

RESOLUTION NO. R20-24

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL DETERMINING THE CITY'S PROPOSED RIVERSIDE PARK PROJECT SUBMITTED TO MONTANA'S DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE IS APPROPRIATELY QUALIFIED AS A CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION FROM THE MONTANA ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT.

WHEREAS, on February 25, 2020, the City Council authorized and approved the submission of an application for financial assistance from the Historic Preservation Grant Program administered through the Montana Department of Commerce for a project constituting the rehabilitation and improvement of historic structures within the City's Riverside Park;

WHEREAS, the City of Laurel submitted the application and supporting documentation to the Historic Preservation Grant Program on February 28, 2020;

WHEREAS, as part of the application process, the City agreed to comply with all State laws and regulations, and the requirements required by the Montana Historic Preservation Grant Program Application Guidelines;

WHEREAS, a requirement of the Historic Preservation Grant Program is to supply either an Environmental Assessment, Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), or official determination finding the Project eligible for a categorical exclusion from the requirements of the Montana Environmental Policy Act;

WHEREAS, the City Council conducted public meetings, publicly reviewed and discussed the possible environmental impacts of the project, and sought public comments regarding the potential impacts of the project;

WHEREAS, there was no substantive public comment received during the council meetings;

WHEREAS, the City has determined that the rehabilitation of the historical buildings and structures within the City's Riverside Park will not significantly affect the quality of the human environment; a significant public controversy does not exist over the project's potential effect on the quality of the human environment; and the project will not affect sensitive environmental or cultural resource areas or endangered or threatened species and their critical habitats;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, based on the findings included herein, the City Council hereby finds that an Environmental Assessment and Environmental Impact Statement are not necessary for the City's Riverside Park Project; and

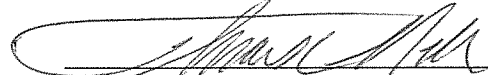
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council for the City of Laurel, Montana, has determined that it is appropriate for the City's Project to be Categorically Excluded from the Montana Environmental Policy Act.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the City Council on April 28, 2020, by Council Member Klose.

PASSED and APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Laurel this 28th day of April 2020.

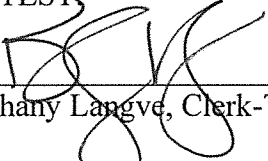
APPROVED by the Mayor this 28th day of April 2020.

CITY OF LAUREL



Thomas C. Nelson, Mayor

ATTEST:



Bethany Langve, Clerk-Treasurer

Approved as to form.



Sam S. Painter, Civil City Attorney