



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

Committee: Parks and Conservation

Item: Missoula City Cemetery Strategic Plan

Date: February 24, 2021

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Ward(s) Affected:

<input type="checkbox"/> Ward 1	<input type="checkbox"/> Ward 4
<input type="checkbox"/> Ward 2	<input type="checkbox"/> Ward 5
<input type="checkbox"/> Ward 3	<input type="checkbox"/> Ward 6
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All Wards	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A

Action Required:

Approve the Cemetery Strategic Plan

Recommended Motion(s):

I move the City Council: Adopt the Missoula City Cemetery Strategic Plan of the Missoula City Council to provide guidance in implementing infrastructure and improvements that will enhance the operations and maintenance of the City Cemetery.

Timeline:

Referral to committee:	March 1, 2021
Committee discussion:	March 3, 2021
Council action (or sets hearing):	March 8, 2021
Public Hearing:	N/A
Deadline:	N/A

Background and Alternatives Explored:

The Missoula City Cemetery worked with LF Sloan Group to develop a Strategic Plan to guide future Cemetery operations and infrastructure improvements. The Cemetery Board approved this plan on February 18, 2021.

The purpose of this plan is to provide strategic guidance for operation of the Missoula City Cemetery, which is not only an important historic resource, but a tremendous community greenspace and active cemetery as well. The analysis was driven by many factors, but none more than the valuable context received from interviews with lot owners, dedicated Cemetery and City Staff, local funeral industry professionals and through meetings with the Cemetery Board. LF Sloan Group came away impressed with the Cemetery operation and the important role the Cemetery plays in the community. With many cemeteries currently at an inflection point, the intent of this plan is to provide actionable steps to ensure the Missoula City Cemetery remains relevant and sustainable for generations to come.

Financial Implications:

Adoption of the strategic plan does not commit financial resources, but does provide guidance and direction for future budget requests.