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WHEREAS, in October 2023 the Department of Energy awarded the City of Albany a grant in the amount of \$200,000 to fund outreach, electrification assessments of buildings, negotiations with homeowners to try to reach 100% buy-in for decommissioning on at least one block, and production of reports and materials; and

1 **WHEREAS**, in September 2024, the City and the DOE successfully completed the
2 award negotiations and the award was signed by the contracting officer. On October 21st, the
3 City Council adopted Resolution No. 2024-75, authorizing the City Manager to acknowledge
4 the terms and conditions of the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant competitive
5 award for the Gas Line Decommissioning Pilot Project; and
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7 **WHEREAS**, at the same meeting, the Council also adopted Resolution No. 2024-76,
8 authorizing the City Manager to execute Contract No. C24-54 with Environmental Justice
9 Solutions for professional services for the gas line decommissioning pilot project outreach;
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12 **WHEREAS**, on January 20th 2025, President Trump signed Executive Order 14154,
13 titled “Unleashing American Energy” which ordered all agencies to immediately pause the
14 disbursement of funds appropriated through the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 or the
15 Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act; and
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17 **WHEREAS**, on January 31st, a judge issued a temporary restraining order, ruling that
18 “agencies shall not pause, freeze, impede, block, cancel, or terminate compliance with awards
19 and obligations to provide federal financial assistance ‘to the States.’” ; and
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21 **WHEREAS**, staff have not been able to withdraw any grant funds from the Automated
22 Standard Application for Payments (ASAP) and it is unclear when or if grant disbursements
23 will be restarted.
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25 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Albany City Council authorizes
26 the appropriation of \$125,000 in funds from available fund balance in the Climate Action and
27 Adaptation Reserve Fund for the Gas Line Decommissioning Project.
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ROBIN D. LÓPEZ, MAYOR