

City Commission Agenda

for

November 17, 2009

Please Note: The City Commission agenda format allows citizens to speak on each issue prior to Commission action. We encourage your participation. Please keep your remarks concise and to the topic under consideration.

CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCILS

1. Miscellaneous reports and announcements.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

OLD BUSINESS

2. Memorandum of Understanding between City and Upper/Lower River Road Water and Sewer District for Service District #3. Action: Approve or deny Memorandum of Understanding. (*Presented by: Michael Haynes*)

NEW BUSINESS

ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

CONSENT AGENDA The Consent Agenda is made up of routine day-to-day items that require Commission action. Items may be pulled from the Consent Agenda for separate discussion/vote by any Commissioner.

- 3. Minutes, November 3, 2009, Commission meeting.
- 4. Total Expenditures of \$1,989,807 for the period of October 26 through November 10, 2009, to include claims over \$5000, in the amount of \$1,831,934.
- 5. Contracts list.
- 6. Lien Release list.
- 7. Set public hearing for December 1, 2009, for consideration of the sale of the Salvation Army Addition Park property.
- 8. Accept DOE Energy Efficiency & Conservation Block Grant award in the amount of \$570,100.
- 9. Approve final payment in the amount of \$4,593.63 to United Materials of Great Falls and the State Miscellaneous Tax Fund for the Central Avenue 7th to 9th Street Mill and Overlay.

Action: Approve Consent Agenda or remove items for further discussion and approve remaining items.

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

10. Miscellaneous reports and announcements.

CITY MANAGER

11. Miscellaneous reports and announcements.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS (Public comment on any matter that is not on the agenda of the meeting and that is within the jurisdiction of the City Commission. Please keep your remarks to a maximum of 5 minutes)

12. Miscellaneous reports and announcements.

CITY COMMISSION

13. Miscellaneous reports and announcements.

MOTION TO ADJOURN



Agenda # 2 Commission Meeting Date: November 17, 2009

CITY OF GREAT FALLS COMMISSION AGENDA REPORT

Item: MOU between City and Upper/Lower River Road Water and Sewer

District (ULRRWSD) for Service District #3

From: Bill Walters, Senior Planner

Initiated By: ULRRWSD

Presented By: Michael Haynes, Planning Director

Action Requested: City Commission approve Memorandum of Understanding

Suggested Motion:

1. Commissioner moves:

"I move that the City Commission (approve/deny) the Memorandum of Understanding between the City and Upper/Lower River Road Water and Sewer District for Service District #3 and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement."

2. Mayor calls for a second, discussion, inquiries from the public and calls the vote.

Staff Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Commission approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Upper/Lower River Road Water and Sewer District for Service District #3.

Background: The City has been involved in discussions with the City County Health Department and residents of the Upper/Lower River Road area since 1996 concerning the significant groundwater and drinking water quality problems experienced by the area. A water and sewer district was formed by the residents to determine the most cost effective method of correcting the situation and providing utility service.

Over the last several years, the District's Board has investigated several ways to provide acceptable water and sewer service to the area. The most affordable alternative is for the property owners to annex into the City of Great Falls and receive municipal water and sewer service.

Annexation of Service District #1 of the ULRRWSD was approved by the City Commission on March 6, 2007, and the annexation of Service District #2 was approved March 10, 2009.

This MOU sets forth general conditions for water and sewer connections to Service District #3 from City utilities and the subsequent annexation of the 34 existing dwellings in the District to the City. The ULRRWSD and the property owners in Service District #3 will be responsible for paying the costs of the water and sewer infrastructure to serve District #3 which is estimated at \$1,378,000. The ULRRWSD will move to receive bids and construct improvements in 2010 immediately followed by annexation.

The City is willing to assist the District in providing an affordable method for landowners to proceed with the project. The project involves the District incurring debt to finance the required utilities, and with the understanding the landowners, in Service District #3, agree to annex to the City of Great Falls upon completion of construction of both water and sewer lines. Therefore, the City is proposing:

- 1. To allow annexation of Service District #3 upon receiving the necessary petitions immediately following construction.
- 2. No service line will be connected until a service agreement and annexation petition are received from the property owner.
- 3. To delay other normal city annexation requirements until debt service for water and sewer have been met. District residents understand that while the City will maintain roads within newly annexed territory, capital improvements will be delayed until such time as the property owners are willing to bear the expense of bringing the roadways up to acceptable city standards.

The public health and safety issues of the area support the city deviating from its established annexation policies. Annexation will occur by phase when utility lines have been extended by the District. The of Great Falls will receive additional tax base, increased water and sewer utility revenues, increased population by some estimated 400 households when the whole district is annexed, and increased development potential.

Concurrences: Public Works, Fiscal and Planning Department staffs have primarily been involved in the review of the attached MOU which is very similar to the MOUs previously approved for Service Districts #1 & 2.

Fiscal Impact: The MOU will eventually lead to the annexation of Service District #3 which will result in expanded service responsibilities for the City. However, the costs associated with these additional services should be offset by the expanded tax base.

