

**CITY OF GREAT FALLS, MONTANA
AGENDA REPORT**

AGENDA # 1
DATE November 6, 2002

ITEM : Sale of a portion of Gibson Park – T20NR3E Sec.1 SW ¼

INITIATED BY: Mark Macek, Re/Max of Great Falls Realtors

ACTION REQUESTED: Reschedule public hearing

PREPARED AND PRESENTED BY: Jerry Sepich, Park & Recreation Director

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RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the City Commission reschedule the public hearing on the proposed sale of .27 acres of Gibson park in T20NR3E Sec 1 SW¼ for November 19, 2002 in the Commission Chambers

MOTION:

“I move the City Commission reschedule the public hearing on the proposed sale of .27 acres of Gibson Park in T20NR3E Sec 1 SW ¼ for November 19, 2002.”

SYNOPSIS:

The City Commission at its October 1, 2002 Commission meeting declared .27 acres of Gibson Park in T20NR3E Sec 1 SW ¼ as park surplus and authorized staff to proceed with the sale of this property. Commission also set a public hearing on the sale for November 6, 2002. Staff is currently seeking comparable sales to establish a minimum bid price for the surplus property. Time does not allow adequate advertising for the sale of property prior to the originally scheduled public hearing date of November 6.

Mark Macek, Re/Max of Great Falls Realtors has approached the City regarding the possible sale of a portion (.27 acres) at the east end of Gibson park. This portion of parkland is separated from the main portion of Gibson park by 6th Street North and is not contiguous to the park. A proposed purchase price will be established upon approval of the sale by the City Commission.

BACKGROUND:

Prior to the relocation of the Park and Recreation Department complex, this property was used to house a storage building for Park Maintenance and for additional staff parking. Since the move of the Park and Recreation operation to its present location, the property has not been used. Staff does not foresee any further use of the property for park or any other purpose.

Section 3.04 OCCGF, as it pertains to the sale of park property, requires that the Park and Recreation Board review the sale of park property and make a recommendation to the City Commission. At its September 9, 2002 meeting, the Park and Recreation Board approved the sale of this property and recommended sale to the City Commission.