

RESOLUTION NO. 20-_____

A RESOLUTION OF INTENTION TO CREATE **SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT LIGHTING MAINTENANCE DISTRICT NO. 326** OF THE CITY OF BILLINGS, MONTANA, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING ENERGY AND MAINTENANCE FOR STREET LIGHTS, DESIGNATING THE NUMBER OF SAID DISTRICT, DESCRIBING THE BOUNDARIES THEREOF, STATING THE GENERAL CHARACTER OF THE IMPROVEMENTS TO BE MADE, ESTABLISHING THE ESTIMATE OF THE COST OF MAINTAINING SUCH LIGHTS AND SUPPLYING ELECTRICAL CURRENT THEREFOR FOR THE FIRST YEAR, THE PROPORTION OF THE COST TO BE ASSESSED AGAINST THE ABUTTING PROPERTY, AND THE METHOD OF ASSESSMENT OF SAID COSTS.

WHEREAS, the City Council of Billings, Montana, has determined that the public interest and convenience require the creation of a Special Improvement Lighting Maintenance District as hereinafter provided;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BILLINGS, MONTANA:

SECTION 1:

That the public interest and convenience require, and it is deemed necessary, to create a Special Improvement Lighting Maintenance District for the purpose of providing energy and maintenance for new street lights for lighting in said district and the intention of said City Council to create such a district more particularly described hereinafter, is declared.

SECTION 2:

That said newly created district shall be known and designated as "Special Improvement Lighting Maintenance District No. 326", hereinafter called the District, and the boundaries of the District shall include lots, parcels and pieces of land directly abutting King Avenue East between Orchard Lane and Jackson Street as shown on the map designated as Exhibit "A" and as described in Exhibit "B" attached hereto.

SECTION 4:

That the City of Billings, Montana, finds, determines and declares that each of the lots, blocks, pieces and parcels of land situated within the boundaries of the District will be especially benefited and affected by said improvements and that all of the property included within the District is hereby declared to be the property to be assessed for the costs and expenses of obtaining the electrical energy for and maintenance of said street lights.

SECTION 5:

That the general character of the improvements to be made for the District is declared to be as follows: The provision of energy and maintenance for street lighting facilities consisting of sixteen (16) LED luminaires mounted on steel poles with underground wiring. The City of Billings

shall own and install the streetlights and all associated appurtenant structures and materials. The initial cost of installing the lighting will be paid for by the City and shall not be included in the costs assessed to the properties within the District.

SECTION 6:

The City of Billings intends to establish the contract rate for supplying electrical energy in accordance with the rate schedule approved by the Montana Public Service Commission. Said rate is currently estimated at \$7.94 per unit, per month, and that NorthWestern Energy Company shall provide energy to the lighting fixtures. That the City of Billings shall provide normal maintenance to lighting fixtures, poles, cables and other incidental equipment, and shall at all times own said lighting fixtures, poles, cables and other incidental equipment.

SECTION 7:

The estimate of the cost of the District per year, including City administrative costs, is the sum of \$4,045.96; that the entire cost of said District shall be paid by the owners of the property listed in Exhibit "C" attached hereto, with each lot, parcel or piece of land within the District to be assessed for that portion of the whole cost which its assessable area bears to the total assessable area of the entire District, exclusive of public streets, avenues, alleys and other public places. The estimated cost of the District per year for property owners is on the basis of approximately \$ 0.00830852 per square foot of property within the District boundary.

SECTION 8:

That the entire cost of the District shall be paid by an annual assessment against the property in the District; that annually, pursuant to § 7-12-4332, MCA, the City Council shall adopt a resolution estimating the cost of maintaining said lights including a reserve to fund annual maintenance and future costs to replace underground wiring, fixtures, and poles, and furnishing electrical current and assessing all of said property within said District for the annual costs; that all monies derived from the collection of such assessments shall be paid into a fund to be known as "Special Lighting Maintenance District No. 326 Maintenance Fund," and warrants shall be drawn on said fund for the payment of such costs of maintaining such lights and supplying electrical current therefore.

SECTION 9:

That on the 23rd day of March, 2020, at 5:30 o'clock p.m., at the Council Chambers of the City Hall in said City, the City Council intends to create such Special Improvement Lighting Maintenance District No. 326 and will hear objections and protests against the proposed improvements and the extent and creation of such District to be assessed, or any matter pertaining thereto, at said time and place, by any person, firm, or corporation who has filed a

written protest with the City Clerk of the City of Billings within fifteen (15) days after the date on which the Notice of the passage of this Resolution of Intention is published in "Yellowstone County News".

SECTION 10:

That the City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish a copy of the Notice of the passage of this Resolution in "Yellowstone County News", a weekly newspaper published and circulated in Yellowstone County, Montana, on February 28th and March 6th, 2020, and to send a copy of said Notice to the owners of all the lots, blocks, pieces or parcels of land included within the boundaries of said Special Improvement Lighting Maintenance District No. 326. Said notice is to be published and mailed on the same date.

PASSED by the City Council and APPROVED this 24th day of February, 2020.

CITY OF BILLINGS

By _____
William A. Cole Mayor

ATTEST:

By _____
Denise R. Bohlman City Clerk