



REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA
Tuesday, October 1, 2024 - 6:00 PM
City Council Chambers, Elks Civic Building - 107 S. Cascade Ave.

The Montrose City Council is pleased to have residents of the community take time to attend City Council meetings. We encourage your attendance and participation. Individuals wishing to be heard during public hearing proceedings are encouraged to be prepared and will generally be limited to three minutes to allow everyone the opportunity to be heard. Additional written comments are welcome and will be received at any time. The 11:00 p.m. rule will be enforced in accordance with City of Montrose Regulations (Sec. 7-15-2).

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- 1) City Council meeting called to order by Mayor J. David Reed
- 2) The Pledge of Allegiance
- 3) Roll call by the City Clerk
- 4) Changes to the agenda including additions and deletions
- 5) Bullying Prevention Month Proclamation
- 6) You Make A Difference Award Presentation



7) CALL FOR PUBLIC COMMENT FOR NON-AGENDA ITEMS

The “Call for Public Comment” agenda item is a time when concerned members of the community may publicly voice their concerns and discuss items of interest. Please note that no formal action will be taken on the matters raised during this time.

Comments made during this time should be addressed to the Council and pertain to matters of at least general importance to the City and its operations. Please be aware that neither City Council nor City staff are expected to respond or engage in discussion or debate.

Please refrain from any personal attacks and disagreements, personnel and employment matters, the use of profanity or ethnic, racial, or gender-oriented slurs as they may be considered “disorderly conduct” which violates state or local law.

8) APPROVAL OF MINUTES (5 minutes)

City Council consideration of the minutes of the September 16, 2024 special City Council meeting and the September 17, 2024, regular City Council meeting. *Staff: City Clerk Lisa DelPiccolo*

Action: Consider making a motion to approve the minutes of the September 16, 2024, special City Council meeting and September 17, 2024, regular City Council meeting as presented.

9) YOUTH CITY COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS (15 minutes)

City Council consideration of applicants Reign Icasiano, Shiloh Warthen, Jordyn Simo and Niyati Patel for positions on the 2024-2025 Montrose Youth City Council. *Staff: Youth City Council Coordinators Briceida Ortega and Gunnison Clamp*

Action: Interview applicants. Consider making a motion to appoint Reign Icasiano, Shiloh Warthen, Jordyn Simo and Niyati Patel to the Montrose Youth City Council for the 2024-2025 term.

10) RESOLUTION 2024-16 (15 minutes)

City Council consideration of Resolution 2024-16 to pursue grant funding from the History Colorado State Historical Fund for a National Register of Historic Places nomination for the La Raza/Tortilla Flats neighborhood as administered by the National Park Service. *Staff: Community Development Specialist Christopher Ottinger*

Action: Accept public comment. Consider making a motion to adopt Resolution 2024-16 as presented.



- 11) STAFF REPORTS
- 12) YOUTH CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS
- 13) CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS
- 14) MOTION TO ADJOURN



PROCLAMATION

Bullying Prevention Month - October 2024

WHEREAS, bullying is unwanted, aggressive behavior among school aged children that involves a real or perceived power imbalance. The behavior is repeated, or has the potential to be repeated, over time. The children who are bullied, those who bully others, and those who witness the behaviors may have serious, lasting problems; and

WHEREAS, bullying occurs in neighborhoods, playgrounds, schools, community organizations, and online through technology; and

WHEREAS, various researchers have concluded that bullying is the most common form of violence, affecting millions of American children and adolescents annually; and

WHEREAS, thousands of Colorado children and adolescents are affected by bullying annually, and 1 in 5 students reports being bullied; and

WHEREAS, targets of bullying behaviors are at increased risk for depression, anxiety, sleep difficulties, lower academic achievement, and dropping out of school, and students who repeatedly experience bullying behaviors often fear such activities as riding the bus, going to school, interacting online, and attending community activities; and

WHEREAS, children who engage in bullying behaviors are at greater risk of engaging in more serious violent behaviors; and

WHEREAS, children who witness bullying behaviors often feel less safe, helpless to stop it, and intimidated; and

WHEREAS, organizations such as PEER Kindness are dedicated to providing support to children and adolescents experiencing the bullying circle, and providing prevention education through partnerships with youth, schools, youth-serving programs, and community leaders and organizations to reduce bullying and foster a PEER Kindness stand (positive, encouraging, empathetic, respectful, and kind). We urge all citizens to work toward the prevention of bullying and consider pledging to be part of the solution to end bullying in all its forms.

