

RESOLUTION NO. 09-18811

**A RESOLUTION CREATING A CITY OF BILLINGS AD-HOC ADVISORY  
COMMITTEE ON EAST-END ANNEXATION ALTERNATIVES**

WHEREAS, an East Billings Urban Renewal District (EBURD) was created by the City Council of the City of Billings in 2005 to encourage the renewal of a blighted area bounded by North 10<sup>th</sup> Street, the BNSF Railroad lines, North 22<sup>nd</sup> Avenue and properties north of Sixth Avenue North; and

WHEREAS, there are approximately 45 properties that are county islands within EBURD or are east or south of the City limits in the area, many of which are served by aging water and sewer systems; and

WHEREAS, some members of the Billings Urban Renewal District (BIRD), a property owners' group lying within the EBURD that encouraged the creation of the new district, have asked that the City Council consider incentives so those property owners will annex into the City while capital improvements such as roads, sewers and water lines are being planned and developed in the EBURD; and

WHEREAS, the City of Billings City Council on April 27, 2009, unanimously approved a motion duly made and seconded to determine what incentives, if any, the City Council should make available to those property owners to encourage their annexation into the City limits before a date certain; and

WHEREAS, BMCC Sec. 2-224 provides a method for the Mayor and City Council to create by resolution an Ad-Hoc Council Advisory Committee to address issues within certain limits.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BILLINGS, MONTANA:

1. There is hereby created an Ad-Hoc Advisory Committee on East-End Annexation Alternatives to recommend to the City Council what incentives, if any, the City should make available to owners of properties located between the METRA and the East Urban Renewal District (EBURD) if those owners agree to annex into the City by a date also to be recommended by the Ad-Hoc Advisory Committee.
2. The Ad-Hoc Advisory Committee on East-End Annexation Alternatives shall be composed of two City Council members, one of whom shall serve as chair of the Ad-Hoc Committee; two members designated by the Billings Industrial Revitalization District (BIRD) Board; an ex-officio member designated by the Downtown Billings Partnership, which is under contract with the City of Billings and the BIRD to manage the EBURD; and an ex-officio member appointed by the Yellowstone County Board of Commissioners.
3. The City Administrator shall appoint such staff as are necessary to assist the Ad-Hoc Advisory Committee with information during its deliberations and to ensure compliance with all applicable open meetings laws.
4. The Ad-Hoc Advisory Committee on East-End Annexation Alternatives shall report its findings to the City Council no later than Aug. 17, 2009.

APPROVED this 11<sup>th</sup> day of May 2009.



ATTEST:

BY: Cari Martin  
Cari Martin, City Clerk

THE CITY OF BILLINGS

BY: Ron Tussing  
Ron Tussing, Mayor