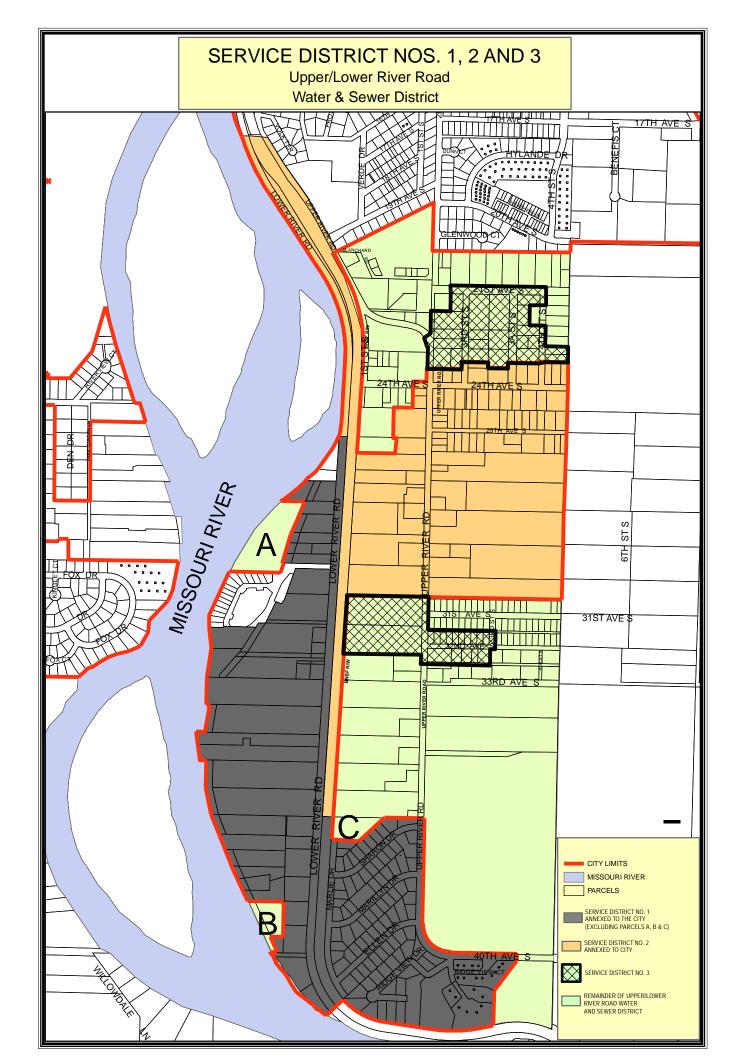
Alternatives: The City Commission could disapprove the MOU, but that would reflect a significant change in direction as previously exhibited through support of MOUs for Service Districts #1 & 2 and create a serious dilemma for the ULRRWSD.

Attachments/Exhibits:

- 1. Memorandum of Understanding
- 2. Vicinity Map

Cc: Jim Rearden, Public Works Director Dave Dobbs, City Engineer

Mike Rattray, Community Development Director John Stephenson-Love, 300 Central Ave, 7th Floor



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

UTILITY CONNECTION CONDITIONS

Between

UPPER/LOWER RIVER ROAD WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT Service District No. 3 And CITY OF GREAT FALLS, MONTANA

This agreement is made and entered into this $5 \frac{fl}{l}$ day of November, 2009, by and among the City of Great Falls, Montana, a municipal corporation organized under the laws of the State, hereinafter referred to as the City, and the Upper/Lower River Road Water and Sewer District, Montana, a duly organized and incorporated county water and sewer district, hereinafter referred to as the District (collectively, the "Parties").

WHEREAS, the City currently owns and operates a municipal water system and a municipal sewer system (the "City Utilities"); and

WHEREAS, District and City have a mutual interest in improving water quality, resolving public health issues, removing sources of groundwater contamination, and improving the tax base of the community; and

WHEREAS, the District has determined that the most feasible way to provide water and sewer service is to divide the District into Service Districts, and pursuant thereto the District has provided water and sewer service to Service District No. 1 and to Service District No. 2 which have both been annexed to the City of Great Falls, and is now preparing to provide water and sewer service to the residents of Service District No. 3; and

WHEREAS, neither public water nor sewer service is available to the residents of Service District No. 3; and

WHEREAS, District and City have worked together in an attempt to provide affordable water and sewer service to District residents; and

WHEREAS, the District and the City have determined that the most cost effective manner of providing water and sewer services to serve Service District No. 3 is for the District to finance and install water and sewer lines and related necessary improvements to connect to the City's water and sewer systems (the Water Improvements and the Sewer Improvements, collectively, the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, the City's stated policy is to require annexation as a condition precedent to the provision of City Utilities; and

WHEREAS, the Parties have developed a preliminary plan to assist in financing water and sewer improvements with Grant and Low Interest Loan funds; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to encourage the construction of the Project and make it more affordable, the City is willing to modify its annexation requirements and make its City Utilities available to the residents of Service District No. 3 on terms the District deems favorable and as set forth in this agreement; and

WHEREAS, the District Board has held public meetings and accepted input from District residents, and has taken this input into consideration.

WITNESSETH:

IN CONSIDERATION OF THE PERFORMANCE OF THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS, THE PARTIES HERETO MUTUALLY AGREE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. <u>Purpose</u>. The purpose of this agreement is to set forth general conditions for water and sewer connections to Service District No. 3 of the Upper and Lower River Road Water and Sewer District to the City Utilities and the subsequent annexation of properties in the District to the City. It is mutually agreed that more specific and detailed conditions will be set forth in an Interlocal Agreement between the Parties.

Section 2. The Improvements. The District has determined that the most affordable and feasible method for bringing water and sewer service to the District is to create a number of "Service Districts" within the District and to bring water and sewer service to the Service Districts in phases. The Board has determined that portions of the District shown on Exhibits A-1 and A-2 shall be Water and Sewer Service District No. 3 (herein Service District No. 3). The District has been awarded grants for sewer and water improvements, which can be used for Service District No. 3 and on November 3, 2009, voters in Service District No. 3 approved the issuance of bonds to provide the remaining funds required for construction of the Project. Construction will be completed in 2010. This Memorandum of Understanding shall apply to Service District No. 3 but the Board intends to create additional water and sewer Service District(s) and obtain funding for water and sewer construction in such additional Service Districts. Thus, it is contemplated that this Memorandum of Understanding shall apply to water and sewer projects for such additional Service Districts, with such changes as are necessary to fit each particular Service District.

Section 3. <u>Petition for annexation</u>. The owner of each parcel of land in Service District No. 3 which is to receive a water or sewer connection shall sign, as a condition to receiving City water or sewer service, a petition requesting annexation and waiving the right of protest of annexation. The District will provide the City with a legal description and exhibit of the Service

District No. 3 boundaries for annexation purposes prior to awarding the contract for construction of improvements for Service District No. 3.

