RESOLUTION NO. 10090

A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF GREAT FALLS, MONTANA, REOPENING A PREVIOUSLY CLOSED SEGMENT OF 20TH STREET SOUTH ADJACENT TO GREAT FALLS HIGH SCHOOL, and RESCINDING PORTIONS OF RESOLUTION NOS. 6859 AND 6920

WHEREAS, the Great Falls City Commission passed Resolution Nos. 6859 and 6920 which closed portions of 20th Street South at 4th Avenue South and 2nd Avenue South, and segments of 3rd and 4th Alleys South, on August 17, 1976 and March 15, 1977, respectively; and

WHEREAS, Great Falls Public Schools, School District #1, approached the City of Great Falls with a proposal to reopen portions of 20th Street South for the purpose of easing emergency vehicle access, creating additional school parking, relieving congestion, and discouraging unsafe vehicle movements created by the "Dead End" status of 3rd Avenue South where it intersects 20th Street South; and

WHEREAS, School District #1 requested that only the following portions of the Street be reopened:

a segment of 20^{th} Street South which is bounded on the south by the south right-of-way line of 2^{nd} Avenue South, and bounded on the north by a line which is parallel to and 22 ½ feet north of the south right-of-way line of 2^{nd} Avenue South; and, a segment of 20^{th} Street South which is bounded on the north by the north right-of-way line of 4^{th} Avenue South, and bounded on the south by a line which is parallel to and 22 ½ feet south of the north right-of-way line of 4^{th} Avenue South, and bounded on the south by a line which is parallel to and $22 \frac{1}{2}$ feet south of the north right-of-way line of 4^{th} Avenue South, as depicted on the attached map attached as Exhibit A;

and

WHEREAS, the City of Great Falls Public Works Department has reviewed the School District's proposal and determined that with reopening of the street portions set forth above, two way traffic movements will be restored on 20th Street South between 2nd and 3rd Avenue South, and because of existing geometrics, the segment of 20th Street between 3rd Avenue and 4th Avenue South will, by default become a southbound one way street; and

WHEREAS, by opening these portions of 20th Street South and by using accepted standard traffic control measures (i.e. signs and pavement markings), orderly ingress and egress to the front of Great Falls High School, will be furthered, reducing congestion and discouraging unsafe vehicle maneuvers; and

WHEREAS, by this action, seventeen new parking spaces will be created for teacher and/or visitor parking, not for student parking. It is understood by the School District that these parking spaces will be available for public use during non-school hours; and

WHEREAS, representatives of the City Public Works Department and Great Falls Public Schools met with Neighborhood Council #9 on June 25, 2014 and, said Council passed a motion to reopen the segment of 20th Street South as described above; and

WHEREAS, the City of Great Falls and the School District agree to monitor traffic and pedestrians after reopening as described above has taken place and to make any necessary modifications to deal with issues that may arise from the reopening of these portions of 20th Street South;

WHEREAS, publication of the notice of the reopening of these portions of 20th Street South was accomplished by notice in the *Great Falls Tribune*, pursuant to Mont. Code Ann. §7-14-4114, *et seq*.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF GREAT FALLS, MONTANA, as follows:

1. The following portion of 20^{th} Street South is hereby reopened:

a segment of 20^{th} Street South which is bounded on the south by the south right-of-way line of 2^{nd} Avenue South, and bounded on the north by a line which is parallel to and $22 \frac{1}{2}$ feet north of the south right-of-way line of 2^{nd} Avenue South; and, a segment of 20^{th} Street South which is bounded on the north by the north right-of-way line of 4^{th} Avenue South, and bounded on the south by a line which is parallel to and $22 \frac{1}{2}$ feet south of the north right-of-way line of 4^{th} Avenue South, and bounded on the south by a line which is parallel to and $22 \frac{1}{2}$ feet south of the north right-of-way line of 4^{th} Avenue South, as depicted on the attached map attached as Exhibit A;

By this action, pertinent portions of Resolution Nos. 6859 and 6920 are rescinded as to the portions of the street set forth above. The remainder of Resolutions Nos. 6859 and 6920 remain in effect.

2. This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon approval.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Commission of the City of Great Falls, Montana, August 5, 2014.

ATTEST:

Lisa Kunz, City Clerk

(CITY SEAL)

APPROVED FOR LEGAL CONTENT:

Sara R. Sexe, City Attorney

