

RESOLUTION NO. 10407

A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF GREAT FALLS, MONTANA, AMENDING RESOLUTION 10395 ESTABLISHING A CRIME TASK FORCE TO INCLUDE LANGUAGE PERTAINING TO RESIDENCY AND TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS FROM SEVEN TO NINE

WHEREAS, the protection of life and property is amongst the highest priorities of the City of Great Falls; and

WHEREAS, the Great Falls City Commission is aware of mounting community concerns about the City's increasing crime rates; and

WHEREAS, on April 6, 2021, the Great Falls City Commission adopted Resolution 10395 to empanel a Task Force to make recommendations on how to more effectively address crime in Great Falls; and

WHEREAS, after due consideration the City Manager recommends the Commission increase the number of members to be appointed to the Task Force from seven to nine members for greater input and expertise from residents with the necessary background, training, education, and experience in social sciences related to crime.

WHEREAS, after due consideration the City Manager recommends the Commission allow members to either reside in the City of Great Falls or that they are employed by a Great Falls business.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF GREAT FALLS, MONTANA, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1: There is hereby established the Great Falls Crime Task Force (the "Task Force"), an ad hoc committee confirmed by the City Commission. The general purpose of the Task Force shall be to study, review, evaluate, and make recommendations to the City Commission, City Manager, and general public on strategies to address crime. The Committee's findings will include specifics and actionable recommendations that are within the scope, authority, and financial ability of the City Commission, City Manager, and general public.

SECTION 2: Members of the Task Force shall be recommended by the City Manager to the City Commission. The City Commission shall confirm the appointments. Task Force members shall receive no compensation. Expectations for attendance and conduct of individual members and the Task Force as a whole shall be the same as those for members of other committees appointed by the City Commission.

SECTION 3: The Task Force will consist of nine individuals who are residents of the City of Great Falls or are employed by a Great Falls' business, and who have the necessary background, training, education, and experience in social sciences related to crime. Up to two (2) members of the City Commission shall serve as ex officio members, and shall neither make motions nor cast votes.

SECTION 4: Pursuant to Montana's open meeting laws, all meetings of the Task Force shall be properly noticed at least 48 hours in advance of a meeting, include an agenda of topics/items to be discussed, allow for public comment on agenda items and for public comment on items not on the agenda but within the jurisdiction of the Task Force. Appropriate Minutes of all meetings shall be kept and be made available for inspection by the public.

SECTION 5: The Task Force members shall select a Chairperson and a Vice-Chairperson. The City Manager shall appoint a staff member to keep all records of the Task Force and take minutes of all meetings, and submit them to the City Clerk. A majority of the membership, not to include ex officio members, shall constitute a quorum. The Task Force shall meet as often as necessary to accomplish its general purpose, as described in Section 1, but not less than once a month.

SECTION 6: Members of the Task Force shall comply with the Code of Ethics set forth in Mont. Code Ann. § Title 2, Chapter 2, and the Official Code of the City of Great Falls (OCCGF) Title 2, Chapter 21.

SECTION 7: The Task Force shall meet with the goals of having draft recommendations available for public review and comment no later than August 2021, and a final recommendation to present to the City Commission no later than September 2021. The Task Force shall be disbanded and cease to exist after receipt of the recommendations by the City Commission.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption by the City Commission, and that all other conditions set forth in Resolution 10395, adopted April 6, 2021, remain in full force and effect.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Commission of the City of Great Falls, Montana, this 18th day of May, 2021.

Bob Kelly, Mayor

ATTEST:

Lisa Kunz, City Clerk

(SEAL OF CITY)

APPROVED FOR LEGAL CONTENT:

Sara R. Sexe, City Attorney