Service District No.3, neither replacement drain fields nor other drinking water systems will be allowed within Service District No. 3. Individual irrigation wells are allowable, if no cross connection occurs between irrigation and public water mains. No service lines will be connected to the City's sewer or water system until the City has received executed water and sewer service agreements from the owners of the properties to be served and all applicable utility service line tapping, connection and inspection fees have been paid. Property owners in Service District No. 3 not signing an appropriate water or sewer service agreement will still be assessed or charged for the Service District No. 3 Improvements.

Section 5. Zoning; Legal Non-Conforming Use. Once the property in Service District No. 3 is annexed to the City, the City will zone the property consistent with the existing suburban residential and other mixed land uses in the area. All existing commercial, multifamily, and light industrial uses, which were legally established under zoning in effect at the time of annexation, will be allowed to continue.

Section 6. Ownership, Operation and Maintenance. The City will assume ownership of the Improvements in Service District No. 3 upon substantial completion of the Improvements and acceptance by the City. The District shall require that the Improvements be subject to a two-year warranty from the contractor. The City will be responsible for the operation and maintenance of the Improvements, at citywide standard rates per user. The City will bill each user directly for the costs of operations and maintenance. The City will give legal notice of any proposed rate increase. The capital costs of the Project will be payable separately by the users or property owners in Service District No. 3 in accordance with the method of financing used to construct the Improvements. The City will provide administrative services to Service District No. 3 at no additional cost, for accounts management, billing, and debt service collection as appropriate.

Section 7. Reimbursements.

7.1. The District agrees to reimburse the City for Harold Mora for \$36,522 and for Roy Volk for \$92,320, per their annexation agreements, and to the City for the cost of an eight (8) inch equivalent water main (\$170,456) not to exceed \$299,298 total. The District has to date reimbursed the City \$132,000, due to Mora and Volk, of this amount as part of the construction costs of the water and sewer improvements constructed in Service District No. 1 and has reimbursed the City an additional \$83,300 of this amount as part of the costs of the water and sewer improvements constructed in Service District No. 2. The remaining reimbursement shall be prorated among the Service Districts within the District based on Equivalent Dwelling Units (EDU's). The pro rata share for Service District No. 3 is determined to be \$23,495.

Subsequently created Service Districts shall bear their respective pro rata shares until the City is reimbursed the total sum of \$299,298 for all phases. Reimbursement for each phase will be determined by the percentage of EDU's in that phase in comparison to the total number of EDU's in the District. Reimbursement to the City for previous construction of South Interceptor sewer main, Schedule IV, Section One (1) through the District will not be required.

Section 8. Parkland and Storm Drain Fee.

- 8.1. The City will waive the Parkland dedication requirement as well as payment in lieu of Parkland dedication associated with the annexation of the District property to the City.
- 8.2. Upon annexation of Service Districts to the City, the District will pay the standard storm drain fee (\$250 per acre). The storm drain fee for Service District No. 3 is calculated to be \$8,240 based on 32.96 acres. The City agrees to the extent possible to use such storm sewer fees to construct and install storm drainage facilities in the Service Districts.
- Section 9. No Waiver of Right to Protest Other Special Improvement Districts. The City will not require residents of Service District No. 3 to waive their right of protest for future special improvement districts for roadway, street lighting, and storm drain improvements. It is mutually agreed and understood that the District will not be involved in formation of roadway, storm drain, lighting, or other Special Improvement Districts. Nothing herein obligates the City to upgrade or improve roadways within the District.

Section 10. Life Safety Code Inspection, Expense.

10.1. The City will utilize no interest "deferred payment" CDBG housing rehab funds to assist income eligible residents in meeting life safety codes and / or constructing utility service lines.

Section 11. City Contributions.

- 11.1. The City will bear the cost of over-sizing of all water and sewer pipelines in the District that are required for future growth to the south, east and west of the District as determined by the City.
 - 11.2. The City will endorse and support all District efforts for funding of the Project.

Section 12. Permits and Connections

12.1 The District will obtain a water service permit and a sewer permit from the City as specified by current City ordinance for each property to be served. These permits may not

include the cost of the corporation, curb stop and curb box as those materials may be part of the project.

- 12.2 A licensed plumbing contractor will be required for all water service line installations. Each individual property owner will employ a licensed plumbing contractor to obtain necessary permits from the City to extend the service from the curb box to the house. The City retains the right of inspection and approval of water service lines.
- 12.3 Each individual sewer connector to the District's sewer main, while it is under the jurisdiction of the District, will obtain a City sewer permit for extension of the service line from the property line to the building. The City will then inspect the sewer service line from the property line to the house connection.
- 12.4 The District will inspect main line and service piping within the public easements and rights of way consistent with City inspection policy.

Section 13. City Water and Sewer Ordinances Applicable

Section 13.1 The District will enact an ordinance specifying that users of water and sewer service within the District shall be subject to applicable city water and sewer ordinances.

Section 14. Debt for District Improvements.

- 14.1. The District shall be responsible for paying the costs of the Improvements, except as provided in Section 11.
- 14.2. The District Board has determined that bonded indebtedness shall be repaid from special assessments based on an equal method of assessment (the equivalent dwelling unit method). The District will enact ordinances and resolutions as may be required for the repayment of District debt, including ordinances that will require that new subdivisions or users who obtain new or additional water and/or sewer service after original construction and who have not contributed to the capital costs of the Improvements shall pay a pro-rata share of the costs of the Improvements.
- Section 15. <u>Individual Annexation</u>. The annexation conditions and concessions of this Memorandum will not apply to individual properties within the District wishing to annex prior to or separate from overall District annexation. The City will administer such annexations in accordance with standard City policies and procedures.
- Section 16. <u>Reimbursements to District residents.</u> Future users who connect to District financed water and sewer main extensions will pay a connection fee equal to the pro-rated cost of

the project improvements, even after annexation. Connection fee revenues shall be utilized in the best interest of overall water and sewer district residents, as determined by the District Board.

