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May 7, 2019

Regular City Commission Meeting

Mayor Kelly presiding

CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 PM

Commission Chambers Room 206

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL/STAFF INTRODUCTIONS: City Commission members present: Bob Kelly, Owen Robinson, Bill Bronson, and Mary Sheehy Moe. Commissioner Tracy Houck was excused. Also present were the City Manager Greg Doyon; City Clerk Lisa Kunz; Public Works Director Jim Rearden; Planning and Community Development Director Craig Raymond; Budget Analyst Kirsten Myre; Assistant City Attorney Joe Cik; and, Police Chief Dave Bowen.

AGENDA APPROVAL: There were no changes proposed by the City Manager. Commissioner Robinson requested that Agenda Item 11 be removed from the Consent Agenda. There were no objections. The agenda, as amended, was approved.

CONFLICT DISCLOSURE/EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS: None.

1.

PROCLAMATIONS

Mayor Kelly read a proclamation for Endangered Species Day - May 17, 2019.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

2. **MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.**

Fred Burow, 1926 21st Avenue South, cautioned the Commission about again giving consideration about partnering with Maclean Animal Adoption Center, noting that public donations were raised for that private organization and partnering with Maclean would make their financial records public information. He concluded that both buildings are needed, the City shouldn't consider taking over that building, and he hoped that Maclean would work with the City to get animals to adopt out.

Susie Stephenson-Love, 300 Southridge Court, commented that, as a citizen and taxpayer of the city, she would like the Commission to explore whether or not having a working relationship with the Maclean Cameron Animal Adoption Center would result in a fiscal benefit to the City and be of benefit to the animals.

Pam Hendrickson, 1321 5th Avenue North, commented that Maclean Animal Adoption Center has a history of a lack of transparency. That facility was built as a private, non-profit facility, and the City has told them in the past that it does not want to run their facility. She had inquiries about conflicts of interest and transparency of the Animals First meetings, noting that Commissioner Robinson and City Attorney Sara Sexe were former Maclean Animal Foundation board members, and suggesting that City staff and citizens be added to Animals First if meetings are going to continue.

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Mayor Kelly explained that Commissioner Robinson's and Commissioner Moe's discussions with Maclean are at an early, exploratory phase, and they will bring to the attention of the public and the Commission at a later date the possibilities or lack of possibilities for any potential that is there at a public meeting.

He further explained processes and suggested that Ms. Hendrickson submit a formal request to the City Manager and City Attorney to get answers to her inquiries in writing. This portion of the agenda is for public comment.

Jeni Dodd, 3245 8th Avenue North, inquired why Commissioners Robinson and Moe did not reveal their communications with the Animal Foundation under the Ex Parte Communications portion of the agenda.

Mayor Kelly responded that they would get back to her on that question, or she could bring it up again when it is an item on the agenda.

Christian McClelland, 1122 4th Avenue NW, commented that the issue remains the same since 2007 – the lack of transparency on the part of the Animal Foundation in regards to a partnership with the City. She has questions pertaining to a proposed merger, Maclean's operating budget, proposed savings to the City of Great Falls, plans for the \$462,000 donations for the cattery and plans for Maclean's funds and assets if the plans for the merger continues.

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCILS

3. APPOINTMENT TO THE GREAT FALLS CITIZEN'S COUNCIL.

Mayor Kelly moved, seconded by Commissioner Bronson, that the City Commission appoint Commissioner Moe to serve as the Commission's representative at the Great Falls Citizen's Council, also known as Council of Councils, May 28, 2019, meeting.

Mayor Kelly asked if there were any comments from the public or discussion amongst the Commission. Hearing none, Mayor Kelly called for the vote.

Motion carried 3-0-1 (Commissioner Moe abstaining).

4. MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Steve Grout, Neighborhood Council 8 Official Delegate, 2916 2nd Avenue North, read a prepared statement regarding the United States Postal Service (USPS) suspending mail delivery in an entire block of 4th Avenue North for five of the last 10 months due to an aggressive dog at large belonging to a renter in the 1500 block of 4th Avenue North. Mr. Grout also provided written suggestions for the City to consider regarding Animal Control and the USPS.

