



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

Committee: Administration and Finance

Item: City Acquisition of the Missoula Federal Building – Resolution Authorizing Application and Acceptance of Building and MOU with Missoula County

Date: June 17, 2021

Sponsor(s): John Adams

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Ward(s) Affected:

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| ☐ Ward 1 | ☐ Ward 4 |
| ☐ Ward 2 | ☐ Ward 5 |
| ☐ Ward 3 | ☐ Ward 6 |
| ☒ All Wards | ☐ N/A |

Action Required:

Adopt a resolution authorizing the Mayor to submit to the National Park Service an application to obtain the Missoula Federal Building and to accept the building if approved; and approve a MOU between the City and Missoula and Missoula County to continue work to create a jointly owned entity to own and manage the Federal Building.

Recommended Motion(s):

I move the City Council: The City Council adopt a resolution directing and authorizing the mayor to apply to the National Park Service and take other steps necessary to receive title to the Missoula Federal Building from the Federal Government, subject to the conditions and covenants in said application, through the Historic Surplus Property Program; and asserting that the City has legal authority, is willing, and is in a position to assume immediate care and maintenance of the property.” **I move the City Council:** approve the proposed Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Missoula and Missoula County regarding acquisition of the Missoula Federal Building.

Timeline:

Referral to committee:	June 21, 2021
Committee discussion:	June 23, 2021
Council action (or sets hearing):	June 28, 2021
Public Hearing:	N/A
Deadline:	June 28, 2021

Background and Alternatives Explored:

The historic Missoula Federal Building, 200 East Broadway, has been declared surplus to federal requirements, and will go to auction unless acquired by the City of Missoula and Missoula County. The City and Missoula County propose to:

- 1) Jointly acquire the building at no cost;
- 2) Rehabilitate the building to house City Hall and County central services;
- 3) Protect the building in perpetuity.

The two recommended motions would together:

- a) Authorize the Mayor to submit to the National Park Service an Application for Obtaining Real Property for Historic Monument Purposes;
- b) Approve a resolution committing to the acceptance of the Federal Building through the National Park Service conveyance process;
- c) Memorialize that the City is the interim applicant to receive the Federal Building, but that the City and County intend to create a legal entity that permits the City and County to jointly own, rehabilitate, and manage the Federal Building.

Additional detail is available in accompanying documents.

Financial Implications:

Acquisition of the Federal Building would acquire for the City and County an asset worth on the order of \$15 million dollars at no cost. Acquisition would necessitate maintenance and historic preservation of the building in perpetuity. Acquisition would not inherently commit the City to rehabilitation of the building, but such rehabilitation would subsequently be necessary to achieve the building's intended use.

Links to external websites: N/A