Section 17. Monthly Storm Drain Fees. All lots in all Service Districts will be assessed monthly storm drain fees per "Land Use Classification Group E", regardless of land use or number of dwelling units on the parcel, under the City Storm Drain Ordinance for developed property that does not discharge to an underground storm drainage system. Changes can be made to the Land Use Classifications for a property or group of properties if underground storm drainage improvements are made or if the land use code for a property changes. It is mutually understood that if or when formal storm drain capital improvements are installed by the City, the user classifications may change.

By the City of Great Falls:	By the District:
Greg Doyon, City Manager	John Stephenson-Love, President
Attest:	Attest:

Regular City Commission Meeting

Mayor Stebbins presiding

CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL: City Commissioners present: Dona R. Stebbins, Bill Bronson, John Rosenbaum and Bill Beecher. Also present were the Assistant City Manager, Acting City Attorney, Directors of Community Development, Fiscal Services, Park and Recreation, Planning and Public Works, Interim Library and Planning Directors, the Assistant Fire Chief, Police Chief, and the City Clerk.

PRESENTATION: Preservation Officer Ellen Sievert presented the Official City of Great Falls Ornament: Great Falls 125th Anniversary, Vinegar Jones Cabin

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCILS

1. There were no miscellaneous reports or announcements from neighborhood council representatives.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

Ord. 3046. Accepted on first reading and set public hearing for December 1, 2009.

2. ORDINANCE 3046, ASSIGN CITY ZONING TO CASTLE PINES ADDITION, PHASE VIII.

Interim Planning Director Bill Walters reported that in September the City Commission conditionally approved the Preliminary Plat of Castle Pines Addition, Phases VIII-IX. The developer of Castle Pines Addition, Harold Poulsen, has requested approval of the final plat and annexation of Phase VIII of the Preliminary Plat. The subdivision consists of 14 single-family residential lots along 29th Avenue South between 15th and 16th Streets South. Ordinance 3046 assigns a City zoning classification of R-3 Single-Family district to Castle Pines Addition, Phase VIII.

Mr. Walters requested that the Commission accept Ordinance 3046 on first reading and set a public hearing for December 1, 2009, when the final plat and annexation documents will also be considered.

Commissioner Rosenbaum moved, seconded by Commissioner Bronson, that the City Commission accept Ordinance 3046 on first

reading, and set public hearing for December 1, 2009.

Mayor Stebbins asked if there was any discussion amongst the Commissioners or inquiries from the public. No one responded.

Motion carried 4-0.

Res. 9871. Adopted.

3. RESOLUTION 9871, A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING CONGRESSIONAL RECOGNITION OF THE LITTLE SHELL TRIBE OF CHIPPEWA INDIANS IN MONTANA.

Commissioner Bronson reported that in 2006 the City Commission passed Resolution 9623 supporting federal recognition of the Little Shell Tribe of Chippewa Indians. Recently, it was made aware that the Office of Federal Acknowledgements (OFA), despite having made preliminary findings in support of recognition of the Tribe in 2000, has now come to the conclusion that the Tribe is not entitled to federal recognition.

Senators Baucus and Tester, and Congressman Rehberg have spoken out publicly about the long delays in the administrative process. Senator Tester has commented that the system is "broken."

Commissioner Bronson proposed at the agenda meeting that the Commission reaffirm its support, and to recognize that the only way for the Tribe to receive recognition is through the congressional process.

Commissioner Bronson moved, seconded by Commissioner Beecher, that the City Commission adopt Resolution 9871.

Mayor Stebbins asked if there was any discussion amongst the Commissioners. No one responded.

Mayor Stebbins asked if there were any inquiries from the public.

James Parker Shield, reported that Great Falls serves as the headquarters for the Little Shell Chippewa Tribe. The largest population of tribal members resides in the Great Falls area, and they see the City of Great Falls as one of their strong partners in their effort to obtain federal recognition. The process through the Bureau of Indian Affairs is broken. The United States Senate is conducting a hearing tomorrow about the process. He noted that the recognition would benefit the community as a whole.

John Gilbert, 3509 14th Avenue South, commented that he is a small business owner in Great Falls. Living in the City of Great Falls for the past six years has been a pleasure. Mr. Gilbert reported that he is a Little Shell Tribe member, past-chairman of the Tribal council, and has been to Washington D.C. to represent the Little Shell Tribe on the federal recognition committee. He did not think they were being treated fairly. The

Department of Interior has made a gross mistake on behalf of the Little Shell people. All members across the state were saddened by the negative determination. On behalf of the Little Shell people, he thanked Commissioner Bronson for coming forward with this resolution.

Motion carried 4-0.

Consent Agenda. Approved.

CONSENT AGENDA

- 4. Minutes, October 20, 2009, Commission meeting.
- 5. Minutes, October 23, 2009, Special Commission meeting.
- **6.** Total expenditures of \$1,543,994 for the period of October 15-29, 2009, to include claims over \$5,000, in the amount of \$1,330,958.
- 7. Contracts list.
- **8.** Lien release list.
- 9. Award construction contract to Phillips Construction LLC in the amount of \$53,674 for the Gore Hill Sanitary Sewer Relocation. **OF 1425.3**
- **10.** Approve Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$3,000.28 and final payment in the amount of \$3,465.28 to River City Concrete and final payment to the State Miscellaneous Tax Division in the amount of \$35 for the 2009 Valley Gutters and Handicap Ramps. **OF 1485.7**
- **11.** Approve the Utilities Agreement with the Montana Department of Transportation for the reconstruction of 10th Avenue South, from 26th to 20th Street. **OF 1447**

Commissioner Beecher moved, seconded by Commissioner Bronson, that the City Commission approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Mayor Stebbins asked if there was any discussion amongst the Commissioners. No one responded.

