

RESOLUTION NO. 739

A RESOLUTION FINDING THAT AN AREA OF BLIGHT EXISTS WITHIN AREAS DESIGNATED BY POLSON'S MASTER PLAN AS SALISH POINT, THE CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT, RAILYARD AND THE ADJACENT TRANSITIONAL AND LIGHT INDUSTRIAL/COMMERCIAL (EXHIBIT "A) ZONES AND THAT REHABILITATION, REDEVELOPMENT OR A COMBINATION THEREOF, WITHIN SUCH AREA IS NECESSARY IN THE INTEREST OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY, MORALS OR WELFARE OF THE RESIDENTS OF THE CITY OF POLSON.

WHEREAS, on February 21, 1994 the City Council of the City of Polson adopted the Polson Master Plan (hereinafter "Plan"); and

WHEREAS, on March 7, 1994 the City Council of the City of Polson adopted the Polson Development Code (hereinafter "Code"); and

WHEREAS, the Plan adopted investment strategies calling for urban renewal and revitalization within the Policy Areas known as Salish Point, the Central Business District (CBD) and the Railyard; and

WHEREAS, the Code provides for a well-planned transition from single family residential to higher density residential or commercial uses within the Transitional area adjacent to the CBD; and

WHEREAS, the Code also provides for a wider range of commercial and industrial development is similar to that specified for the Railyard; and

WHEREAS, in the process of developing the Plan and in conducting a windshield survey of the residential and commercial structures in the areas, the following blighting conditions were found:

- 1) present urbanized land use patterns incorporate a haphazard and incompatible mix of uses;
- 2) 147 existing structures are structurally substandard, of which 50 are substantially to severely substandard;
- 3) interaction of pedestrians, bicycles and vehicles can create dangerous situations; and
- 4) growth within the areas is resulting in increased strains on infrastructure, parking, streets, sidewalks and other city services; and

WHEREAS, the above factors involving land use, transportation and safety indicate a relationship of factors contributing to the blighting conditions which exist in the area under subsection 7-15-4206, MCA; and

WHEREAS, urban renewal and revitalization of the above mentioned areas are an integral part of the Plan as adopted by the City; and

WHEREAS, such urban renewal and revitalization will enable the City to consider projects and incentives to encourage the orderly redevelopment of commercial and residential properties in the area; and

WHEREAS, preparation of an urban renewal plan for the entire area may result in an Ordinance which includes:

- 1) an urban renewal plan for the area conforming to the Code and Plan, or parts thereof, for the City of Polson as a whole, and
- 2) an urban renewal plan affording maximum opportunity, consistent with the sound needs of the City of Polson as a whole, for the rehabilitation or redevelopment of the urban renewal area by private enterprise, and
- 3) an urban renewal plan addressing infrastructure needs, prioritized and conforming to the Code, plan and capital improvements plan, or parts thereof, for the City of Polson as a whole; and
- 4) a phased schedule of implementation which addresses the specific concerns of each of the zones (Salish Point, CBD, Railyard) within the renewal area and provides for orderly transition between zones; and
- 5) an implementation schedule which prioritizes projects and determines which portions of the renewal area should be addressed over a sequential period of time; and

6) a sound and adequate financial program for financing of said project(s).

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the City of Polson to exercise the powers conferred by the Montana Urban Renewal Law; and

WHEREAS, the Montana Urban Renewal Law states that no municipality may exercise any of the powers conferred therein until after its local governing body shall have adopted a Resolution of Necessity.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POLSON, MT:

SECTION I. That one or more blighted areas exist in the City of Polson, specifically the area encompassing the Salish Point, Central Business District, Railyard, Transition and Commercial/Light Industrial Zones as described in Exhibit "A".

SECTION II. That the rehabilitation, redevelopment or combination thereof, of such area or areas is necessary in the interest of the public health, safety, morals and welfare of the residents of the City of Polson.

SECTION III. That the Polson Community Development Corporation, as a non-profit organization working with and on behalf of City Council, shall be authorized to prepare an Urban Renewal Plan for the area as described above and in Exhibit "A".

SECTION IV. That said plan shall be presented to the Polson City/County Planning Board within sixty days from the date of this resolution.

SECTION V. That this resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage by the city Council.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL AND MAYOR OF THE CITY OF POLSON THIS 3rd DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1997

John W. Glueckert

John W. Glueckert, Mayor

ATTEST:

Aggi Loeser

Aggi Loeser, City Clerk

STATE OF MONTANA)
County of Lake)
: ss.

On this 3rd day of November, 1997, before me, the undersigned Notary Public for the State of Montana, personally appeared JOHN W. GLUECKERT and AGGI LOESER, known to me to be the Mayor and the City Clerk of the CITY OF POLSON, Montana, the municipal corporation that executed the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that such corporation executed the same.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Notarial Seal the day and year in this certificate first above written.

Bonnie Cornett

Notary Public for the State of Montana
Residing at Polson Montana
My commission expires: 8-16-2000

EXHIBIT "A" (Resolution #739)