Katherine Caldwell, 1524 4th Avenue North, read a prepared timeline regarding suspension of mail delivery, the frustration and inconvenience, and her efforts for resolution. Ms. Caldwell is opposed to the USPS installing cluster mail boxes. She also provided Citizen Complaint forms

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signed by neighbors Steven and Katie Hurin, 1523 4th Avenue North, and a written letter from Beverly and Kerry Constan, 1525 4th Avenue North.

Duane Herigon, 1515 4th Avenue North, landlord of renter with aggressive dog, also explained the steps he has taken to try to resolve the problem, noting that when he has called Animal Control he has not been informed there was a problem at his rental property, and the USPS has not returned his phone calls in the last two weeks. He also does not want to see cluster mail boxes installed. Mr. Herigon shared his contact information with Neighborhood Council 8 Delegate Grout.

Manager Doyon commented that certain staff in attendance heard the comments and will help where they can.

Landlord Herigon commented that he has not seen the dog in five days.

Beverly Constan, 1525 4th Avenue North, commented that she saw the dog being walked today on a leash.

Planning and Community Development Director Craig Raymond commented that his staff will do a better job at helping citizens find the right contacts when it is not something that department handles.

Mayor Kelly added that he would help Neighborhood Council 8 with getting a meeting with the proper people at the USPS and will attend if needed.

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

5. MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS.

There were no miscellaneous reports and announcements from representatives of boards and commissions.

CITY MANAGER

6. MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.

City Manager Greg Doyon reported on the following:

- Talon Energy Services has purchased wind energy from two wind projects to satisfy the requirements for renewable energy credits on behalf of the City.
- The Park and Recreation Department's Summer Guide has been distributed and is available on-line.
- The pool program is up and running at the Mustang Center at the Montana School for the Deaf and Blind.
- He and Park and Recreation Director Steve Herrig met with CourseCo representatives this morning. He was encouraged by what he heard, including tournament processing and the Voyager's catering concessions for large events.

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- Great Falls Fire Rescue, Benefis, Great Falls Clinic, Great Falls Emergency Services, and Alluvion met to draft a joint procedure to handle multi-incident patient incidents.
- The Great Falls Public Library won the Excellence Library Service Award from the Montana Library Association. The Library was also approved to receive a \$5,000 grant for the Ready to Read Reachout Program. The Library is also seeking a trustee for a five year term beginning July 1, 2019. The application deadline is May 15th.
- The LED lighting project in both parking garages is substantially complete.
- Planning and Community Development, Public Works, and Great Falls Fire Rescue will begin rolling out new applications and a checklist for the development review process. More information on the development review process updates will be provided at the May 21st work session.
- The Great Falls Police Department received a letter of appreciation from the Toole County Sheriff's Office for the assistance received from the High Risk Unit.

CONSENT AGENDA.

7. Minutes, April 2, 2019, Commission meeting.
8. Minutes, April 30, 2019, Special Commission meeting.
9. Total expenditures of \$3,376,056 for the period of March 30, 2019 through April 24, 2019, to include claims over \$5,000, in the amount of \$3,035,064.
10. Contracts list.
11. *Set public hearing for Resolution 10292 Establishing the Rates, Fees and Penalties Associated With Title 10 of the Official Code of the City of Great Falls Pertaining to the City's Parking System for May 21, 2019. *Pulled for separate discussion and vote.

Commissioner Bronson moved, seconded by Commissioner Moe, that the City Commission approve the Consent Agenda as submitted, with the exception of Item 11 for separate discussion and vote.

Mayor Kelly asked if there were any comments from the public. Hearing none, Mayor Kelly called for the vote.

Motion carried 4-0.

11. **SET PUBLIC HEARING FOR RESOLUTION 10292 ESTABLISHING THE RATES, FEES AND PENALTIES ASSOCIATED WITH TITLE 10 OF THE OFFICIAL CODE OF THE CITY OF GREAT FALLS PERTAINING TO THE CITY'S PARKING SYSTEM FOR MAY 21, 2019.**

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Commissioner Robinson explained that he requested that this item be pulled for additional discussion about the two year process of getting to this point.