Mayor Stebbins asked if there were any inquiries from the public.

Kathy Gessaman, 1006 36th Avenue NE. With regard to Item 7b, Ms. Gessaman inquired if CTA Architects and Engineers would include energy efficiency standards in their design and was responded to affirmatively.

Ron Gessaman, 1006 36th Avenue NE, raised an objection to the minutes concerning his comments on agenda items 2 and 3 that the minutes, in his opinion, were inadequate. With regard to Item 6, Mr. Gessaman requested an explanation for the NorthWestern Energy and Montana Waste Systems charges. He was informed that the charge for September to Montana Waste System was the monthly tipping fees at the High Plains Landfill, and that the bill from NorthWestern Energy for Special Lighting Districts was for the cost of distribution and lease fees as a replacement factor. Those charges are approved by tariff from the Public Service Commission statewide.

Mr. Gessaman recalled that a prior representation was made that the charges were exclusive to Great Falls and were not statewide.

Motion carried 4-0.

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

Minor Plat of Salvation Army Addition. Approved.

12. MINOR PLAT OF SALVATION ARMY ADDITION.

Interim Planning Director Bill Walters reported that the Salvation Army has leased property from the City at 17th Avenue South and 9th Street for their recreation facility and softball field since 1975. In preparation of the possible sale of the property to the Salvation Army, the City has caused to be prepared the Minor Plat of Salvation Army Addition which consolidates various parcels and updates the description of the involved property. The portion of the Minor Plat not leased by the Salvation Army is the City Pet Cemetery which the City intends to retain and for which a variance is needed for an access easement.

The Planning Board has recommended the City Commission approve the Minor Plat of Salvation Army Addition and the involved variance.

Commissioner Bronson moved, seconded by Commissioners Beecher and Rosenbaum, that the City Commission approve the Minor Plat of Salvation Army Addition and grant a variance allowing access for Lot 2 through an easement provided within Lot 1 of said Minor Plat.

Mayor Stebbins asked if there was any discussion amongst the Commissioners. No one responded.

Mayor Stebbins asked if there were any inquiries from the public.

Ron Gessaman, 1006 36th Avenue NE, inquired if the water service to the Pet Cemetery would continue, and was informed the irrigation and maintenance would continue. Mr. Gessaman commented that he did not see the access easement on the Minor Plat. Park and Recreation Director Marty Basta responded that the property was recently surveyed by Woith Engineering. The City will retain a 20' easement on the eastern boundary of Lot 1 for access to the Pet Cemetery.

Motion carried 4-0.

13. MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.

CITY MANAGER

14. MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Assistant City Manager Cheryl Patton introduced Mike Haynes, the new Planning Director, and welcomed him to the management team as well as to the City of Great Falls.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

15. MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Mayor Stebbins opened the meeting to Petitions and Communications.

Great Falls Airport Authority Board/Cynthia Schultz. **15A.** Kevin O'Donnell, 614 Park Drive South, Ed Buttrey, 27 Granite Hill Lane, Ben Ives, 750 6th Street SW, Dave Bertelson, 1209 Buena Drive, and Rod Jackson, 217 19th Avenue NW, all expressed opposition to the Great Falls Airport Authority Board's recent decision to not renew Cynthia Schultz's contract. Everyone spoke very highly of the many accomplishments and projects completed under her leadership as Airport Director. They urged the City Commission to do what it could to work with the current director on a new contract that will be suitable to both parties so that the community wouldn't be jeopardized by losing an asset.

Standard & Poor's report, ECP.

15B. Ron Gessaman, 1006 36th Avenue NE, discussed the Standard & Poor's BBB rating as reported by the *Tribune*, and disagreed with prior statements made that the rating was favorable. Mr. Gessaman discussed contents of the report regarding the cost of the plant and busbar cost of power from the project in 2012, also being more than what has been previously stated. Mr. Gessaman also read blog comments from today's *Tribune* article regarding last night's ECP Board meeting.

CITY COMMISSION

16. MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourn.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, Commissioner Bronson moved, seconded by Commissioners Beecher and Rosenbaum, that the regular meeting of November 3, 2009, be adjourned at 7:43p.m.

Motion carried	1 4-0.
	Mayor Stebbins
	City Clerk

Minutes Approved: November 17, 2009



Agenda # 4
Commission Meeting Date: November 17, 2009

CITY OF GREAT FALLS COMMISSION AGENDA REPORT

ITEM: \$5,000 Report

Invoices and Claims in Excess of \$5,000

PRESENTED BY: Fiscal Services Director

ACTION REQUESTED: Approval with Consent Agenda

TOTAL CHECKS ISSUED AND WIRE TRANSFERS MADE ARE NOTED BELOW WITH AN ITEMIZED LISTING OF ALL TRANSACTIONS GREATER THAN \$5000:

MASTER ACCOUNT CHECK RUN FOR OCTOBER 29, 2009 TO NOVEMBER 4, 2009	469,023.03
MASTER ACCOUNT CHECK RUN FOR NOVEMBER 5, 2009 TO NOVEMBER 10, 2009	716,476.03
MUNICIPAL COURT ACCOUNT CHECK RUN FOR OCTOBER 26, 2009 TO OCTOBER 30, 2009	45,140.00
MUNICIPAL COURT ACCOUNT CHECK RUN FOR OCTOBER 31, 2009 TO NOVEMBER 6, 2009	1,535.00
WIRE TRANSFERS FROM OCTOBER 30, 2009 TO NOVEMBER 4, 2009	59,815.34
WIRE TRANSFERS FROM NOVEMBER 5, 2009 TO NOVEMBER 10, 2009	697,817.94

