

**WASILLA PLANNING COMMISSION
RESOLUTION SERIAL NO. 13-04(AM)**

A RESOLUTION OF THE WASILLA PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDING THAT THE WASILLA CITY COUNCIL RETAIN OWNERSHIP OF THE META ROSE SQUARE PROPERTY LOCATED ON LOT 5A, BLOCK 1, FRED NELSON SUBDIVISION. GENERALLY LOCATED AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF HERNING AVENUE AND YENLO STREET.

WHEREAS, the Wasilla City Council adopted the updated Comprehensive Plan in 2011, which contains goals and objectives that will promote and encourage development and redevelopment in the downtown area and encourage a mix of land uses necessary to create a more vibrant downtown; and

WHEREAS, the City hired a consultant to prepare a Downtown Area Plan that is currently scheduled for approval by the Planning Commission on July 9, 2013; and

WHEREAS, the draft Downtown Area Plan recommends that the City create a land bank to purchase parcels as they become available to hold for potential re-platting of small lots and provide lots for sale to developers that will create projects that will encourage development and that will include a mix of uses needed to create an attractive and diverse downtown that will attract residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, other cities and communities have successfully created programs to purchase lands within areas targeted for redevelopment and then offer them for sale via a request for proposal-type process to generate development is consistent with the adopted plans; and

WHEREAS, on July 9, 2013, the Wasilla Planning Commission held a public hearing on the proposed sale; and


WHEREAS, the Wasilla Planning Commission deliberated on the proposed sale of the Meta Rose Square property; and

WHEREAS, the Wasilla Planning Commission finds that the proposed sale is in the best interests of the City but recommends that the City first obtain an opinion from a consultant determining the best future use of that area of the downtown as it relates to the City's Downtown Area Plan and Comprehensive Plan and then sell the property via an RFP process.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wasilla Planning Commission hereby recommends that the City of Wasilla retain ownership of the Meta Rose Square property and continue to lease the building until such time as the City identifies targeted land uses that are consistent with the Downtown Area Plan and will create a vibrant, revitalized downtown.

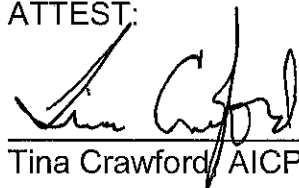
ADOPTED by the Wasilla Planning Commission on August 13, 2013.

APPROVED:


Daniel Kelly, Jr., Chairman

8/27/2013

ATTEST:


Tina Crawford, AICP, City Planner

VOTE: Passed Unanimously