Planning and Community Development Director Craig Raymond reported that the requested action is that the City Commission set a public hearing for May 21, 2019 for consideration of Resolution 10292 related to rates, fees and penalties associated with the parking system. The Parking Advisory Commission (PAC) has been working for a long time on a strategic framework for the entire parking program, including operations, expenditures, and revenues. There will be approximately \$17,000 in savings due to the LED lighting in the parking garages. After looking at the entire program, the PAC is recommending meter rate increases and fine schedule changes to overcome an annual operating deficit and to increase the budget to perform regular maintenance.

Commissioner Robinson moved, seconded by Commissioners Bronson and Moe, that the City Commission set a public hearing for May 21, 2019, on Resolution 10292 to establish the Rates, Fees and Penalties associated with Title 10 of the Official Code of the City of Great Falls.

Mayor Kelly asked if there were any comments from the public.

Deb Scherrer, 725 7th Avenue South, did not oppose setting the public hearing, but suggested free parking at the Great Falls Public Library.

Mayor Kelly asked if there was any discussion amongst the Commissioners.

Commissioner Robinson requested that staff change the word “handicap” to “disabled” parking in Resolution 10292, and that language be updated as signage is being replaced.

There being no further discussion, Mayor Kelly called for the vote.

Motion carried 4-0.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

12. **RESOLUTION 10289 TO ANNEX LOTS 8-21 OF THE REPLAT OF LINCOLN HEIGHTS AND THE ADJOINING RIGHT-OF-WAY OF 15TH ALLEY SOUTH; ORDINANCE 3204 TO ASSIGN R-5 MULT-FAMILY MEDIUM DENSITY ZONING; RESOLUTION 10291 TO VACATE 15TH ALLEY SOUTH WITHIN BLOCK 30 OF THE REPLAT OF LINCOLN HEIGHTS; AND NON-ADMINISTRATIVE PLAT TO AGGREGATE THE SUBJECT PROPERTIES.**

Planning and Community Development Director Craig Raymond reported that this public hearing is consideration of Resolution 10289 to annex certain property, Ordinance 3204 to assign R-5 Multi-Family Medium Density zoning, Resolution 10291 to vacate a portion of 15th Alley South, and to approve a non-administrative plat to aggregate the subject properties.

The applicant, K & V Family Properties LLC, is proposing to develop the properties with two buildings, 18 bedrooms each, to be used as BeeHive Homes assisted living facilities. The property is legally described as the Amended plat of Lots 8-21, Block 30 of the Replat of Lincoln Heights,

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located in the S¼ of Section 18, Township 20 North, Range 4 East, PMM, and consists of 1.028 acres. The proposed development is also located adjacent to a number of previously developed, similar uses.

The property under consideration is a portion of an un-incorporated enclave wholly surrounded by City limits on all four sides. Unfortunately, a portion of this enclave will still remain in the county as it is under separate ownership and developed as a mini-storage facility.

Given the properties status as a wholly surrounded enclave with great in-fill development potential, City staff supports this annexation. Additionally, given the context of the surrounding development, zoning and uses, R-5 zoning is appropriate.

City staff also requests that the City Commission approve of the Improvement Agreement that identify rights, requirements and responsibilities for various elements of a development project, that includes, in part: permit fees, connection and construction fees, storm drain fees, required public improvements, and financial reimbursement paid by, and to, the owner.

Adoption of Resolution 10291 will vacate a portion of 15th Alley South. Due to the proposed construction project design and adjoining existing development to the west of the project, the portion of alley under consideration is not needed as a city-owned and maintained right-of-way. The City will retain necessary utility easements.

The request to approve the non-administrative plat is due to the configuration of the existing property. The proposal requires an aggregation in order to accommodate building locations and proximity to property lines.

At its March 26, 2019, meeting, the Zoning Commission recommended the City Commission approve the establishment of zoning for the subject properties to R-5 Multi-Family Medium Density, subject to the fulfillment of the Conditions of Approval as specified in the agenda report.