NOW, THEREFORE, we, the City Council of the City of Montrose, Colorado, do hereby proclaim October 2024 as

Bullying Prevention Month

in the City of Montrose and urge all community members to engage in a variety of awareness and prevention activities designed to make our communities safer for all children and adolescents.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official Seal of the City of Montrose, this 1st day of October, 2024.

J. David Reed, Mayor

Dear Members of the Monroe City Council,

My name is Jamie Freeman, and I stand before you today not just as an individual, but as a voice for those who, like me, have faced the harsh realities of homelessness. For the past five years, I have called the streets my home. I am 39 years old and have two dogs who are not just my companions, but my protectors. They offer me comfort and safety in a world that can often feel threatening.

I come to you today with a heavy heart, as I have learned that our town is moving forward with measures that criminalize homelessness. This is not just a personal issue; it is a matter of human rights and, more importantly, a constitutional concern.

The right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness is enshrined in our Constitution. When we make it illegal to be homeless, we are denying individuals like myself our basic rights. We are not criminals; we are people facing extraordinary challenges. Imprisoning those who are poor does not solve the problem; it only perpetuates a cycle of despair.

Homelessness is not a choice. It can be the result of various factors—job loss, medical emergencies, mental health issues, or family crises. By criminalizing homelessness, we are ignoring the underlying causes and failing to offer the support and resources necessary for individuals to rebuild their lives.

I also want to share a program idea called "United We Stand," aimed at addressing homelessness in our community. This initiative proposes to house individuals in one-bedroom units where they can have access to showers, restrooms, and laundry facilities. In return for their stay, residents would participate in community service each week.

We are not asking for a handout; we are asking for a hand up. This program offers a sustainable solution that not only provides shelter but also fosters a sense of responsibility and community engagement.

I understand that starting this program may take time, and there may not be an immediate solution. However, I urge the town to consider donating 5-10 acres of the many unused acres that the town owns. This land could serve as a temporary refuge for those in need until we can establish a more permanent solution through the "United We Stand" program.

Let us work together to find compassionate solutions rather than punishing the vulnerable. By investing in initiatives that support those in need, we can make our community a better place


Jamie Freeman

10-1-24
Date

Ex-con receives new life with Jesus Bikes

- Jesus Bikes launched 10 years ago
- Gallegos credits God, Renfrow for fresh start
- Program provides bikes to those in need

By Andrew Kiser

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Christopher Gallegos considers much of his past life to be like the bicycles he works on for Jesus Bikes that provides bicycles for those in need.

The bikes turned down on their backs in the dirt are the same as when he was addicted to drugs and living in squalor, he said.

The way they were confiscated and lockup by the Montrose Police Department is similar to his past when he was convicted of aggravated robbery and almost facing a 96-year prison sentence, Gallegos explained.

When the bicycles come to Jesus Bikes, a program founded by Jim Renfrow, they get worked on and flipped back on top, exactly like he felt when he found Christ in his life in 2005, he said.

He recalled his past self as a violent man and a lieutenant with Sureños, a gang affiliated with the Mexican Mafia. But now, as he talks eagerly about Jesus Bikes, the Bible and God, there's not a single trace of ferocity left in his voice.

"All I ever wanted to do was hurt people," Gallegos said. "There was so much hatred built up. I was looking at two double sentences; my family disowned me



Christopher Gallegos with Jesus Bikes tests the brakes of a bicycle he's working on April 26 to give away inside the shop on South Townsend Avenue. Gallegos has been part of the movement since the beginning of the year. (Andrew Kiser/Montrose Daily Press)

because all I did was get into trouble and I was in and out of prison. But God saved me and gave me a new family."

