

## RESOLUTION NO. 17-50

### **A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Whitefish, Montana, establishing the Whitefish Strategic Housing Plan Steering Committee.**

WHEREAS, in late 2016, three consultants completed the Whitefish Area Housing Needs Assessment which identified workforce housing needs within the City; and

WHEREAS, based upon the needs identified in the 2016 Whitefish Area Housing Needs Assessment, the Whitefish Strategic Housing Plan was developed from May through October of 2017; and

WHEREAS, the Whitefish Strategic Housing Plan creates a step-by-step approach for addressing the workforce housing needs identified in the 2016 Whitefish Area Housing Needs Assessment and provides objectives, strategies, priorities, funding mechanisms, timelines and responsibilities for implementation; and

WHEREAS, on November 6, 2017, at a lawfully noticed public hearing, the Whitefish City Council adopted the Whitefish Strategic Housing Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Whitefish Strategic Housing Plan calls for the creation of a Strategic Housing Plan Steering Committee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Whitefish, Montana, as follows:

Section 1: There is hereby established the Whitefish Strategic Housing Plan Steering Committee.

Section 2: Members of the Committee shall be appointed by the Mayor and ratified by a simple majority of the City Council in attendance at a special or regular session. Committee members shall receive no compensation.

Section 3: The specific purpose of the Committee will be to review and revise as housing strategies are developed and enacted, to establish responsibilities and procedures, to appoint ad hoc or sub-committees as needed, to liaison with the Housing Coordinator, to report to City Council, and to assist in the plan update in 2020. The Committee shall keep decisions and discussions within the confines of City Council directives.

Section 4: The Committee will consist of nine members with representation as follows: the Mayor and two members of the City Council; two City staff members; and four members from the public and Strategic Housing Task Force. A majority of the Committee members shall constitute a quorum. The Committee shall meet as often as necessary to accomplish its general purpose, as described above, but not less than once a month. The Committee shall cease to exist as provided in Section 5.

Section 5: The Committee will begin its deliberations as soon as practical after its creation and will automatically disband at the end of 2020.

Section 6: A member of the Committee may be removed by the City Council, after a hearing for misconduct or nonperformance of duty. Absences from three (3) consecutive meetings, including regular and special work sessions, or absences from more than fifty percent (50%) of such meetings held during the calendar year shall constitute grounds for removal. The circumstances of the absences shall be considered by the City Council prior to removal. Any person who knows in advance of his or her inability to attend a specific meeting shall notify the Chairperson of the Committee at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to any scheduled meeting.

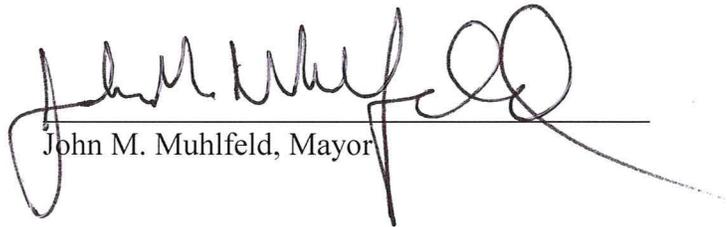
Section 7: Any vacancy occurring on the Committee will be filled in the same manner that the initial position was filled.

Section 8: The Committee will not have authority to make any expenditure on behalf of the City or disburse any funds provided by the City or to obligate the City for any funds.

Section 9: The Committee will have no authority to direct City staff with respect to any matter, but may request information and assistance from City staff.

Section 10: This Resolution will take effect immediately upon its adoption by the City Council, and signing by the Mayor thereof.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHITEFISH, MONTANA, ON THIS 4TH DAY OF DECEMBER 2017.

  
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John M. Muhlfeld, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Michelle Howke, City Clerk