

RESOLUTION NO. 12-31

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHITEFISH, MONTANA, DESIGNATING THE CURRENT CITY HALL LOCATION, LOTS 13-24 OF BLOCK 36, AS THE LOCATION FOR A NEW CITY HALL.

WHEREAS, at the March 20, 2006, Whitefish City Council Meeting, the City Council approved a Resolution of Intent to adopt the Whitefish Downtown Business District Master Plan as an amendment to the Whitefish City-County Master Plan (Growth Policy); and

WHEREAS, the Whitefish Downtown Business District Master Plan identified two possible locations for a new City Hall, Option A - the southeast corner of the Park Side Federal Credit Union Park; and Option B - Lot 3 of Depot Square, a parcel of land directly north of the Whitefish Library that currently serves as a parking lot for the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway; and

WHEREAS, on March 20, 2006, the City Council identified Option B - Lot 3 of Depot Square as the preferred alternative for a future location for City Hall; and

WHEREAS, on February 1, 2010, the City Council held a work session on the future City Hall location and indicated their desire to consider locations other than Lot 3 of Depot Square, north of the Library, for the future City Hall; and

WHEREAS, the Real Estate Committee, created on December 6, 2010, comprised of Mayor Mike Jenson, Councilor Turner Askew, City Manager Chuck Stearns, and Assistant City Manager/Finance Director Rich Knapp worked during 2011 on various options for a new City Hall location; and

WHEREAS, the Real Estate Committee presented five options to the City Council for a new City Hall location in an August 5, 2011 memo from City Manager Chuck Stearns to Mayor Jenson and the City Council; and

WHEREAS, on September 6, 2011, the City Council held a public hearing on the five options for a new City Hall location; and

WHEREAS, on October 19, 2011, the City held a public information meeting on the possible City Hall location options; and

WHEREAS, the City Council decided to create and appoint a Future City Hall Steering Committee on November 21, 2011 via Resolution No. 11-57; and

WHEREAS, the Future City Hall Steering Committee met five times and reviewed all of the five possible locations, considered a sixth possible location, and ultimately voted to recommend that the future City Hall be built on the half block that the City Hall is currently on, Lots 13-24 of Block 36, in a 9-1 vote at the August 23, 2012 Committee meeting; and

WHEREAS, the City Council held a final public hearing on the future location of City

Hall on September 4, 2012.

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

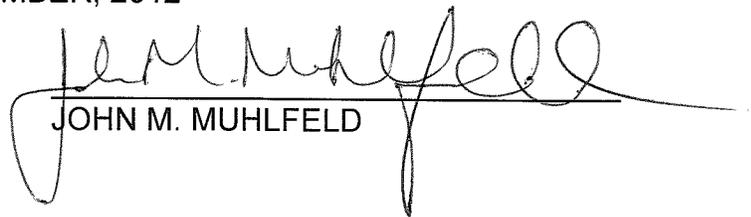
Section 1: That Lots 13-24 of Block 36 is the designated location of a future, new City Hall.

Section 2: The Future City Hall Steering Committee shall work with the consultants Crandall-Arambula and Kimley-Horn and Associates on possible concepts for a new City Hall on Lots 13-24, Block 36.

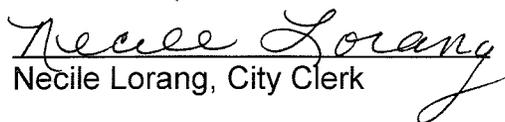
Section 3: The Future City Hall Steering Committee shall recommend a final design and architectural selection process to the City Council.

Section 4: This Resolution shall 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 SEPTEMBER, 2012


JOHN M. MUHLFELD

ATTEST:


Necile Lorang, City Clerk