Gallegos, who once was once deemed

a "gangster," now spends his days building bikes for the homeless, people on work-release, families and children. And he's not asking for a dime in return.

"When we give them out for free, people say, 'Free? Nothing's free,'" Gallegos said. "Oh yeah, salvation is free, brother."

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the people responsible for giving Rinne the extra motivation to start her own business — as a soon-to-be-former librarian, the new bookstore owner has the expertise.

"She's passionate enough about what she's doing and has enough knowledge to make it work," Rosty said. "... People care more

It was important to Rinne to have children's books readily available so that the young ones can pick up a passion for reading early, she indicated.

"I think that's one of the fundamentally most important things that you can do for a child is read to them," Rinne said. "When

be an easy transition. I'm sure library patrons I see every day will hopefully be customers in my store, so I continue to talk with them about books still. Which is great."

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The only thing you got to do is believe."

For those wanting a bike, just call Gallegos at 970-417-2340 to set up a time to pick one up.

"They can come down here and we'll get them a bike," he said. "Everyone gets a bike. Just like salvation, everybody is given the opportunity for salvation."

His effort may be more surprising, considering the Jesus Bikes worker is homeless and spends his nights sheltered in Olathe through the Montrose Lighthouse ministry. But from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., Gallegos travels down to the bike shop.

He credited Renfrow, who started Jesus Bikes about a decade ago.

"If it wasn't for Jim's obedience to Jesus and his call, I probably wouldn't be here," Gallegos said.

Renfrow said he began the program to help lessen the number of MPD confiscated bicycles as well as give homeless people who need a mode of transportation.

Cycles have also been given out to families and children who may have had their bikes stolen.

Gallegos is the man in charge of fixing up the bikes and has been with Jesus Bikes since the beginning of the year.

Thanks to his vigorous work, the program has been able to work on them more than in previous years, Renfrow said.

"All of a sudden, we got Christopher and he's been able to spend more time on it," Renfrow said. "... It just took off. It's like asking a duck to get into the water."

His interest was also due to a young fixation with tinkering around with bikes, said Gallegos, who started working on them when he was 5.

"I just love bicycles.

They're fun. They are not only fun but it's also healthy for you to ride them," he said.

"The knowledge that I have with what I do today on bicycles is from God. I didn't read a book, watch a video, go to a seminary or anything."

Gallegos may lack formal training, but he's been able to help children.

"The best part about this is the kids' lives get transformed," Gallegos said. "That's where I get my happiness from. I just thank Him (Jesus) every day for this program."

Gallegos said he's also appreciative of a weekly Saturday event where he helps the children learn how to work on their own cycles.

"We have an open shop where people want to come and pick up a bike and build their own bike,"

Gallegos said. "I'll supervise the whole thing and let them use the tools. And whatever they don't know, I'll teach them."

All the giving back is coming from a man who once didn't think it was possible.

Gallegos said he may have had many negative experiences in his life, but now he's part of a more peaceful way. He just hopes more people could find that path, he added.

"This is what this whole thing is about: salvation, becoming a new creation," Gallegos said. "Because if the world had more peace in it and there were more positive things told amongst brothers and sisters ... this place would be a lot better."

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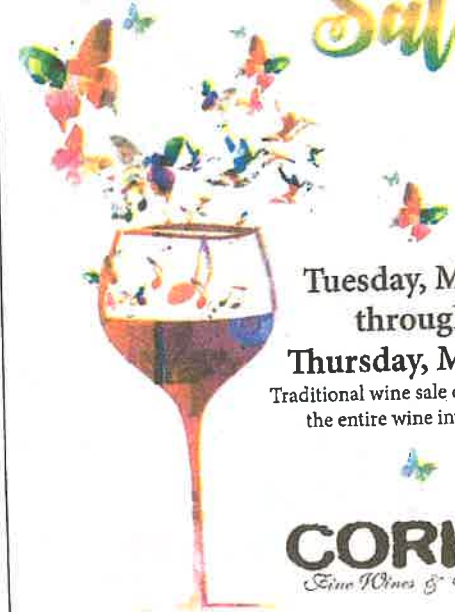
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MONTROSE CITY COUNCIL

September 16, 2024

A special meeting of the Montrose City Council was held on Monday, September 16, 2024, at 12:00 p.m., or immediately following the work session, in the City Council Chambers of the Elks Civic Building at 107 S. Cascade Avenue. Said meeting was posted in accordance with the Sunshine Law.

