



Item: Resolution 9832 Intention to Re-create a Business Improvement District within the City of Great Falls and set a public hearing for July 7, 2009

From: Martha Capps, Operations Supervisor

Initiated By: Business Improvement District Board of Directors

Presented By: Coleen Balzarini, Fiscal Services Director

Action Requested: Adopt Resolution 9832 and set a public hearing for July 7, 2009

1. Commissioner moves:

“I move that the City Commission (adopt/deny) Resolution 9832 and set a public hearing for July 7, 2009”

2. Mayor calls for a second, discussion, inquiries from the public, and calls the vote.

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends the City Commission adopt Resolution 9832 and set a public hearing for July 7, 2009.

Background: Montana Code Annotated 7-12-1101 through 7-12-1151 provides statutory authority to the City Commission to create and appoint a board to administer a Business Improvement District (BID). Adoption of Resolution 9832 establishes the boundaries of the District (which have not changed since the initial creation of the District) and sets the public hearing for the Resolution of Re-Creation to be held on July 7, 2009.

The BID in the City of Great Falls was originally created in May 1989 and re-created July 1999. Section 7-12-1141, MCA specifies that a BID shall not be for a period longer than ten (10) years unless the duration of the district is extended in compliance with the provisions for the creation of the district.

The City of Great Falls has been presented with petitions signed by 72% of the owners which exceeds the statutorily required 60%, of the area of the property to be included in a Business Improvement District. Attached for reference is a detailed spreadsheet, by parcel number of the petition responses.

The exterior boundaries of the district are shown on the map attached as Exhibit “A” and as described on Exhibit “B” of the Resolution.

The Great Falls City Commission has determined that this purpose promotes the health, safety, prosperity, security and general welfare of the inhabitants of the City of Great Falls and the

proposed district, the people of the State of Montana, and provides special benefit to the property located within the boundaries of said district.

Also attached to this agenda is the BID Ten Year Report 2009 detailing the assessments, operations and the positive impact the district has had in the downtown area through its beautification and improvement efforts. If re-created, the Board will be presenting the BID work plan and budget to the City Commission on July 21, 2009.

Concurrences: Representatives from Fiscal Services have been assisting the Business Improvement District Board of Directors on the re-creation process.

Fiscal Impact: No direct fiscal impacts to the City are anticipated as a result of re-creating the district. All costs are assessed against the properties within the boundaries of the district.

Alternatives: The City Commission could choose to not adopt Resolution 9832 and not set a public hearing.

Attachments/Exhibits: Petition Response Spreadsheet
BID Ten Year Report 2009
Resolution 9832 w/ Exhibits "A" & "B"

Cc: Business Improvement District Board of Directors