Commissioner Bronson stepped out of the meeting at 7:59 p.m. and returned at 8:00 p.m.; Commissioner Robinson stepped out of the meeting at 8:01 p.m. and returned at 8:04 p.m.

Mayor Kelly declared the public hearing open.

No one spoke in opposition to Resolution 10289, Ordinance 3204, or Resolution 10291.

Speaking in support of Resolution 10289, Ordinance 3204, and Resolution 10291 was:

Jana Cooper, TD&H Engineering, 1800 River Drive North, representing the owner of the development, commented that this is a great in-fill development, a great location for the type of use, and she thanked City staff for their assistance on this project.

There being no one further to address the Commission, Mayor Kelly closed the public hearing and asked the will of the Commission.

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Commissioner Bronson moved, seconded by Commissioner Robinson, that the City Commission adopt Resolution 10289 to annex Lots 8-21, Block 30 of the Replat of Lincoln Heights and approve the accompanying Findings of Fact/Basis of Decision, and the Improvement Agreement; all subject to the Conditions of Approval being fulfilled by the applicant.

Mayor Kelly asked if there was any discussion amongst the Commissioners.

Commissioner Moe inquired if the letter to abutting property owners occurs before or after the Commission's vote.

Director Raymond responded prior to and, in this case, the applicant owns the surrounding property.

There being no further discussion, Mayor Kelly called for the vote.

Motion carried 4-0.

Commissioner Moe moved, seconded by Commissioner Bronson, that the City Commission adopt Ordinance 3204 and the accompanying Findings of Fact/Basis of Decision.

Mayor Kelly asked if there was any further discussion amongst the Commissioners.

Hearing none, Mayor Kelly called for the vote.

Motion carried 4-0.

Commissioner Bronson moved, seconded by Commissioner Robinson, that the City Commission adopt Resolution 10291 vacating 15th Alley South.

Mayor Kelly asked if there was any further discussion amongst the Commissioners.

Hearing none, Mayor Kelly called for the vote.

Motion carried 4-0.

Commissioner Moe moved, seconded by Commissioner Bronson, that the City Commission approve the amended plat aggregating the subject properties legally described as Lots 8-21, Block 30 of the Replat of Lincoln heights and the adjoining right-of-way of 15th Alley South, and the accompanying Findings of Fact/Basis of Decision, subject to the Conditions of Approval being fulfilled by the applicant.

Mayor Kelly asked if there was any further discussion amongst the Commissioners.

Hearing none, Mayor Kelly called for the vote.

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Motion carried 4-0.

OLD BUSINESS

13. FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE MARKETING AGREEMENT WITH UTILITY SERVICE PARTNERS PRIVATE LABEL, INC.

City Manager Greg Doyon reported that the City Commission approved a Marketing Agreement with Utility Service Partners Private Label, Inc. at its November 20, 2018, meeting. The Agreement allowed the company to provide the City's residential property owners the opportunity, but not the obligation, to purchase service line warranty and similar products related to water service lines and for interior plumbing and drainage warranties. The company has now been authorized by the State to offer these products for external sewer/septic lines from the main, and homeowners can purchase an extended coverage to the interior plumbing.

Commissioner Moe moved, seconded by Commissioner Robinson, that the City Commission approve the First Amendment to the Marketing Agreement with Utility Service Partners Private Label, Inc.

Mayor Kelly asked if there were any comments from the public or any discussion amongst the Commissioners.

Hearing none, Mayor Kelly called for the vote.

Motion carried 4-0.

14. GREAT FALLS ANIMAL SHELTER CATTERY ADDITION (OF 1673).

City Manager Greg Doyon reported that the Commission held a special meeting on April 30, 2019, and voted to rescind the Commission's April 2nd decision to postpone the bid award. The master plan process began with Nelson Architects in 2012. The plan that Nelson Architects started to develop included remodeling the existing building, a cattery addition, canine area expansion, interior office and reception area remodeling, exterior façade renovation, site work, and some landscaping. In October, 2013, Nelson Architects and staff presented that plan to the Commission at a work session that included PowerPoint slides that described the different components of the project, and some site plans and site work. The cattery was part of a phased approach.

