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

Committee: Parks and Conservation
Item: Resolutions for Open Space Declarations
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 3 individual resolutions declaring certain lands as Open Space for purpose of using 2018 Open Space Bond funds for eligible undertakings.

Recommended Motion(s):
I move the City Council: 1) Approve Declaration of Open Space resolutions for identified dedicated parks, 2) Approve portions of Waterworks Hill property managed by City Public Works, and 3) Approve portions of McCormick and Sacajawea Parks, less established public streets and operating areas.

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:
Missoula County’s 2018 Open Space Bond agreement provides that the City will formally adopt Declarations of Open Space by resolution(s) for properties the City intends to use subject bond funds for eligible project under takings. The three resolutions involved provide for 1) planned trailhead and trail improvements on portions of Water Works Hill; 2) reforestation projects including tree planting and related work at 44 Ranch, Anderson, Bonner, Franklin, McLeod, Sacajawea, Skyview, and Whitaker Parks; and 3) reforestation projects including tree planting and related work on portions of McCormick and Sacajawea Parks.

Financial Implications:
The Waterworks Hill Trailhead and related improvements will eventually require some allocation of funds for operations and maintenance. Funds needed will be identified as part of the related Capital Improvement Plan requests and will be requested through the budget process at such time as the project is near or at completion. The park tree plantings will not materially increase the Department’s operating or maintenance costs.

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