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

Committee: Parks and Conservation
Item: 2018 Open Space Bond Interlocal Agreement
Date: February 26, 2020
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Ward(s) Affected:
☐ Ward 1 ☐ Ward 4
☐ Ward 2 ☐ Ward 5
☐ Ward 3 ☐ Ward 6
☒ All Wards ☐ N/A

Action Required:
Approve and authorize the Mayor to execute the Interlocal Agreement between the City of Missoula and the County of Missoula Related to the Use of 2018 Open Space Bond Proceeds.

Recommended Motion(s):
I move the City Council: Approve and authorize the Mayor to execute the Interlocal Agreement between the City of Missoula and Missoula County for the use of 2018 Open Space Bond Proceeds.

Timeline:
Referral to committee: March 2, 2020
Committee discussion: March 4, 2020
Council action (or sets hearing): Click or tap here to enter text.
Public Hearing: Click or tap here to enter text.
Deadline: Click or tap here to enter text.

Background and Alternatives Explored:
On November 6, 2018, 63% of Missoula County voters voted in favor of a general obligation bond ("2018 Open Space Bond") in the amount of fifteen million dollars ($15,000,000) for the purpose of "providing funds to pay costs of conserving, enjoying, and enhancing open-space land, to include providing public access to water and land; conserving agricultural lands, fish and wildlife habitat, and river, lakes, and streams; protecting scenic views; and making improvements to lands acquired or designated as open space that are accessible to the public, by purchasing land, easements, or other interests in land from willing landowners and paying for improvements and costs related to or serving land acquired or designated as open space, including transaction and project costs and fees..."

The 2018 Open Space Bond will be administered by the County, through the County Commissioners, as authorized by Montana Code Annotated Title 7, Chapter 7, Part 22 and pursuant to Title 76, Chapter 6, Part 1, the Open-Space Land and Voluntary Conservation Easement Act. The City and County now desire to enter into this Interlocal Agreement to set forth the limitations and procedures for the use of the proceeds from the 2018 Open Space Bond by the City for the purposes listed in the bond ballot language (see above).
Financial Implications:
There are no requested financial expenditures as part of this proposal. The 2018 Open Space Bond is a fifteen million dollar ($15,000,000) general obligation bond, of which seven and a half million dollars ($7,500,000) have been allocated for City of Missoula use in accordance with the bond ballot language. The subject Interlocal Agreement provides a mechanism and a process by which the City may be reimbursed by the County for qualifying, City Council approved expenditures of bond proceeds.

Links to external websites:
The City of Missoula Open Space Ordinance- MMC 12.56.010:
https://www.ci.missoula.mt.us/DocumentCenter/View/36507/Municipal-Code-Title-12-Sts-Sdwiks- -Pub-Places-PDF?bidId=

2019 Missoula Urban Area Open Space Plan: