

RESOLUTION NO. _____ - 17

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO ACKNOWLEDGING THE COMMUNITY'S PARTICIPATION AND APPROVING THE RENEW NORTH NEVADA AVENUE MASTER PLAN

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 "Renew North Nevada Avenue Master Plan" (the "Plan"); and

WHEREAS, the Plan addresses the North Nevada corridor extending from the Rock Island Railroad in the south to Austin Bluffs Parkway in the north, and from Cascade Avenue to the west and North Stone Avenue to the east (the "Corridor"); and

WHEREAS, the Corridor is a primary north-south arterial through the City and acts as a gateway to the City's historic Old North End, downtown Colorado Springs and the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs; and

WHEREAS, the Corridor was identified in 2013 as an Economic Opportunity Zone ("EOZ") and was officially designated by the City Council as an EOZ in 2016; and

WHEREAS, a task force was created to develop solutions for the Corridor and the development of a land use master plan pursuant to City Code § 7.5.402 (A)(3) was identified as a key action step to promote economic and land use renewal of the Corridor; and

WHEREAS, the City initiated and facilitated an open and transparent community-driven process that generated feedback from almost 900 participants; and

WHEREAS, the Plan is consistent with other community plans and visions including the City's "Comprehensive Plan", the "Experience Downtown Plan", the "Colorado Springs Infill and Redevelopment Plan", "Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments Regional Nonmotorized Transportation System Plan", and the "Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan"; and

WHEREAS, City staff will develop and be responsible for additional efforts to ensure the recommendations of the Plan are implemented; and

WHEREAS, the Plan's recommendations are critical to inform City leadership, the community and City staff with respect to project and funding priorities, and land use regulation and review which are supportive of public and private investment and reinvestment for the benefit of area residents, businesses and visitors; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to City Code § 7.5.407, at a public hearing the Plan has been reviewed and recommended for approval by the City's Planning Commission.

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 as attached in Exhibits A and B.

Section 4. City Council supports the utilization of the Plan in conformance with the directives of City Code § 7.5.401 to inform additional studies and specific project design efforts for the benefit of the Corridor and the long-term fiscal health of the City.

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 _____ 2017.

Council President

ATTEST:

Sarah Johnson, City Clerk