PRESENT

J. David Reed, Dave Frank, Judy Ann Files, Doug Glaspell, Ed Ulibarri, Chris Dowsey, Bill Bell, Ann Morgenthaler, Anthony Russo, Lisa DelPiccolo

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor J. David Reed called the special meeting to order at 10:59 a.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 10:59 a.m., a motion was made by Judy Ann Files, seconded by Dave Frank, to enter into an executive session to discuss the purchase, acquisition, lease, transfer, or sale of real, personal, or other property interest under C.R.S. Section 24-6-402(4)(a); for discussion of a personnel matter under C.R.S. Section 24-6-402(4)(f), and the following additional details are provided for identification purposes: contract for the sale of Historic City Hall; City Manager and City Attorney mid-cycle informal reviews. All voted yes. Motion passed.

RECONVENEMENT AND ADJOURNMENT

The special meeting reconvened at 12:26 p.m.

At 12:26 p.m. a motion was made by Doug Glaspell, seconded by Ed Ulibarri to adjourn the meeting with no further action taken. All voted yes. Motion passed.

ATTEST:

J. David Reed, Mayor

Lisa DelPiccolo, City Clerk



MONTROSE CITY COUNCIL

September 17, 2024

A regular meeting of the Montrose City Council was held on Tuesday, September 17, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers of the Elks Civic Building. Said meeting was posted in accordance with the Sunshine Law.

PRESENT

J. David Reed, Dave Frank, Judy Ann Files, Doug Glaspell, Ed Ulibarri, Bill Bell, Ann Morgenthaler, Chris Dowsey, Greg Story, Lisa DelPiccolo, Briceida Ortega, Gunnison Clamp, Matt Magliaro, Scott Murphy, Blaine Hall, Shani Wittenberg, Jace Hochwalt, William Reis, Greg Stunder, Christian Castravet, Chris Velasquez

GUESTS

Tom Mathis, April Fitzgerald, Richard Fitzgerald, Ron Smith, John Brown, Melanie Bell, Kathleen Curry, Nicole Johnston, Peter Phillips, Sydney Bell, Graysen Vidmar, Robin Kittell, Darinka Skybova, Kathryn Jakino, Lauren Clark

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor J. David Reed called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mayor J. David Reed reported that five new police officers took the oath of office before the meeting. Mayor Reed encouraged the public to attend future oath ceremonies.

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

No changes were made to the agenda.

CALL FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

John Brown spoke in support of a formal Non-Sanctuary City declaration by City Council.

Tom Mathis spoke regarding issues he encountered while attempting to build a home on the Western Slope and spoke in favor of compliance with established building codes.

Kathleen Currey, candidate for House District 58, introduced herself.

Nicole Johnston spoke in favor of a formal Non-Sanctuary City declaration and in support of transparency regarding city expenditures.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

City Council considered the minutes of the September 3, 2024, special City Council meeting and the September 3, 2024 regular City Council meeting.

A motion was made by Dave Frank, seconded by Doug Glaspell, to approve the minutes of the September 3, 2024, special City Council meeting and the September 3, 2024, regular City Council meeting as presented. All voted yes. Motion passed.

YOUTH CITY COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS

City Council considered applicants Peter Phillips, Sydney Bell, Graysen Vidmar, Robin Kittell, Darinka Skybova, Kathryn Jakino, and Lauren Clark for positions on the 2024-2025 Montrose Youth City Council.

Youth City Council Coordinator Briceida Ortega stated that 11 applications were received, and 7 of the applicants were present for interviews.