TOTAL: \$ 1,989,807.34

GENERAL FUND

CITY COMMISSION BURNS & MCDONNELL CASCADE COUNTY ELECTION DEPT SPECIAL REVENUE FUND	PMT #1 ENERGY CONSULTANT SERVICES 2009 MUNICIPAL PRIMARY ELECTION	35,796.00 36,105.60
PLANNING		
MICHAEL HAYNES	REIMBURSEMENT FOR MOVING EXPENSES	7,451.63
STREET DISTRICT		
UNITED MATERIALS	PMT #2 5TH AVE S & 13TH AVE S	54.960.24
ONTED WATERIALS	RECONSTRUCTION	54,300.24
CONCRETE DOCTOR	PMT #2 FOR MISC CONCRETE MUDJACKING	6,372.11
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FEDERAL BLOCK GRANTS		
CASCADE ELECTRIC CO	PMT #1 LABOR & MATERIALS FOR	12,811.54
	ELECTRIC UPGRADE COMMUNITY REC	
	CENTER	
NEIGHBORWORKS	PURCHASE FORECLOSED PROPERTY	107,166.00
	1326 5TH AVE S	
HANDS PROGRAM	SCHOLARSHIPS FOR SEPTEMBER 2009	6,897.04
A T KLEMENS & SONS	PMT #1 & #2 ROOF REPLACEMENT @	58,995.00
DAVID KUCLIN	CENTER FOR MENTAL HEALTH	40.620.00
DAVID KUGLIN	PMT #2 FOR 2009 CDBG HANDICAP RAMPS (SPLIT AMONG FUNDS)	40,639.00
KALEX CONSTRUCTION &	PMT #1 LABOR FOR DOOR & WINDOW	15,239.25
DEVELOPMENT	REPLACEMENT @ CENTER FOR MENTAL	10,209.20
DEVELOT MENT	HEALTH	

SPECIAL REVENUE FUND CONTINUED

HOME GRANTS		
NEIGHBORWORKS	DRAWDOWN #12 FROM NHS	69,026.16
NEIGHBORWORKS	DRAWDOWN #13 FROM NHS	62,998.57
NEIGHBORWORKS	DRAWDOWN FOR DOWN PAYMENT	15,747.11
	ASSISTANCE PER NHS	
ENTERPRISE FUNDS		
WATER		
UNITED MATERIALS	PMT #1 7TH & 8TH AVE S WMR (SRF) REPLACEMENT OF PORTIONS OF WATER SYSTEM	199,554.82
SEWER		
NCI ENGINEERING	PMT #16 LIFT STATION & WWTP REHAB PROJECT	10,230.00
STORM DRAIN		
DAVID KUGLIN	PMT #3 22ND STREET SO STORM DRAIN EXTENSION	69,472.80
CASCADE COUNTY TREASURER	PROPERTY TAX FOR WESTSIDE FLOOD	13,414.91
DAVID KUGLIN	DISTRICT PMT #2 FOR 2009 CDBG HANDICAP RAMPS (SPLIT AMONG FUNDS)	6,758.44
DARWING		
PARKING ENTRANCE CONTROLS INC	RE-WIRE ARM FOR ENTRY TICKET DISPENSERS, TO ARM THE FEE COMPUTER AT THE EXIT POINT & INSTALLATION OF COUNTERS	6,182.46
ELECTRIC		
SOUTHERN	PMT OF ENERGY SUPPLY EXPENSE OCT 09	650,000.00
CIVIC CENTER EVENTS CLUB BIG HOUSE	PAY OUT TICKET PROCEEDS CONTRACT #10-23 RODNEY CARRINGTON	46,251.55
INTERNAL SERVICES FUND		
HEALTH & BENEFITS		
BLUE CROSS/BLUE SHIELD BLUE CROSS/BLUE SHIELD	HEALTH INS CLAIMS OCT 27-OCT 31, 2009 ADMIN & REINSURANCE NOVEMBER 2009	59,393.59 47,817.94
INSURANCE & SAFETY		
MONTANA MUNICIPAL INTERLOCAL AUTHORITY	OCTOBER 2009 GEN LIAB DEDUCTIBLE RECOVERIES	18,852.39
CENTRAL GARAGE		
MOUNTAIN VIEW CO-OP	FUEL	18,139.50

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UTILITY BILLS		
NORTHWESTERN ENERGY ENERGY WEST MONTANA WASTE SYSTEMS	SEPTEMBER 2009 CHARGES OCTOBER 2009 CHARGES OCTOBER 2009 CHARGES	21,605.86 15,991.54 77,403.03
CLAIMS OVER \$5000 TOTAL:		\$ 1,831,934.08

CITY OF GREAT FALLS, MONTANA

AGENDA: <u>5</u>

DATE: November 17, 2009

COMMUNICATION TO THE CITY COMMISSION

ITEM: CONTRACT LIST

Itemizing contracts not otherwise approved or ratified by City Commission Action

(Listed contracts are available for inspection in the City Clerk's Office.)

PRESENTED BY: Lisa Kunz, City Clerk

ACTION REQUESTED: Ratification of Contracts through the Consent Agenda

MAYOR'S SIGNATURE:

CONTRACT LIST

	DEPARTMENT	OTHER PARTY (PERSON OR ENTITY)	PERIOD	FUND	AMOUNT	PURPOSE
A	Public Works – Engineering	Howard Cary	In effect for perpetuity from date of execution (unless released afterwards)	N/A	N/A (Upper Lower Water Sewer District No. 3 to pay recording fees)	Utility Easement for sanitary sewer main (Lot 26 per amended plat #5608 of Grandview Tracts, Section 13, T20N, R3E)

В	Public Works – Engineering	Howard Cary	In effect for perpetuity from date of execution (unless released afterwards)	N/A	N/A (Upper Lower Water Sewer District No. 3 to pay recording fees)	Utility Easement for sanitary sewer main (Lot 30 per amended plat #5608 of Grandview Tracts, Section 13, T20N, R3E)
C	Park and Recreation/ Mansfield Events Office	Montana Repertory Theatre	02/11/2010	571	\$3,500	Montana Repertory Theatre Leading Ladies Tour Contract (promote Montana Repertory Theatre w/Great Falls Community Concert Assoc.)
D	Public Works	Dickman Excavating	2009/2010	237-3131- 532-2799	\$40,000	Annual street sanding material for snow and ice control

CITY OF GREAT FALLS, MONTANA COMMUNICATION TO THE CITY COMMISSION

AGENDA:	6
DATE: Nove	ember 17, 2009

ITEM: LIEN RELEASE LIST

Itemizing liens not otherwise approved or ratified by City Commission Action

(Listed liens are available for inspection in the City Clerk's Office.)

