Missoula City Council Parks and Conservation Committee Minutes

March 4, 2020
8:55 AM
City Council Chambers
140 W. Pine Street, Missoula, MT

Members present: Stacie Anderson, Mirtha Becerra, John P. Contos, Jordan Hess, Gwen Jones, Julie Merritt, Amber Sherrill (chair), Sandra Vasecka, Bryan von Lossberg, Heidi West

Members absent: Heather Harp, Jesse Ramos

Others present: Corena Maurer, Grant Carlton, Donna Gaukler, Mayor John Engen

1. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS
   1.1 Roll Call
   1.2 Approval of the January 15, 2020 Minutes
      The minutes were approved as submitted.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA
   The minutes were approved as submitted.

3. COMMITTEE BUSINESS
   3.1 2018 Open Space Bond Interlocal Agreement
      Mr. Carlton introduced himself and gave a brief overview of what he will be presenting today.
      Mr. Carlton gave some background and presented a timeline of the Open Space Bond.
      Mr. Carlton presented a map of the Missoula Planning Region.
      Ms. West asked about Westside Park and some sports fields and if Open Space Bonds would be able to be used on them.
      Mr. Carlton expressed his gratitude to Missoula County for their cooperation in this process.
      Ms. Sherrill asked for a step by step on how the expenditures are approved.
      Ms. Vasecka asked for some background clarification on how bonds work.
      Mr. von Lossberg stated that the bonds are not taken out in one lump sum.
      Ms. Merritt asked if we have finished spending the last open space bond.
      Ms. Becerra asked if the old bond needs to be spent before we spend the new bond.
Moved by: Mirtha Becerra

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.

Vote results: Approved

3.2 Resolutions for Open Space Declarations

Mr. Carlton discussed some changes that were made to the documents that were not able to be uploaded to the system in time.

Ms. Merritt asked to discuss each declaration of Open Space.

Mr. Carlton stated that we must declare a piece of ground Open Space before we are able to spend Open Space Bond money on the space.

Ms. Sherrill asked Ms. Gaukler to speak to the importance of the urban tree canopy.

Mr. Carlton presented the areas of Waterworks Hill that Parks & Recreation is requesting to be designated Open Space.

Ms. Gaukler discussed what is planned for the areas.

Moved by: Julie Merritt

Approve declaration of Open Space resolutions for portions of McCormick and Sacajawea Parks.

AYES: (10): Stacie Anderson, Mirtha Becerra, John Contos, Jordan Hess, Gwen Jones, Julie Merritt, Amber Sherrill, Sandra Vasecka, Bryan von Lossberg, and Heidi West

ABSENT: (2): Heather Harp, and Jesse Ramos

Vote results: Approved (10 to 0)

Moved by: Julie Merritt

Approve declaration of Open Space resolutions for 44 Ranch Park, Anderson Park, Bonner Park, Franklin Park, McLeod Park, Skyview Park, Whitaker Park.

AYES: (10): Stacie Anderson, Mirtha Becerra, John Contos, Jordan Hess, Gwen Jones, Julie Merritt, Amber Sherrill, Sandra Vasecka, Bryan von Lossberg, and Heidi West

ABSENT: (2): Heather Harp, and Jesse Ramos

Vote results: Approved (10 to 0)

Moved by: Bryan von Lossberg

Approve declaration of Open Space resolutions for portions of Waterworks Hill property managed by City Public Works.
AYES: (10): Stacie Anderson, Mirtha Becerra, John Contos, Jordan Hess, Gwen Jones, Julie Merritt, Amber Sherrill, Sandra Vasecka, Bryan von Lossberg, and Heidi West

ABSENT: (2): Heather Harp, and Jesse Ramos

**Vote results: Approved (10 to 0)**

3.3 Council update on 2020 plan for removal and restoration of the Rattlesnake Reservoir and Dam by the City, Trout Unlimited and Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks.

This will be moved to the Public Works agenda following this meeting.

4. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:36 am.

Submitted by: Corena Maurer

City of Missoula, Parks & Recreation