

**City of Missoula
Committee of the Whole Agenda**

Date: October 16, 2019, 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM

Location: City Council Chambers
140 W. Pine Street, Missoula , MT

Members: Stacie Anderson, Julie Armstrong, Mirtha Becerra, Michelle Cares, John DiBari, Heather Harp, Jordan Hess, Gwen Jones, Julie Merritt, Jesse Ramos, Bryan von Lossberg, Heidi West

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Pages

1. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

1.1 Roll Call

1.2 Approval of the Minutes

2. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

3. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

3.1 2019 Missoula Downtown Master Plan

Ellen Buchanan

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Recommended motion:

Approve a Resolution of Intent to adopt the 2019 Missoula Downtown Master Plan as an amendment to the 2035 Missoula Growth Policy, replacing the 2009 Missoula Greater Downtown Master Plan, and set a public hearing for Monday, November 4, 2019

4. ADJOURNMENT



City of Missoula, Montana
Item to be Referred to City Council Committee

Committee: Committee of the Whole
Item: Resolution of Intent to Adopt the 2019 Missoula Downtown Master Plan
Date: October 3, 2019
Sponsor(s): Ellen Buchanan
Prepared by: Ellen Buchanan
Ward(s) Affected:
 Ward 1 Ward 4
 Ward 2 Ward 5
 Ward 3 Ward 6
 All Wards N/A

Action Required:

Approve a Resolution of Intent to adopt the 2019 Missoula Downtown Master Plan as an amendment to the 2035 Missoula City Growth Policy and set a public hearing for November 4, 2019.

Recommended Motion(s):

I move the City Council: Approve a Resolution of Intent to adopt the 2019 Missoula Downtown Master Plan as an amendment to the 2035 Missoula Growth Policy, replacing the 2009 Missoula Greater Downtown Master Plan, and set a public hearing for Monday, November 4, 2019

Timeline:

Referral to committee: October 7, 2019
Committee discussion: October 16, 2019
Council action (or sets hearing): October 21, 2019
Public Hearing: November 4, 2019
Deadline: November 4, 2019

Background and Alternatives Explored:

The Business Improvement District contracted with Dover Kohl & Partners to take the community through the creation of an update of the 2009 Greater Downtown Master Plan. The 2019 Downtown Master Plan is the culmination of a year of public engagement and plan development, during which almost 4,000 people participated. The Plan has been adopted by the Missoula Downtown Association, the Business Improvement District and the Downtown Foundation. It is anticipated that the Missoula Parking Commission and the Missoula Redevelopment Agency will have also adopted the Plan prior to the Public Hearing on November 4. The Planning Board has voted unanimously to recommend that the City Council adopt the plan as amendment to the Missoula Growth Policy. A link to the Master Plan is provided below.

Financial Implications:

Adoption of the Master Plan will have no immediate financial impact on the City General Fund. Implementation will be phased and individual projects may be brought to City Council for funding approval.

Links to external websites:

<https://missoulasdowntownmasterplan.com/>

RESOLUTION NUMBER _____

A RESOLUTION OF INTENT TO ADOPT THE 2019 MISSOULA DOWNTOWN MASTER PLAN AS AN AMENDMENT TO THE 2035 MISSOULA CITY GROWTH POLICY, REPLACING THE 2009 MISSOULA GREATER DOWNTOWN MASTER PLAN, AND SET A PUBLIC HEARING FOR MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2019

WHEREAS, the City of Missoula governing body should be guided by and give consideration to this neighborhood plan and its recommendations regarding the Downtown Master Plan Area, as it pertains to the 2035 Missoula City Growth Policy and additional adopted plans, policies, ordinances, standards, and regulations; and

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

WHEREAS, the City of Missoula adopted the 2035 Missoula City Growth Policy with associated amendments, neighborhood plans, and issue plans, on November 23, 2015; and

WHEREAS, according to state law, a Growth Policy may include one or more neighborhood plans. (MCA 76-1-601 (4)(a)); and

WHEREAS, the 2009 Missoula Greater Downtown Master Plan is considered an associated Neighborhood Plan to the 2035 Missoula City Growth Policy; and

WHEREAS, neighborhood plans focus on a smaller geographic area; a subset of the overall Growth Policy study area. Neighborhood plans are adopted as attachments (amendments) to the Growth Policy and must be consistent with the City Growth Policy, but address matters at a much finer geographic scale; and

WHEREAS, the 2019 Missoula Downtown Master Plan replaces the 2009 Missoula Greater Downtown Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, the 2019 Missoula Downtown Master Plan was drafted through a public planning process led by the Downtown Missoula Partnership in cooperation with the City of Missoula, Missoula Redevelopment Agency and Development Services; and

WHEREAS, this 2019 Missoula Downtown Master Plan was developed through an extensive outreach process that engaged citizens in the development of community policy direction and included several large public meetings, over 250 outreach meetings, numerous steering and technical committee meetings, and opportunities to provide comments via tours, presentations, and online engagement; and

WHEREAS, the 2019 Missoula Downtown Master Plan has gone through multi-agency approval by the Downtown Business Improvement District of Missoula, the Missoula Downtown Association, and the Missoula Downtown Foundation; and

WHEREAS, after public notice in the Missoulian, a newspaper of general circulation, on September 15, and 22, 2019, the Missoula Consolidated Planning Board held a public hearing on October 1, 2019 to hear and consider the Plan as an amendment to the 2035 Missoula City Growth Policy, replacing the 2009 Missoula Greater Downtown Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Missoula Consolidated Planning Board unanimously recommended that the City of Missoula adopt the 2019 Missoula Urban Area Open Space Plan as an amendment to the 2035 Missoula City Growth Policy; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Missoula City Council hereby adopts this Resolution of Intent to Adopt the 2019 Missoula Downtown Master Plan as an amendment to the 2035 Missoula City Growth Policy, replacing the 2009 Missoula Greater Downtown Master Plan, as recommended by the Missoula Consolidated Planning Board and hereby sets a City Council public hearing on the plan for November 4, 2019.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2019.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Martha L. Rehbein
City Clerk
(SEAL)

John Engen
Mayor