

RESOLUTION 9945

A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF GREAT FALLS, MONTANA, TO ADOPT THE CITY OF GREAT FALLS DOWNTOWN MASTER PLAN AS AN ATTACHMENT TO THE 2005 CITY OF GREAT FALLS GROWTH POLICY.

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WHEREAS, Section 76-1-604, MCA, authorizes the City Commission to adopt or revise a growth policy, or any of its parts; and,

WHEREAS, the City Commission adopted the 1970 Great Falls Area Comprehensive Plan in January 1971; and,

WHEREAS, the City Commission adopted the 1981 Great Falls Area Comprehensive Plan in April 1981; and,

WHEREAS, the City Commission adopted the 1999 Great Falls City-County Comprehensive Plan in November 1999; and,

WHEREAS, the 1999 State legislature amended state law to replace the terms “Comprehensive Plan” and “Master Plan” with “Growth Policy”; and,

WHEREAS, the City Commission reviewed the Great Falls City-County Growth Policy in 1999 and adopted the Great Falls City-County Growth Policy update in 2003 and the City of Great Falls Growth Policy update in 2005; and,

WHEREAS, the 2005 City of Great Falls Growth Policy identifies the need to prepare, adopt and implement a Downtown Plan; and,

WHEREAS, Section 76-1-601(2), MCA, states that “the extent to which a growth policy addresses the elements listed in Section 76-1-601(3), MCA, is at the full discretion of the governing body”; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Great Falls City Commission gave authorization to the Planning and Community Development Department to proceed with the creation of the Downtown Master Plan; and,

WHEREAS, after public notice in the Great Falls Tribune, a newspaper of general circulation, on August 28, 2011, the City of Great Falls Planning Advisory Board held a public hearing on September 13, 2011; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Great Falls Planning Advisory Board recommended by a vote of 5-0 that the proposed Downtown Master Plan be approved as an attachment to the 2005 City of Great Falls Growth Policy; and,

WHEREAS, the Great Falls City Commission adopted Resolution 9944 on October 4, 2011, to declare its intention to consider adoption of the Great Falls Downtown Master Plan as an attachment to the 2005 City of Great Falls Growth Policy and set a public hearing on the Plan for Tuesday, October 18, 2011; and,

WHEREAS, after public notices in the Great Falls *Tribune*, a newspaper of general circulation, on October 8, 2011, and having posted notice in three public places within the limits of said City, to wit: on the bulletin boards on the first floor of the Civic Center building, first floor of the Cascade County Courthouse, and at the Great Falls Public Library, the Great Falls City Commission held a public hearing on the Plan on Tuesday, October 18, 2011.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Commission of the City of Great Falls, Montana, hereby adopts this resolution to adopt the City of Great Falls Downtown Master Plan as an attachment to the 2005 City of Great Falls Growth Policy, pursuant to Section 76-1-601, MCA.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Commission of the City of Great Falls, Montana, on this 18th day October, 2011.

Michael J. Winters, Mayor

ATTEST:

Lisa Kunz, City Clerk

(CITY SEAL)

APPROVED FOR LEGAL CONTENT:

James W. Santoro, City Attorney