

April 3, 2020

Dear City Councilors,

We come before you presenting a Resolution to affirm your support of the Community Heart & Soul process in the City of Hallowell at a time when face-to-face community activity is not only unwise but would threaten the well-being of all. Why now? Because our community will weather this viral storm and pull through, hopefully stronger than ever. Hallowell Heart & Soul hopes to play a part in building that strength and resilience.

Community Heart & Soul is a community driven community development program to find out what matters most to the residents of Hallowell and to guide future plans and decisions based on those values. With your approval and support, the Heart & Soul process will be ready to focus on the future, gleaning from Hallowell citizens information to inform our future successes and challenges.

There is much to do in the first phase of the Heart & Soul process that can be done by meeting and taking trainings on-line with our Heart & Soul coach. The Heart & Soul process is a two-year process in the best of times, so we would like to be ready to start when our community is ready. Passing this Resolution at this time is a promise to the future that, once our situation changes, and it is safe to meet face-to-face, we will be ready to begin!

We appreciate your consideration of this Resolution and would be happy to answer questions.

Sincerely,

Karen Tucker
The Hallowell Heart & Soul Exploration Committee



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City Council

Resolution 02-20-R

**Resolve to approve City Participation in the
Heart & Soul of Hallowell project as outlined
by the Orton Family Foundation, and carried out by the
Heart & Soul of Hallowell Planning Committee**

Whereas, the City of Hallowell seeks to develop a strategic/comprehensive plan for its future that includes the voices of as many of its residents and businesses as possible;

Whereas, the City of Hallowell seeks to actively engage more community members in all of its civic affairs;

Whereas, the Orton Family Foundation's Heart & Soul program provides an effective template for use in community engagement and planning efforts that encompasses a broad cross section of community participation; and

Whereas, the Heart & Soul of Hallowell Planning Committee (hereinafter "the Committee") is willing and able to (a) seek private and public funding for the program to get it up and running, (b) to recruit additional volunteers to serve on the committee, and (c) to hire and oversee a project coordinator;

Be it resolved by the City of Hallowell's City Council to approve participation in the Orton Family Foundation Heart & Soul Program contingent on the following conditions:

- That the Committee secures seed money to initiate the program and sustain the program;
- That the Committee successfully recruits community volunteers to serve on the Committee; and
- That the Committee works closely and communicates regularly with the Hallowell City Manager, City Council, Comprehensive Planning

Committee, and others from the City to ensure that the project complements and supports all current city planning efforts.

Dated: April 13, 2020.

City of Hallowell

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