PRESENTED BY: Lisa Kunz, City Clerk

ACTION REQUESTED: Ratification of Lien Releases through the Consent Agenda

MAYOR'S SIGNATURE:

LIEN RELEASES

	DEPARTMENT	OTHER PARTY (PERSON OR ENTITY)	PERIOD	FUND	AMOUNT	PURPOSE
A	Fiscal Services	Property Owner – Laurie A. Migneault	Current	237-3131-532-3599	\$200.00	Partial Release of Resolution #9762 for assessing the cost of removal and disposal of nuisance weeds at 1400 18 th Avenue South, Lot 1- 2, Blk 20, Prospect Park Addition. Parcel #1280600

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В	Fiscal Services	Property Owner – Wells Fargo Bank, NA	Current	513-3165-532-3599	\$237.61	Partial Release of Resolution #9765 to levy and assess properties for unpaid utility services at W37½' Lot 11, Blk 187, Great Falls Original. Parcel #79800
C	Fiscal Services	Property Owner – Penny Huntsberger	Current	513-3165-532-3599	\$820.96	Partial Release of Resolution #9765 to levy and assess properties for unpaid utility services at Lot 14, Blk 487, Great Falls First Addition. Parcel #262800
D	Fiscal Services	Property Owner – Christine J. & Aladreth Nelson	Current	237-3131-532-3599	\$200	Partial Release of Resolution #9861 to assess the cost of removal and disposal of nuisance weeds at 603 Willowcreek Court, Lot 8, Block 12, Portage Meadows 3 rd Addition. Parcel #1234750
E	Fiscal Services	Property Owner – Secretary of HUD	Current	513-3165-532-3599	\$382.55	Partial Release of Resolution #9860 to levy and assess unpaid utility services located at 312 11 th Street North, Lots 6-7, Block 240, Great Falls First Addition. Parcel #114550



Agenda #____7
Commission Meeting Date: November 17, 2009

CITY OF GREAT FALLS COMMISSION AGENDA REPORT

Item: Sale of City Owned Park Land: Lot 1 of Salvation Army Addition – 1000 17th Avenue S.

From: Marty Basta, Parks and Recreation Director

Initiated By: Parks and Recreation Department

Presented By: Marty Basta, Parks and Recreation Director

Action Requested: Set a Public Hearing

Suggested Motion:

1. Commissioner moves:

"I move that the City Commission set a public hearing for the consideration of the sale of Salvation Army Addition Park property for December 1, 2009."

2. Mayor calls for a second, discussion, inquiries from the public, and calls the motion and vote.

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends that the City Commission set a public hearing for the consideration of the sale of Lot 1 of the Salvation Army Addition Park property located at 1000 17th Avenue South for December 1, 2009."

Background: The Salvation Army, a California Corporation, has leased 3.68 acres of park land in the Highland Park Addition since July 1, 1974 at a cost of \$1.00 per year. They have since constructed a Family and Youth Center on the property as well as irrigation and improvements associated with a baseball field. The 35 year lease of the Park property expired July 1, 2009. The Salvation Army contacted the City to request a lease renewal for their facilities on Park property. The Salvation Army indicated that they would be interested in purchasing the Park land, for its appraised value, to provide long term security for the substantial investment made to the property since the original 1974 lease.

In accordance with Title 3, Chapter 4, Section 3.4.040 OCCGF "**Appraisal**' a fair market value was established for the Park land, previously leased by the Salvation Army, based on an appraisal prepared in accordance with Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practices. The 3.68 acres leased by the Salvation Army was appraised at \$470,000.00.

A Minor Plat of the Salvation Army Addition as well as a variance allowing access for Lot 2, the City Pet Cemetery, through an easement provided within Lot 1 of the said Minor Plat was approved by the City Commission on November 3, 2009.

Title 3, Chapter 4, Section 3.04.50 OCCCGF "**Bidding**" states that "The sale trade or lease of said property must be made to the highest responsible bidder except:

1. Where there is no actual potential for more than one party interested in making a bid:"

The determination that there are "no actual potential bidders" is based on: 1) The length of the lease between the City and the Salvation Army (35 years); 2) Significant improvements made to the property by the Salvation Army (construction of the building and parking lot); 3) No other party has expressed an interest in leasing the area.

Concurrences: The Park Advisory Board approved the sale of the Salvation Army Park property at their August 10, 2009 meeting. Neighborhood Council #6 also endorsed the sale of the property at their November 4, 2009 meeting. This transaction has been reviewed and approved by the City Attorney.

Fiscal Impact: The sale of that portion of the Salvation Army Addition previously leased by the Salvation Army will provide revenue to the Park Trust Fund.

Alternatives: The City Commission could reject the sale of the Salvation Army Park property and authorize staff to renew the lease of the Park property to the Salvation Army.



Agenda #____8

Commission Meeting Date: November 17, 2009

CITY OF GREAT FALLS COMMISSION AGENDA REPORT

Item: Department of Energy (DOE), Energy Efficiency & Conservation Block

Grant

From: Community Development Department

Initiated By: Chris Imhoff, CDBG/HOME Administrator

Presented By: Mike Rattray, Director of Community Development

Action Requested: Accept the DOE Energy Efficiency & Conservation Block Grant award in

the amount of \$570,100

Suggested Motion:

1. Commissioner moves:

"I move that the City Commission (accept/reject) the DOE Energy Efficiency & Conservation Block Grant award in the amount of \$570,100."

