

**CITY OF GREAT FALLS, MONTANA**  
**A G E N D A   R E P O R T**

**AGENDA#**     1      
**DATE** January 3, 2006

**ITEM:**                                CONDUCT PUBLIC HEARING AND APPROVE A LAND EXCHANGE IN LOT 4, BLOCK 1, NORTH RIVERVIEW TERRACE—SECTION 7 WITH ROBERT SLETTEN

**INITIATED BY:**                    THE ANIMAL FOUNDATION OF GREAT FALLS

**ACTION REQUESTED:**        CONDUCT PUBLIC HEARING AND APPROVE THE LAND EXCHANGE

**PREPARED BY:**                    JORDAN LOVE, ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

**PRESENTED BY:**                 JOHN LAWTON, CITY MANAGER

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Conduct public hearing and approve the land exchange between the City of Great Falls and Robert Sletten which is necessary to create a straight lot line of Block 1, Lot 4, NRT 7 to accommodate a new animal shelter.

**MOTION:**

I move the City Commission approve the land exchange with Robert Sletten and authorize the Mayor to sign the deed.

**SYNOPSIS:**

The Memorandum of Understanding between the City and the Animal Foundation of Great Falls states that the City should exchange 55 feet of property on the west side of Lot 4, of the Amended Plat of Block 1, North Riverview Terrace—Section 7 for approximately 55 feet of land of the east side which is presently owned by Robert Sletten. This land exchange will create straight boundaries of the lot which is necessary for the future development of new animal shelter and dog park. **Approval of this land exchange requires a super majority vote.**

**BACKGROUND:**

The City is assisting the Animal Foundation of Great Falls in identifying a location for its proposed animal shelter and animal control facility. If authorized, this deed will trade equivalent acreage between the parties to create a favorable lot for the proposed facility.

OCCGF 3.04.050(3) states that the Commission may trade or exchange property of like kind with equal or greater value without a request for proposal process and following a public hearing. Staff has determined that the property exchange with Mr. Sletten is of approximate equal size and value and is in the best interest of the City to even up the lot lines and therefore recommends approval of the land exchange.