A motion was made by Dave Frank, seconded by Ed Ulibarri, to appoint Peter Phillips, Sydney Bell, Graysen Vidmar, Robin Kittell, Darinka Skybova, Kathryn Jakino, and Lauren Clark to the Montrose Youth City Council for the 2024-2025 term. All voted yes. Motion passed.

NEW HOTEL AND RESTAURANT LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATION

City Council considered an application for a new Hotel and Restaurant liquor license at 1544 Oxbow Drive, Suite 198, for Fitz Union LLC, doing business as Endless Pastabilities, for consumption on the licensed premises. A hearing was held.

City Attorney Chris Dowsey reported that the file is in order and the fees have been paid. Mr. Dowsey stated that a staff review of the application found no issues that would prevent the license from being issued.

Applicants April Fitzgerald and Richard Fitzgerald provided an overview of their dream to own their own restaurant with good Italian food at a reasonable price. Mr. Fitzgerald said they plan to have entertainment and activities such as open mic nights, karaoke, and performances by local musicians.

Mr. Fitzgerald agreed to the City of Montrose as the neighborhood and said issuing the license would help meet the needs of the neighborhood.

Mr. Dowsey provided a summary of a petition process. A total of 100 signatures were submitted, with 77 determined to be valid and in support of the license.

Mr. Fitzgerald stated that he is familiar with Colorado liquor laws and their policy will be to ID everyone regardless of age. Mr. Fitzgerald said he is familiar with alcohol server training offered by the City and said all licensees, managers and servers will complete the training.

Mayor J. David Reed opened the hearing.

Public comment was accepted. No comments were received.

Mayor Reed closed the hearing.

A motion was made by Dave Frank, seconded by Doug Glaspell, to approve a new Hotel and Restaurant liquor license at 1544 Oxbow Drive, Suite 198, for Fitz Union LLC, doing business as Endless Pastabilities, for consumption on the licensed premises. All voted yes. Motion passed.

ORDINANCE 2671 – SECOND READING

City Council considered Ordinance 2671 on second reading, an Ordinance of the City of Montrose, Colorado, amending Title 5 Chapter 2 Sections 1 and 5 of the Official Code of the City of Montrose, Colorado, increasing the hotel room tax from .9% to 6% and limiting the use of the funds generated to assist in the impact of tourism on the City of Montrose.

City Attorney Chris Dowsey reported that Ordinance 2671 increases the hotel room tax from .9% to 6% but the Ordinance only becomes effective if the ballot issue is passed by the voters on November 5. Mr. Dowsey said the Ordinance also allocates the revenue generated to right of way

maintenance, childcare services, affordable housing, tourism/promotion, and public transit services.

Public comment was accepted. No comments were received.

Mayor Reed stated that the increase is intended to generate additional income to offset the impact of tourism in our community. Mayor Reed said the tax will be paid by visitors to the community and not locals.

A motion was made by Doug Glaspell, seconded by Ed Ulibarri, to adopt Ordinance 2671 on second reading as presented. All voted yes. Motion passed.

ORDINANCE 2672 – SECOND READING

City Council considered Ordinance 2672 on second reading, an Ordinance of the City of Montrose, Colorado, amending Title 11 Chapter 7 Section 8, regarding the requirements of planned developments.

Community Development Director Jace Hochwalt reported no changes to Ordinance 2672 since it was passed on first reading at the previous meeting. Mr. Hochwalt stated that this is a stand-alone code amendment to eliminate the planned development requirement for multi-building, multi-family projects.

Mr. Hochwalt said that the amendments expedite the development review process for housing and incentivize multi-family development. Mr. Hochwalt stated that the amendments do not change where multi-building and multi-projects are allowed, set back standards, or dimensional requirements, and a formalized review process still exists.

Public comment was accepted. No comments were received.

A motion was made by Dave Frank, seconded by Doug Glaspell, to adopt Ordinance 2672 on second reading as presented. All voted yes. Motion passed.