At a retreat in 2017, the Commission gave Animal Shelter staff approval to pursue grant funds. Since then staff has been doing a lot of fund raising to generate enough revenue to cover some of the improvements. There was never the expectation that funds would be raised at one fell swoop to do the entire project. The focus was the cattery.

The City budgeted for the hydro-incinerator since 2017, and part of the renovation project includes an appropriate space for the hydro-incinerator.

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Commissioner Bronson moved, seconded by Commissioner Robinson, that the City Commission award a contract to Detailed Construction in the amount of \$462,000 for the Great Falls Animal Shelter Cattery Addition and authorize the City Manager to execute the construction contract documents.

Mayor Kelly reminded everyone that this is a discussion about the cattery, not about merger talks or conflicts that will be addressed if it rises to an agenda item in the future. This item is just about whether or not to award a contract to build a cattery at the Great Falls Animal Shelter.

Mayor Kelly asked if there was any public comment on the motion that has been made.

Deb Scherrer, 725 7th Avenue South, commented that she has been a volunteer at the Great Falls Animal Shelter the past six years. She provided a handout of several success stories prepared by Animal Shelter staff. Ms. Scherrer commented that the volunteers have worked many hours for many years to help raise money for the Animal Shelter's expansion. The Animal Shelter staff and the volunteers are all ready to see the project come to fruition.

Erin Kolczak, 1612 2nd Avenue South, commented that over 100 cats were in the Animal Shelter's care today. Neither the Animal Shelter nor the Maclean Animal Adoption Center are set up to house over 100 cats. The average number of cats in the Animal Shelter's care in 2018 was 117. The cattery would provide badly needed space to house the cats. The new kennels would be more appropriately sized, and would reduce the potential to spread disease, decrease kennel stress, and will reduce staff time to clean and disinfect living spaces. Ms. Kolczak requested that the Commission do the right thing with the money the community has raised to make improvements on a building that would not otherwise be improved.

Pam Nicol, 2700 2nd Avenue South, commented that the new cattery would provide space for socializing, a separate space for their litter boxes and food, and an area away from the dogs, which she believes will lessen the amount of cats that get sick and will, therefore, get adopted faster. She concluded that the cattery is putting the animals first.

Lottie Hufford, 1715 7th Avenue North, concurred with prior speakers, and is in support of the cattery.

Pam Hendrickson, 1321 5th Avenue North, commented she is in favor of the cattery, noting that private funds were raised for that specific purpose. Ms. Hendrickson referred to the April 2, 2019, Commission meeting minutes and inquired if the meetings with Maclean were the reason the initial decision on the cattery contract was postponed.

Assistant City Attorney Joe Cik responded that, although it was not an official vote on an agenda item, it was clear there was a consensus of the Commission that those conversations with Maclean should begin. It is his understanding that the April 2nd decision was based on those discussions and it was advised by the legal department that the Commission not postpone the awarding of the bid past the 60 day limit. As far as the legal department is concerned, the Commission acted appropriately in calling a special meeting, receiving public input, and now putting the matter back

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on the agenda, while still allowing those informational, more investigative procedures by the Commissioners to move forward.

Mayor Kelly likened the two Commissioners' discussions with Maclean to similar situations he or other Commission members have been involved in around town to find out about homelessness, child abuse, or women against violence, to see if they can bring assistance to them from their positions or bring information back to the Commission. Those aren't public meetings where it is announced.

He, again, commented that the discussions tonight are whether the Commission moves forward with the bid on the cattery.

Ms. Hendrickson inquired about the appropriate time to ask questions.

Mayor Kelly explained the Commission members' ability to respond in this format can be limited to what is on the agenda. Referring to the discussions with Maclean, Mayor Kelly referred her to the City's legal department.

Jeni Dodd, 3245 8th Avenue North, commented that she supports the motion. The hydro-incinerator is important. She would hate to see this project postponed due to the other interests that bear no relevance on this decision.

Colyn Kilmer, 1407 11th Avenue South, commented that she has volunteered at large municipal shelters in California and Utah, and she is impressed with the good work the Great Falls Animal Shelter is doing with limited resources and space. She reiterated prior speakers' comments about why more space and the cattery are greatly needed. She support the motion.

