

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FOSTER CITY AUTHORIZING A CHANGE TO THE NAME OF THE RECREATION CENTER FROM THE "WILLIAM E. WALKER RECREATION CENTER" TO THE "FOSTER CITY COMMUNITY CENTER" AND RENAMING THE CURRENT COMMUNITY CENTER

CITY OF FOSTER CITY

WHEREAS, in 1997, during the remodel of the Recreation Center, the City renamed it the William E. Walker Recreation Center in honor of Mr. Walker's contributions, including his election to the Board of Directors of the Estero Municipal Improvement District in 1969 and to the City Council in 1971, where he served as Mayor/President from June 1972 to August 1973; and

WHEREAS, on August 6, 2001 an amendment to Chapter 12.04 of the Municipal Code was adopted prohibiting the naming of public buildings, parks, sports fields, streets, pedways, or plazas after individuals or organizations; and

WHEREAS, in 2023, during the extensive community engagement and design process for the Recreation Center Rebuild Project, community members and leaders noted that the current Recreation Center might more appropriately be named "Foster City Community Center" given the main purpose for the facility in helping to create and nurture community in Foster City; and

WHEREAS, the new Recreation Center will serve the community more broadly as an iconic landmark and community hub for all to enjoy; and

WHEREAS, at their meeting on September 16, 2024, the City Council, by Minute Order, gave policy direction to move forward with the name change from the current name of the "William E. Walker Recreation Center" to the "Foster City Community Center," and directed staff to return with alternative naming options for the current Community Center facility which is connected to the Foster City Public Library building; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Foster City authorizes the name change of the Recreation Center from "William E. Walker Recreation Center" to the "Foster City Community Center" and to rename the current Community Center to _____, both changes effective at the time of the opening of the new Foster City Community Center in 2026.

PASSED AND ADOPTED as a resolution of the City Council of the City of Foster City at the regular meeting held on the 21st day of October 2024, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

PATRICK SULLIVAN, MAYOR

ATTEST:

PRISCILLA SCHAUS, CITY CLERK