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City Commission Work Session

Mayor Stebbins presiding

CALL TO ORDER: 5:30 P.M.

ROLL CALL: City Commissioners present: Dona Stebbins, Bill Beecher, Sandy Hinz, Diane Jovick-Kuntz and John Rosenbaum. Also present were the City Manager, Assistant City Manager, City Attorney, Directors of Planning, Public Works, Park and Recreation, Fiscal Services, Police Chief, Acting Fire Chief, and the City Clerk.

1. MMIA UPDATE

Bob Worthington, Executive Director of MMIA provided an update and review of MMIA and the insurance services they provide to member cities and towns.

2. CTEP FUNDS USE FOR LAND ACQUISITION.

Andrew Finch, Planning Department, presented a request for the City Commission to allocate future CTEP funds to purchase land along the Missouri River. He explained that the land would connect the River's Edge Trail on the west side of the river, provide for natural area expansion and improve the view-shed from the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center. The request was for the Commission to allocate future CTEP funds in the amount of \$50,000 that could be used to leverage additional dollars to purchase the property within the required time frame.

Mr. Finch explained that PPL Montana has the option to purchase the land. However, they were not interested in purchasing the land, they merely entered into the option to initiate the purchase by interested parties. Recreational Trails Inc., committed \$10,000 towards the purchase of the property. Fish Wildlife and Parks agreed to support the purchase and authorize staff to pursue funding options. It was anticipated they could contribute approximately 25 percent of the purchase price. Efforts to identify the remaining funding were underway. The purchase of the land was expected to be between \$350,000 and \$400,000.

Commissioner Rosenbaum asked who would own the land. Mr. Finch explained that was still to be determined. Commissioner Beecher asked who would maintain the property. Mr. Finch explained that was uncertain. Commissioner Beecher asked if there was funding to reclaim the property. Mr. Finch explained there was not.

Mayor Stebbins asked Mr. Finch to work with the group of people making this request to obtain this additional information before the City Commission could consider it.

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ADJOURN

There being no further discussion, Mayor Stebbins adjourned the work session of January 16, 2007, at 6:45 pm.