2. Mayor calls for a second, discussion, inquiries from the public, and calls the vote.

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends the City Commission accept the DOE grant award.

Background: In April 2009, the federal Department of Energy released stimulus funding for Energy Efficiency & Conservation Block Grant allocations to cities and states of the nation. The City of Great Falls was allocated \$570,100. The City Commissioners were provided a list of proposed projects for the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) during the Work Session on June 16, 2009. Approval was given to submit the projects as part of the EECBG application. A grant application for these funds listing the seven project activities was submitted to DOE in June. Great Falls was awarded the grant on October 30, 2009.

A 10% match, identified in the current operating budget for in kind labor and reserves has been provided for the grant. Additionally rebates from NorthWestern Energy for lighting efficiency upgrades have been included in the project budgets.

Significant Impacts

The funds will be utilized for energy conservation projects in city owned buildings and infrastructure that will save ongoing utility costs for the City. The City will develop an

Energy Efficiency and Conservation Strategy that can be used in the future to garner additional federal funds for energy efficiency related grants. Energy audits will be carried out on all city owned buildings to reveal energy saving strategies.

Citizen Participation

Not applicable

Workload Impacts

Some staff time will be utilized for grant reporting, accounting, procuring contractors or materials, and accommodating work site preparation for projects.

Purpose

The grant is designed to allow communities to develop energy efficiency and conservation strategies that will augment planning for projects to conserve energy. The focus of the Great Falls grant application was saving energy and tax payer dollars by operating City owned buildings more efficiently through lighting and HVAC system upgrades.

Project Work Scope

The grant funds are budgeted for seven projects: 1) professional services to undertake an energy audit of all of the city owned, occupied buildings, and to develop a full blown Energy Efficiency and Conservation Strategy; 2) replace city owned traffic and pedestrian signal lights with energy efficient LED lights; 3) upgrade all of the ballasts and lamps in the four city fire stations and the fire training center to energy efficient lighting; 4) upgrade all of the ballasts and lamps in the police station to energy efficient lighting; 5) upgrade the HVAC and lighting in the Park and Recreation Department main building and shop buildings; 6) upgrade the Public Works engineering building HVAC and replace existing Public Works Administration Building atmospheric gas fired boiler with new condensing boiler and roof mounted air conditioner unit; and 7) reseal 50 leaking windows and replace 19 fogged window panes in the City/County Health Building.

Evaluation and Selection Process

All City Departments were asked to submit projects that would result in energy efficiency and conservation. All projects that were submitted with professional documentation of energy savings were included in the application.

Conclusion

This grant not only provides the City the opportunity to complete some energy efficiency projects for city owned buildings, but it will result in energy audits for all major city owned buildings and a key element necessary to apply for future energy conservation grants and Energy Efficiency and Conservation Strategy for the City of Great Falls.

Concurrences: All City Departments.

Fiscal Impact: The grant allows the City to complete energy efficiency projects at little cost which will save on utility bills in the future. The City match for the projects of \$63,534 amounts to 10.03 % of the total project costs.

Alternatives: The Commission could reject the award of the grant.

Attachments/Exhibits: The voluminous DOE Assistance Agreement may be viewed in the City Clerk's office.

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Commission Meeting Date: November 17, 2009

CITY OF GREAT FALLS COMMISSION AGENDA REPORT

Item: Final Payment – Central Avenue – 7th to 9th Street Mill and Overlay,

O. F. 1573.

From: Engineering Division

Initiated By: Public Works Department

Presented By: Jim Rearden, Public Works Director

Action Requested: Approve Final Pay Request

Suggested Motion:

1. Commissioner moves:

"I move the City Commission approve Final Payment for the <u>Central Avenue – 7^{th} to 9^{th} Street Mill and Overlay, O. F. 1573.2 in the amount of \$4,547.69 to United Materials of Great Falls, Inc., and \$45.94 to the State Miscellaneous Tax Fund and authorize the City Manager to make the payments."</u>

2. Mayor calls for a second, discussion, inquiries from the public, and calls for the vote.

Staff Recommendation: Approve final payment request.

Background:

Significant Impacts

Through this project, two City blocks of Central Avenue from 7th Street to 9th Street were milled and overlaid.

Citizen Participation

Not Applicable

Workload Impacts

City engineering staff designed the project and performed construction inspection and contract administration duties.

Purpose

Milling and overlaying a street helps improve the road surface and limits deterioration of the asphalt that would require a costly street reconstruction in the future. This road's Condition Index, as rated by the Street Department through a street condition software program, showed it to be a good candidate for a mill and overlay project.

Project Work Scope

Approximately 5,930 square feet of asphalt was milled and overlaid. This work included milling down the existing asphalt four inches and then placing reinforcing fabric and a two inch thick asphalt overlay back. Since the new street grade is lower than the existing grade, several manholes and gate valves were adjusted as well. The extra two inches of milling reduced a high spot located in the middle of Central Avenue caused by previous asphalt overlays done without milling.

Evaluation and Selection Process

One bid was received and opened for this project on July 22, 2009. United Materials of Great Falls, Inc submitted a bid of \$91,900. The City Commission awarded the contract to United Materials on August 4, 2009.

Conclusion

City staff has verified that United Materials has completed all work and punch list items in accordance with the plans and contract. The City can accept the project and execute the Final Payment. The project was completed within the contract time with substantial completion being achieved September 11, 2009.

Concurrences:

Not Applicable

Fiscal Impact:

The final cost of the project is \$91,872.50 which is \$27.50 less than the original contract. Funding for this project came from the Street Maintenance Fund.

Alternatives:

The City Commission could vote to deny the Final Payment

Attachments/Exhibits:

1. Application for Final Payment is attached. (Not available online; on file in City Clerk's Office.)