

RESOLUTION NO. 23-02

A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Whitefish, Montana, establishing the Whitefish Community Housing Committee.

WHEREAS, in 2017, the Whitefish City Council adopted the Whitefish Strategic Housing Plan which created a step-by-step approach for addressing the housing needs identified in the 2016 Whitefish Area Housing Needs Assessment; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 17-50, established the Whitefish Strategic Housing Plan Steering Committee recommended by the Whitefish Strategic Housing Plan; and

WHEREAS, on November 21, 2022, at a lawfully notice public hearing, the Whitefish City Council adopted the Whitefish Community Housing Roadmap, based on the 2022 Whitefish Area Housing Needs Assessment, which represents the next step evolution and plan update of the 2017 Whitefish Strategic Housing Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Whitefish Community Housing Roadmap calls for a reconfiguration of the Whitefish Strategic Housing Plan Steering Committee to advise the Whitefish City Council on actions listed in the Roadmap that are the responsibility of the City; and

WHEREAS, it will be in the best interests of the City of Whitefish, and its inhabitants, to establish the Whitefish Community Housing 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 Community Housing 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 make recommendations to the City Council to implement the housing strategies that are the responsibility of the City, to liaison with the Housing Coordinator, and to report to City Council. 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 or one member of the City Council; one representative of the Whitefish Housing Authority; one representative of Housing Whitefish; one representative of the Whitefish Chamber of Commerce; one representative of the Whitefish Convention and Visitors Bureau; one member of the public with relevant professional or personal expertise in real estate development; one member of the public with relevant professional or personal expertise in fundraising or financing; and two members of the public with relevant professional or personal expertise in housing policy, property management, housing programs, end-users of community

housing programs, or housing advocacy. 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 at least quarterly. 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 2023.

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.

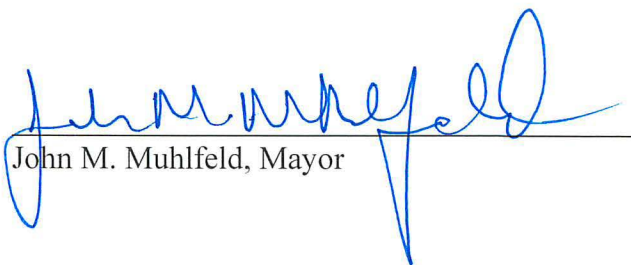
Section 7: Any vacancy occurring on the Committee will be filled in the same manner that the initial position was filled.

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 3RD DAY OF JANUARY 2023.


John M. Muhlfeld, Mayor

ATTEST:


Michelle Howke, City Clerk