

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE MILL STREET NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN, REPLACING THE 2003 MILL STREET PRESERVATION PLAN AND EXPANDING THE NEIGHBORHOOD'S GEOGRAPHIC SCOPE

WHEREAS, community stakeholders, citizens, property owners, staff from the City of Colorado Springs ("City"), and the City's consultants have engaged in a rigorous, comprehensive, inclusive, transparent and collaborative planning process which has resulted in the Mill Street Neighborhood Plan (the "Plan"); and

WHEREAS, the Plan helps accomplish the Community Development Division's ("CDD") goals of stabilizing struggling neighborhoods and creating and preserving affordable housing in Colorado Springs; and

WHEREAS, the Plan is an eligible activity as defined by CDBG program regulations under CFR 570.205(a) and meets a national objective of benefitting low- and moderate-income persons as required in CFR 570.200(c); and

WHEREAS, the Plan is a document reflective of its stakeholders, produced throughout months of public engagement going above and beyond the requirements of CDD's Citizen Participation Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Plan took into account the research and vision expressed in a number of studies, such as the CityGate URA Study, the Downtown Transit Station Relocation Study, the Greenway Flats Market Study; and

WHEREAS, the Plan is consistent with current and ongoing community plans, including the City's 2001 Comprehensive Plan, the upcoming comprehensive plan "PlanCOS", the Experience Downtown Master Plan, the upcoming Historic Preservation Master Plan, Park System Master Plan, the Colorado Springs Bike Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, on October 18, 2018, pursuant to City Code § 7.5.407, the City of Colorado Springs City Planning Commission held a public hearing and found that the Plan is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan of the City of Colorado Springs and recommended its adoption; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has considered the evidence presented in support of and in opposition to the Plan, the Staff Report, the Plan and its appendices, the fiscal impact analysis, the City's Comprehensive Plan, the Downtown Review Board endorsement, the City Planning Commission recommendation, City staff recommendations, and has given appropriate weight to the evidence.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLORADO SPRINGS:

Section 1. The above and foregoing recitals are incorporated herein by reference and are adopted as findings and determinations of the City Council.

Section 2. City Council desires to recognize the level of attention and analysis given to this effort and acknowledge the participation and high level commitment of the participants in this community process.

Section 3. City Council finds that the Plan substantially conforms to the review criteria contained in City Code § 7.5.408 and hereby approves the Plan.

Section 4. City Council supports the utilization of the Plan in conformance with the directives of City Code § 7.5.401 to encourage coordination in the provision of City capital improvements and to analyze the impact of proposed development on public facilities and environmental quality;

Section 5. City Council further recommends that upon adoption, this Plan also be used as appropriate to guide and inform the community with respect to City Strategic Plan goals and objectives, updates to other planning studies, any necessary ordinances, and for the pursuit of future funding mechanisms in support of the Plan.

Section 6. This resolution shall be effective upon its approval by City Council.

Dated at Colorado Springs, Colorado this ____ day of _____, 2018.

Council President

ATTEST:

Sarah B. Johnson, City Clerk