Ryan Smith, 1328 Bear Grass Drive, Nelson Architects, spoke in support of the cattery project. He also noted that he was the project architect for a different firm when the Maclean Animal Adoption Center was being designed. At the time that building was designed, it was master planned for the City shelter function and animal control to take place within that facility should that ever happen.

Lois Engbrecht, 451 Flood Road, commented that she is impressed with the genuine care she has seen from volunteers and staff at the Great Falls Animal Shelter over the past six years. The lack of space at the Shelter is an issue. She spoke in support of the Commission awarding the bid with the funds that were donated specifically for a cattery.

Christian McClelland, 1122 4th Avenue NW, spoke in support of the cattery, and noted that she can personally attest to the lack of space for all of the cats that need cared for at the Shelter, and what open space can do for them in making their lives better while in shelter care.

Fred Burow, 1926 21st Avenue South, commented that the prior Commission approved of Animal Shelter staff proceeding with its fund raising efforts for the cattery. He spoke highly of staff for their accomplishments. He concluded that the Commission back peddling now sends a very bad

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message to any future things staff would do. He encouraged the Commission to proceed with this very needed cattery and for staff to continue its fundraising efforts.

Debbie Brewer, 91 Brandy Wine Lane, spoke in support of any improvements to be done at the Great Falls Animal Shelter. She adopted a dog two years ago and was impressed with the care and commitment exuded by the staff.

Written correspondence expressing opposition to the Commission's April 2, 2019 vote on this matter and in support of the award of the construction contract to proceed with the cattery addition was received from: Sharla Hinman (Citizen Ticket 122414be5), Linda Metzger (via email), Emily Westpfahl (Citizen Ticket 123014555), Jillian VanOverbeke (Citizen Ticket 12311b3b8), Bryce VanOverbeke (Citizen Ticket 12321603a), Linda Deering (Citizen Ticket 123319cae), Laura McElhinney (Citizen Ticket 123661121f), Pamela Nicol (Citizen Ticket 1238151d4), Erin Kolczak (Citizen Ticket 1241101b3), Karen Hockenberry (Citizen Ticket 123516269), Cheryl Walker (letter), Patrick F. Flaherty (letter), Lottie Hufford (Citizen Ticket 1248199c5), Ashly Graham (Citizen Ticket 12491e311), Jeni Dodd (Citizen Ticket 125313717).

Additional written correspondence expressing support of the construction contract to move forward with the cattery addition at the Great Falls Animal Shelter was received from: Debi Pace (Citizen Ticket 12891f410)

Mayor Kelly asked if there was any discussion amongst the Commissioners.

Commissioner Bronson commented that he came on the Commission after November, 2007, in the midst of a very pointed community debate on dealing with animals in this community. Both sides are very sincere in trying to find the best way to help animals in this community. He has found it sad and disappointing that both sides have not been able to find ways to work together over the past 12 years, but he recognizes and respects the different views and perspectives. To deal with the cat issue in this community the prior Commission recognized six years ago that it would be a good idea to look at the development of a cattery at the Animal Shelter. Approval of the cattery will provide for a much better environment for a larger number of these animals. It is heartening to him that the dedicated volunteers and a community that truly cares raised over \$460,000 to build a wonderful addition to the Animal Shelter. It's obvious that approval will also leverage the installation of the hydro-incinerator, a wonderful new piece of technology.

Commissioner Bronson continued that he does, however, think conversations should continue with Maclean Cameron Animal Adoption Center to see if there are areas of cooperation down the road. He encouraged the community to respect each other's differences of opinion regarding how to deal with this problem. Any type of agreement with Maclean will be made at a public meeting, with an opportunity for all members of the public to look at it beforehand, and then exercise independent judgment to decide whether or not those are good ideas for the Commission to pursue.

In conclusion, Commissioner Bronson encouraged everyone to confine their comments to the facts of the issue – what is best for the animals in this community.

