

RESOLUTION NO. 15-10515

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BILLINGS, MONTANA,
APPROVING USE OF \$2,500 OF COUNCIL CONTINGENCY FUNDS
FOR THE BILLINGS WORKS WORKFORCE COUNCIL**

WHEREAS, the City of Billings collaborated with other city public and private agencies to create a 2015 State of the Workforce Report; and

WHEREAS, the report showed that Yellowstone County employers have plans to hire more than 1,000 workers in the next year, dependent on the availability of qualified talent to fill those positions; and

WHEREAS, Yellowstone County has a 68.8 percent labor force participation rate and a robust system for educating and training system able to equip workers with the knowledge, skills and abilities needed by industry; and

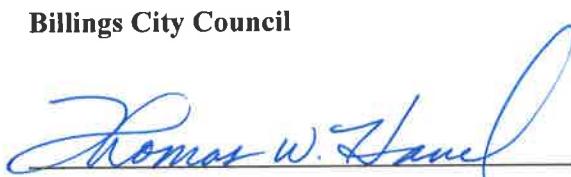
WHEREAS, the Workforce Report showed that only 47 percent of employers are confident in overall workforce quality in the county, and nearly 7 in 10 employers reported that a lack of available workers hinders business growth; and

WHEREAS, the BillingsWorks Workforce Council has requested \$2,500 from the City to help it cooperatively identify workforce issues, establish goals, develop and implement strategies, and monitor outcomes to address near- and long-term workforce needs, so the area will become the premier workforce hub in the economic development region by 2023.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BILLINGS MONTANA
DOES HEREBY RESOLVE** to allocate up \$2,500 from the Council Contingency Fund, Acct. No. 010-1110-411.79-70, to the BillingsWorks Workforce Council to meet its goals.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS 14TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2015.

Billings City Council



Thomas W. Hanel

Thomas W. Hanel, Mayor

ATTEST:



Billie Guenther

Billie Guenther, City Clerk