ORDINANCE 2673 – SECOND READING

City Council considered Ordinance 2673 on second reading, an Ordinance of the City of Montrose, Colorado, repealing Title 6 Chapter 2 Section 3 (6-2-3) only, regarding the limit on dogs and cats.

Assistant City Attorney Matt Magliaro reported that the Ordinance repeals the limits on the number of cats and dogs per household, and no changes have been made to the Ordinance since first reading at the previous meeting. Mr. Magliaro stated that the Ordinance strikes all language regarding limits on the number of dogs and cats and replaces the title with a placeholder of "Reserved."

Public comment was accepted. No comments were received.

A motion was made by Judy Ann Files, seconded by Dave Frank, to adopt Ordinance 2673 on second reading as presented. All voted yes. Motion passed.

RESOLUTION 2024-15

City Council considered Resolution 2024-15, setting November 5, 2024, as the hearing date for the Leonard Farm Addition Annexation.

Planner II William Reis reviewed the annexation timeline and proposed hearing date of November 5. Mr. Reis reviewed the location of the 71.22 acre site south of Ogden Road and said the parcel is within the Urban Growth Boundary and within city water and sewer service areas. The proposed zoning designation of R-3A, Medium High Density District was reviewed as well as the zoning of the surrounding area. A Planning Commission zoning hearing is scheduled for September 25.

Mr. Reis stated that the proposal is consistent with public health safety and welfare, annexation policies, and the Comprehensive Plan. An Annexation Impact Report is required.

Public comment was accepted. No comments were received.

A motion was made by Doug Glaspell, seconded by Dave Frank, to adopt Resolution 2024-15 as presented. All voted yes. Motion passed.

OGDEN ROAD LOUTSENHIZER CANAL CULVERT REPLACEMENT CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT

City Council considered \$988,964.84 in expenditures for construction of the Ogden Road Loutsenhizer Canal Culvert Replacement Project. This includes the award of a construction

contract to K&D Construction in the amount of \$944,464.84 and a survey and engineering support contract to Del-Mont Consultants in the amount of \$44,500.00.

City Engineer Scott Murphy reported that the culvert crossing is progressing toward failure which placed the project at a higher priority. The project is scheduled to begin in November after irrigation water is turned off. The project includes the installation of a wider box culvert, construction of sidewalks on both sides of the road, relocation of a waterline, and installation of a sewer line beneath the canal. The project was designed by Del-Mont Consultants.

Mr. Murphy reviewed the bid process. Seven bids were received with the low bid submitted by K&D Construction. Mr. Murphy recommended awarding a construction contract to K&D Construction and a survey contract to Del-Mont Consultants.

Mr. Murphy stated that a full closure of Ogden Road is necessary and reviewed detour routes. Construction will conclude in March of 2025 with paving when temperatures allow.

Mr. Murphy said the project is not in the 2024 budget, but funds designated for the delayed Woodgate Roundabout project will be used in 2024, with funding for the remainder of the project in the 2025 budget. Permitting with the Bureau of Reclamation is in progress.

Public comment was accepted. No comments were received.

A motion was made by Dave Frank, seconded by Doug Glaspell, to approve \$988,964.84 in expenditures for construction of the Ogden Road Loutsenhizer Canal Culvert Replacement Project as presented. All voted yes. Motion passed.

STAFF REPORTS

Sales, Use, and Excise Tax Report

Finance Director Shani Wittenberg presented a sales, use, and excise tax report for the month of July 2024. Ms. Wittenberg reported that total sales and use tax collections were down 1.6 percent as compared to July of 2023, with a negative budget variance of 1.1 percent. Year-to-date collections were up 3.5 percent with a positive budget variance of 5.7 percent.

The impacts of the Highway 50 bridge closure were discussed.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

City Councilor Doug Glaspell commended Police Department staff for recruitment efforts and the success of the Law Enforcement Academy.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:04 p.m., the meeting adjourned with no further action taken.

