

CITY OF GREAT FALLS, MONTANA

AGENDA # 15

AGENDA REPORT

DATE September 2, 2003

ITEM Set Public Hearing on the sale of park land – Block 1 and 2, Park Place Addition

INITIATED BY Park & Recreation Department

ACTION REQUESTED Set Public Hearing

PREPARED AND PRESENTED BY Jerry Sepich, Director Park & Recreation

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RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the City Commission set a public hearing to consider the sale of surplus park land – Block 1 and 2, Park Place Addition.

MOTION:

“I move the City Commission set a public hearing for 7:00 p.m.; October 7, 2003 to consider the sale of surplus park land – Block 1 and 2, Park Place Addition.”

SYNOPSIS:

The Park and Recreation Department has received interest in the purchase of Block 1 and 2, Park Place Addition.

Chapter 3.04 OCCGF identifies the process regarding the sale of real property, including park land. The City is required to obtain an appraisal of the property and solicit bids, with the minimum acceptable bid based on the appraisal value of the property. Such sale requires a public hearing and approval by a majority vote of the City Commission.

The Park and Recreation Department has received an appraisal of Block 1 and 2, Park Place Addition, in the amount of \$55,000. Currently bids are being solicited, with a due date of September 3, 2003.

BACKGROUND:

The Comprehensive Park and Recreation Master Plan, approved in 1995, identified Block 1 and 2, Park Place Addition as surplus park property and recommended these properties be sold. The plan further recommended that if there is interest by neighboring residents in developing the park, the City should not sell the property for a period of one (1) year to allow the residents the opportunity to develop plans for the improvements. No such interest from the neighbors of the subject property has been expressed.

On May 6, 2003 the City Commission authorized staff to initiate the sale process on this property. The Park and Recreation Board at its April 8, 2003 meeting approved the sale and recommended the City Commission authorize the sale.

Money received from the sale of surplus park property is placed in the Park Trust to be used for future developments of existing parks.