

CERTIFICATE AS TO RESOLUTION AND ADOPTING VOTE

I, the undersigned, being the duly qualified and acting recording officer of the City of Billings, Montana (the "City"), hereby certify that the attached resolution is a true copy of a Resolution entitled: "RESOLUTION CALLING A PUBLIC HEARING ON A PROPOSED MODIFICATION OF THE BILLINGS, MONTANA DOWNTOWN REDEVELOPMENT PLAN TO APPROVE CERTAIN PROJECTS AS URBAN RENEWAL PROJECTS" (the "Resolution"), on file in the original records of the City in my legal custody; that the Resolution was duly adopted by City Council of the City at a regular meeting on December 14, 1998, and that the meeting was duly held by the City Council and was attended throughout by a quorum, pursuant to call and notice of such meeting given as required by law; and that the Resolution has not as of the date hereof been amended or repealed.

I further certify that, upon vote being taken on the Resolution at said meeting, the following Council members voted in favor thereof: Unanimous
_____; voted against the same: none
_____; abstained from voting thereon: none
_____; or were absent: Regnier
_____;

WITNESS my hand and seal officially this 14 day of Dec, 1998.

(SEAL)



Marita Herold

City Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 98-17428

RESOLUTION CALLING A PUBLIC HEARING ON A
PROPOSED MODIFICATION OF THE BILLINGS,
MONTANA DOWNTOWN REDEVELOPMENT PLAN
TO APPROVE CERTAIN PROJECTS AS URBAN
RENEWAL PROJECTS

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council (the "Council") of the City of Billings, Montana (the "City"), as follows:

Section 1. A public hearing is hereby called and shall be held on January 11, 1999 at 7:30 p.m. in the Council chambers on the proposed modification of the Billings, Montana Downtown Redevelopment Plan. The City proposed to fund certain projects in the Downtown Redevelopment District (the "District"). The proposed modification is the approval of the following projects as Urban Renewal Projects:

- a. Downtown "Kit of Parts" Street Beautification Project. Over a period of two years, the Downtown Billings Association (DBA) plans to implement a Beautification/Decoration Project that would include expansion of the Spring and Summer hanging flower baskets, Fall and Winter small streamer/banners for the basket hooks, year around tree lighting and purchases of new Christmas decorations, in order to expand the Holiday decoration area. The above projects would begin at the Downtown core and expand to include: Tree lights in all trees in the area that is bounded by 4th Avenue North to Montana Avenue and 27th Street to 30th, expansion of the hanging flower planter to double the current number (about 150); placement of 3 ft. x 5 ft. weighted banners to hang from the flower basket hooks during the Fall and Winter Seasons; and expansion of the Holiday Decoration to include Montana Avenue and 1st Avenue to Division. The total cost of the project is estimated to be in the \$90,000 to \$133,000 range. The DBA is requesting a 2 to 1 match of Tax Increment Funds and private contributions, with the TIB matching \$2 for every \$1 raised from private sources, over a two year period. The estimated cost to the TIB would be \$60,000 to \$100,000 spread over two years. The project would begin in 1999 and be completed by 2000.
- b. Downtown Billings Framework Plan. This plan is the product of an eighteen month process that is intended to guide the economic revitalization of the downtown, specifically the Urban Renewal Area and Tax Increment District. Representatives of the public and private sectors met to decide their vision for the downtown's future, assessed problems and strengths and listed the issues that must be addressed so that their vision can be realized. Among the issues that must be addressed are making the downtown more pedestrian friendly, reinforcing the Montana image, stabilizing the economic base and developing appropriate organizations and leadership. The Framework diagram was developed to describe the physical attributes that make the downtown unique.

The Plan was adopted by the Planning Commission, City Council and County Commission in December 1997. It is being implemented by the newly created organizations, including the leadership group, the Downtown Billings Partnership, Inc. This will require joint funding between the private sector and The City of Billings Tax Increment fund that becomes available.

Section 2. Notice of the public hearing shall be published in The Billings Times on December 17, 1998 and December 24, 1998 in substantially the form attached as Exhibit A hereto.

PASSED THIS 14th day of December, 1998.



Charles F. Tooley
Mayor

Attest:

Marita Herold
City Clerk

EXHIBIT A

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON MODIFICATION OF THE BILLINGS, MONTANA DOWNTOWN REDEVELOPMENT PLAN (THE URBAN RENEWAL PLAN) TO APPROVE CERTAIN PROJECTS AS URBAN RENEWAL PROJECTS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council (the "Council") of the City of Billings, Montana (the "City") will hold a public hearing on the Modification of the Billings, Montana Downtown Redevelopment Plan (the "Urban Renewal Plan") on January 11, 1999 at 7:30 p.m., M.T., at the Council Chambers in the Billings City Hall, Billings, Montana. The City proposes to fund certain projects in the Downtown Redevelopment District (the "District"), as hereinafter described, if the modification of the Urban Renewal Plan is approved.

The proposed modification is the approval of the following described projects as Urban Renewal Projects:

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Any interested person may appear and will be heard or may file written comments with the City Clerk prior to such hearing.

Dated: Dec 17, 1998.

Charles Tooley, Mayor

Marita Herold, City Clerk

Publication Dates: December 17
December 24