ATTEST:

J. David Reed, Mayor

Lisa DelPiccolo, City Clerk



CITY OF MONTROSE

MEMO

TO: City Council
FROM: Christopher Ottinger - Community Development Specialist
DATE: October 1, 2024
RE: Colorado State Historical Fund Grant – La Raza/Tortilla Flats Neighborhood

INTRODUCTION

The City of Montrose Community Development Department is seeking approval from City Council to apply for a History Colorado State Historical Fund Mini-Grant. The purpose of the grant is to fund the nomination process to the National Register of Historic Places for the La Raza/Tortilla Flats neighborhood in Montrose, Colorado.

BACKGROUND

The Tortilla Flats Neighborhood, also called La Raza, is located between the Uncompahgre River on the west, Townsend Road and the railroad tracks to the east, West Main Street to the south and generally N 9th St to the North. It has historically been a majority Hispanic neighborhood since the early twentieth century. This was due in part to the practice of “redlining” as well as racial discrimination. It is and remains an important piece of Montrose for the contributions of current and former residents to the development of Montrose economically and culturally.

Since 2017, the City has been actively engaged with the neighborhood residents over a variety of topics and projects. Some more recent work included the rejuvenation of La Raza Park in 2021 and the Historical Context Survey in 2022. The survey precipitated the request from the residents that they would like the City to pursue a grant to fund a nomination to the Register.

After discussing the goal with History Colorado, the historic preservation arm of the state government, it was determined a competitive mini-grant would be the optimal choice for this project. The mini-grant also provides for a no-match option if the project benefits Black, Indigenous or People of Color (BIPOC) communities for which Tortilla Flats does qualify.

If funded, the grant would provide for costs associated with hiring a qualified consultant that would lead the nomination application, with support from City Staff or La Raza/Tortilla Flats residents as

needed. It is anticipated that this nomination may take up to a year to complete or more depending on the nomination cycle.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

The total amount that is being requested from the State Historical Fund is \$50,000. There is no required match for this grant. The grant is anticipated to be used to pay the consulting fee and any associated costs with the nomination process.

RECOMMENDATION

City Staff recommends approval by City Council to authorize submission of a State Historical Fund Mini-Grant application in the amount of \$50,000 to fund the nomination of the La Raza/Tortilla Flats Neighborhood to the National Register of Historic Places.



RESOLUTION NO. 2024-16

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MONTROSE,
COLORADO APPROVING THE FILING OF A GRANT APPLICATION WITH THE
HISTORY COLORADO STATE HISTORICAL FUND IN ORDER TO FUND THE
NOMINATION OF THE LA RAZA PARK/TORTILLA FLATS NEIGHORHOOD TO
THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES.**

WHEREAS, the City of Montrose (“City”) values the diverse culture and peoples and the historic neighborhoods where they live in Montrose which have contributed to the development of the city and county; and

WHEREAS, the City recognizes the La Raza Park/Tortilla Flats neighborhood as an important cultural and historical asset that contributed significantly to the development of the region; and

WHEREAS, the City conducted a historical context survey and associated outreach programs to better define and inventory the history of the neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, the City was requested by the current and former residents of the neighborhood to pursue the nomination to the National Register of Historic Places as administered by the National Park Service; and

WHEREAS, to respond to the neighborhood’s desires, the City shall apply for a competitive grant administered by History Colorado State Historical Fund, in an amount up to \$50,000, for the aforementioned nomination project; and

WHEREAS, should the City receive this grant, it will enter into an agreement with a consultant with verified expertise on historic preservation and nomination applications through a procurement process; and

WHEREAS, the City shall submit a grant application to History Colorado State Historical Fund on or about October 1, 2024 for rehabilitation costs for the aforementioned project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MONTROSE THAT:

Section 1. Council directs the City Manager, and City Staff, to perform all steps necessary to execute the grant agreement with History Colorado State Historical Fund and enter into an

agreement with chosen consultant upon a grant award.

ADOPTED THIS ____ DAY OF _____, 2024, by the Montrose City Council.

CITY OF MONTROSE, COLORADO

J. David Reed, Mayor

ATTEST:

Lisa DelPiccolo, City Clerk