



## **PUBLIC MEETING**

September 12, 2017

### **MINUTES**

The Lewis and Clark County Commissioners Public Meeting was held on Tuesday, September 12, 2017, at 9:00 AM in Commission Chambers Room 330.

### **Roll Call**

Chairman Susan Good Geise called the meeting to order at 9 a.m.

Commissioner Andy Hunthausen and Commissioner Jim McCormick were present. Others attending all or a portion of the meeting included Roger Baltz, Nicho Hash, Lindsay Morgan, Jess Hegstrom, Tova Reddick, Brian Coplin, Ray Prill, and Misty Edwards, Recording Secretary.

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

Everyone recited the pledge.

### **2017 National Suicide Prevention Week.**

Commissioner McCormick read the proclamation for the 2017 National Suicide Prevention Week. September 10th through September 17th has been designated as 2017 National Suicide Prevention Week in Lewis and Clark County.

Jess Hegstrom, AmeriCorps Vista Service member for the East Helena Public Schools doing suicide prevention, thanked the Commission for the proclamation. Ms. Hegstrom coordinates community services and works with the East Helena Suicide Prevention and Awareness Coalition.

Tova Reddick, East Helena resident, stated that she went through the East Helena and Helena School districts and has personally been affected by suicide. Thanked the Commission for the recognition and for supporting suicide prevention efforts.

A motion to Approve was made by Commissioner Hunthausen and seconded by Commissioner McCormick. The motion Passed on a 3-0 vote.

## **Consent Action Items**

There were no consent action items.

## **Amendment to Grant Contract Between Lewis and Clark County and the Bureau of Land Management. (Roger Baltz)**

Roger Baltz, Chief Administrative Officer, presented the contract amendment with the Bureau of Land Management and the Tri-County FireSafe Working Group. The contract amendment is for an additional \$50,000 for wildland fuel hazard reduction, creation of defensible and survivable spaces, and to continue and expand the education and awareness program in Lewis and Clark, Broadwater and Jefferson Counties. Staff recommended approval of the contract amendment.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT -**

Ray Prill, Interim Director of Tri-County FireSafe Working Group, explained that history of the working group. Tri-County FireSafe Working Group helps homeowners create defensible spaces on their property by providing an assessment of the property, creation of a plan and funding assistance as well as education about the wildland-urban interface.

A motion to Approve was made by Commissioner McCormick and seconded by Commissioner Hunthausen. The motion Passed on a 3-0 vote.

## **Subdivision Improvements Agreement Extension Request. Amended Plat of Tract G1A - McHugh Subdivision No. 2 (Applicant: First Assembly of God Helena Montana) (Planner: Lindsay A. Morgan)**

Lindsay Morgan, Planner II, presented the extension request for the subdivision improvements agreement for the amended plat of tract G1A of the McHugh Subdivision No. 2. Final approval for this two lot subdivision was granted on January 12, 2016. At the time of final approval, the developer, McHugh Land and Livestock, entered into a Subdivision Improvements Agreement (SIA) with the County to guarantee that the proposed on-site fire protection system would be completed by September 6, 2016. However, the system had not been completed at that time so the developer requested an extension of the SIA for an additional year. On August 1, 2017, First Assembly of God entered into an SIA with the County, in which they agreed to complete the improvements required under the SIA between the developer and the County by September 6, 2017. The irrevocable letter of credit for the SIA expires on October 6, 2017. First Assembly of God is now requesting an extension of the SIA completion date to December 31, 2017. The First Assembly of God is hoping to annex the lot into the City of Helena, which would provide City infrastructure to the lot. If annexation occurs, the applicant would request release from the requirement of the on-site fire protection system. The decision regarding annexation should happen during the month of September.

Commissioner McCormick expressed concerns over extending the SIA for a very short period rather than a year. Commissioner Geise asked if the extension could be granted for a longer period of time, rather than a few short months. Ms. Morgan stated that the applicant felt the December 31, 2017 deadline would be enough time but that the Commissioners could grant a longer extension period if they wish. Ms. Morgan added that regardless of whether or not the lot is annexed into the City, the applicant still has the requirement and agreement with the County that they provide on-site fire protection system.

No public comment was received.

Commissioner Hunthausen made a motion to grant the requested extension for one year contingent upon an updated letter of credit that reflects the new date. The motion was seconded by Commissioner McCormick. The motion passed 3-0.

**Public comment on any public matter within the jurisdiction of the Commission that is not on the agenda above.**

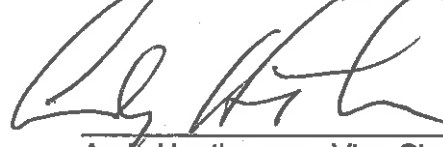
**Adjourn**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:42 a.m.

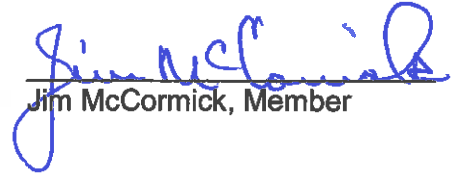
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