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Commissioner Moe commented that she believes the larger issue is that it doesn't make sense for a community that is as tax sensitive as this community is to turn its back on the fact that we are duplicating services, that there are ways to work with the Foundation to meet the missions of both, and that the potential for cost savings is extraordinary. She further commented that if we can save money and provide an equal or better product, we have to let the grievances of the past go and to find a way to make it work. She believes the Commission owes that to all of the other departments within the City that are struggling to perform their missions.

Commissioner Moe believes the discussions with Maclean are important to have, and that her vote tonight does not indicate any kind of commitment to anything in the future with regard to the master plan. She urged citizens to given her and Commissioner Robinson a chance to see if they could save this community money and meet the needs of these animals.

Commissioner Robinson commented that he appreciates the comments of Commissioners Bronson and Moe. He will continue to look at ways, not only with animals, to be more efficient as a government entity to save money and spend it in areas that are important, such as fire and police.

There being no further discussion, Mayor Kelly called for the vote.

Motion carried 4-0.

Mayor Kelly called a recess at 9:00 p.m., and he called the meeting back to order at 9:04 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

15. **RESOLUTION 10295 TO AMEND RESOLUTION 10233 EXTENDING THE EFFECTIVE PERIOD TO COMPLETE THE NUISANCE ABATEMENT OF CERTAIN PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2311 4TH AVENUE SW FROM MAY 1, 2019 TO DECEMBER 31, 2019.**

Planning and Community Development Director Craig Raymond reported that this item is a request to adopt Resolution 10295 which will extend the effective period of Resolution 10233 so that the City or the current property owner may complete the abatement of the declared nuisance.

On May 1, 2018, the City Commission adopted Resolution 10233, declaring the property located at 2311 4th Avenue SW to be a nuisance pursuant to the Official Code of the City of Great Falls Title 8, Chapter 49. Resolution 10233 ordered the Nuisance to be abated and authorized staff to force abatement if necessary.

Subsequent to the passage of Resolution 10233, the City Commission approved Resolution 10273 on November 7, 2018 granting an extension to the current property, which is the mortgager, additional time to cure any remaining defects or violations. Based on the weather since November and the current owner's inability to complete the abatement, staff is requesting the Commission adopt this resolution to extend the effective period until December 21, 2019 for City staff to prepare bids and schedules for the remaining work to be completed.

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Commissioner Bronson moved, seconded by Commissioner Moe, that the City Commission adopt Resolution 10295.

Mayor Kelly asked if there were any comments from the public or any discussion amongst the Commissioners.

Hearing none, Mayor Kelly called for the vote.

Motion carried 4-0.

CITY COMMISSION

16. MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Commissioner Moe announced that BaseCamp Great Falls, formerly known as Future of the Falls, is hosting an event in the Mansfield Convention Center on May 18th from 12:00 – 6:00 p.m. It will be an innovative event that displays the community's assets, not only recreation and entertainment, but volunteer and service opportunities. Judge Pinski is also on their schedule to discuss the impacts of the opioid addiction in Great Falls.

17. COMMISSION INITIATIVES.

Mayor Kelly commented that the City has been asked to sign on to an initiative titled "10-Minute Walk to a Park Campaign" to try to become a community, or subscribe to the value of, that it is good for a community to be within a 10 minute walk to a park.

Park and Recreation Director Steve Herrig reported that this campaign came from The Trust for Public Land, National Recreation and Park Association, and the Urban Land Institute, and began in October 2017. The Montana cities of Bozeman, Missoula, and Whitefish have signed on to this campaign. Great Falls is currently above the national average of 54%, with more than 44 parks and more than 648 acres, and sits at 88%. He hasn't had a lot of time to look into it, and at this point is not sure how much staff time will be involved.

Mayor Kelly noted it is not a policy initiative, but he is asking staff to explore it. The Commission members concurred.

18. LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVES.

None.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Commission, **Commissioner Moe moved, seconded by Mayor Kelly, to adjourn the regular meeting of May 7, 2019, at 9:13 p.m.**

Motion carried 4-0.

Mayor Bob Kelly

City Clerk Lisa Kunz

Minutes Approved: May 21, 2019