation options; and

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization (WHO) has developed a Global Network of Age-Friendly Cities and Communities to encourage and promote public policies to support healthy aging and thereby improve the health, well-being, satisfaction, and quality of life for older Americans; and

WHEREAS, AARP has developed a network of more than 500 Age-Friendly Communities in the United States and will partner with Buda in our efforts; and

WHEREAS, Age-friendly communities are inclusive and considerate of the perspectives of all residents, of all ages, and all persuasions; and

WHEREAS, Age-friendly communities encourage and benefit from diverse citizen engagement by including residents in a process to identify the community’s needs and develop and implement an action plan to address those needs; and

WHEREAS, the eight domains of community life that influence the livability and quality of life of persons of all ages are:

- Outdoor spaces and buildings
- Transportation
- Housing
- Social participation
- Respect and social inclusion
- Civic participation and employment
- Communication and information
- Community support and health services; and
WHEREAS, AARP recognizes that cities and communities have different needs, resources, and capacities to engage their resources and take action to facilitate active aging; and

WHEREAS, Membership in the AARP Network of Age-Friendly States and Communities means that the Buda’s elected leadership has made the commitment to actively work toward making our city a great place to live for people of all ages.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BUDA:

Section 1. The facts and recitations set forth in the preamble of this resolution are hereby found to be true and correct.

Section 2. The City Council hereby authorizes the Task Force on Aging Committee in partnership with the AARP and the World Health Organization to participate in the Age-Friendly Community Network.

Section 3. The City of Buda hereby supports initiatives and opportunities to engage in the AARP/WHO Age-Friendly Cities and Communities Network.

Section 4. The City Council hereby supports the BUDA Age-Friendly City initiative in recognition of existing efforts to promote and expand age-friendly policies and programs in the City of Buda.

Section 5. Severability. If any clause or provision of this resolution shall be deemed to be unenforceable for any reason, such unenforceable clause or provision shall be severed from the remaining portion of the resolution, which shall continue to have full force and effect.

Section 6. Repeal. All resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict herewith are expressly repealed.

Section 7. Effective Date. This resolution shall be effective upon passage by the City Council.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED on by an affirmiative vote of the City Council of the City of Buda, this 15th day of February, 2022.

CITY OF BUDA, TEXAS:

Lee Urbanovsky, Mayor

ATTEST:

Alicia Ramirez, City Clerk