

RESOLUTION NO. 97- 17220

RESOLUTION RELATING TO \$379,000 SPECIAL SIDEWALK, CURB, GUTTER AND ALLEY APPROACH BONDS, SERIES 1997A; AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND CALLING FOR THE PUBLIC SALE THEREOF AND AUTHORIZING THE PLEDGE OF THE REVOLVING FUND TO THE SECURITY THEREOF

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Billings, Montana (the "City"), as follows:

Section 1. Recitals.

(a) The City is authorized pursuant to Section 7-14-4109, M.C.A. to order the construction or reconstruction of sidewalks, curbs or gutters in front of any lot or parcel of land and may order alley approaches constructed or replaced adjacent to any lot or parcel of land within the City. By Resolution No. 95-16933 adopted April 24, 1995 (the "Order"), the Council ordered in certain sidewalks, curbs, gutters and alley approaches which were described in Exhibit A to the respective resolutions. The Order was duly entered in the minutes of the Council and set forth the names of the streets along which sidewalks, curbs or gutters are to be constructed or along which the alley approaches are to be constructed or replaced. As provided in the Order and in accordance with Section 7-14-4109, M.C.A., written notice of the Order was given to the owners or agents of owners of lots or parcels of land against which the costs of the proposed improvements were to be assessed. Upon the expiration of the 30-day notice period in the Order, the City determined which of the proposed improvements have been or will be constructed by the owners of the adjacent property and which of the proposed improvements will be constructed by the City. The improvements to be constructed by the City (the "Improvements") are described in Exhibit A attached hereto. The total estimated costs of the Improvements to be constructed by the City are **\$379,000**, including such incidental costs and a deposit to the City's Special Improvement District Revolving Fund (as hereinafter defined the "Revolving Fund"). The City is authorized to pay the costs of constructing the Improvements by the issuance of special warrants (the Special Sidewalk, Curb, Gutter and Alley Approach Warrants) drawn against a fund to be known as the Special Sidewalk, Curb, Gutter and Alley Approach Fund and to secure such warrants by the City revolving fund created pursuant to Section 7-12-4221, M.C.A. (the "Revolving Fund"). The costs of the Improvements are to be paid from the proceeds of Special Sidewalk, Curb,

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Gutter and Alley Approach Warrants, Series 1997A, hereinafter referred to as Special Sidewalk, Curb, Gutter and Alley Approach Bonds (the "Bonds"), which are to be payable primarily from special assessments to be levied against property in the District, which property will be specially benefitted by the Improvements in an amount not less than **\$379,000**.

(b) The City is authorized by Montana Code Annotated, Section 7-12-4204(1) to sell the Bonds at a price less than the principal amount thereof, but including interest thereon to the date of delivery, if this Council determines that such sale is in the best interests of the District and the City.

(c) It is necessary that the Bonds be issued and sold in an aggregate principal amount of **\$379,000** to finance the costs of the Improvements, including incidental costs, described in Subsection (a). The costs of the Improvements are currently estimated, as follows:

Engineering/Administration	\$ 35,000.00
Construction	709,000.00
LESS City/Other Contributions	- 397,215.00
Revolving Fund deposit	18,950.00
Bond discount	<u>13,265.00</u>
Total	\$379,000.00

Section 2. Determination of Public Interest in Allowing Bond Discount.

Pursuant to the authority described in Section 1, this Council hereby determines to fix the minimum price for the Bonds at **\$366,000**, plus interest accrued thereon to the date of delivery. Such minimum bid will enable bidders to bid more efficiently for the Bonds by permitting them to submit their bids based on actual market conditions without adjusting the interest rates thereon to provide compensation for their purchase of the Bonds. This procedure will facilitate the sale of the Bonds at the lowest interest rates, which is in the best interests of the property owners whose property will be assessed for the Improvements and the City.

Section 3. Findings and Determination To Pledge the Revolving Fund. In

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public interest, and in the best interest of the City and the property owners whose property will be assessed for the Improvements, to secure payment of principal of and interest on the Bonds by the Revolving Fund and authorized the City to enter into the undertakings and agreements authorized in the Act in respect of the Bonds, based on the factors required to be considered under Section 7-12-4225(4) of the Act. Those findings and determinations were ratified and confirmed in the resolution adopted by this Council on **April 24, 1995**, ordering in the Improvements, and are hereby ratified and confirmed. It is hereby covenanted and recited that the City has the power under the Act to pledge the Revolving Fund to payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds.

Section 4. Terms of the Bonds. This Council hereby authorizes the issuance and sale of the Bonds, to be denominated Special Sidewalk, Curb, Gutter and Alley Approach Bonds, Series 1997A of the City in the aggregate principal amount of **\$379,000** (the "Bonds") for the purpose of financing the Improvements. The Bonds shall be dated, as originally issued, as of **May 1, 1997**, and shall bear interest payable semiannually on January 1 and July 1 of each year, commencing January 1, **1998**, at a rate or rates designated by the successful bidder at public sale and approved by this Council. If issued as serial bonds, the Bonds shall mature on July 1 in each of the following years and amounts:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1998	\$29,000
1999	30,000
2000	30,000
2001	30,000
2002	30,000
2003	30,000
2004	30,000
2005	30,000
2006	35,000
2007	35,000
2008	35,000
2009	35,000

If issued as amortization bonds, the Bonds will be issued as a single bond or divided into several bonds, as the Council may determine at the time of the sale, and the principal

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of and interest on the Bonds shall be payable semiannually in equal payments on each January 1 and July 1, commencing January 1, 1998 and concluding July 1, 2009, unless the Bonds are earlier redeemed. Serial bonds shall be in the denomination of \$5,000 each or any integral multiple thereof of single maturities; provided that one Bond with a stated maturity in 1998 shall be in the principal amount of \$4,000.

The Bonds shall be issuable only as fully registered bonds and shall be executed by the manual or facsimile signatures of the Mayor and the City Clerk. The Bonds shall be secured by the Revolving Fund.

Section 5. Public Sale. The Bonds shall be sold at a public competitive sale which is hereby called and shall be held at a regular meeting of this Council on **May 12, 1997**, at 7:30 p.m. The City will receive sealed bids for the Bonds in accordance with the notice of sale hereinafter prescribed. The City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause notice of the sale to be published, as required by Montana Code Annotated, Sections 7-12-4204, 7-7-4252 and 17-5-106, in *The Billings Times*, once each week for two successive weeks preceding the week which contains the date of sale. The notice of sale shall be published and mailed in substantially the form set forth as Exhibit A to this resolution (which is hereby incorporated herein and made a part hereof) and this Council hereby adopts the terms and conditions set forth in such notice of sale as the terms and conditions of the sale of the Bonds.

Section 6. Official Statement. The Director of Finance and other officers of the City are hereby authorized and directed to prepare on behalf of the City an official statement to be distributed to potential purchasers of the Bonds. Such official statement shall contain the terms and conditions of sale set forth in the notice of sale adopted in Section 4 and such other information as shall be advisable and necessary to describe accurately the City and the security for, and terms and conditions of, the Bonds.

Section 7. Continuing Disclosure; Exemption. Bidders and other participating underwriters in the primary offering of the Bonds need not comply with paragraph (b)(5) of

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Rule 15c2-12 promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Rule"), because the aggregate principal amount of the Bonds and any other securities required to be integrated with the Bonds is less than \$1,000,000. Consequently, the City will not enter into any undertaking to provide continuing disclosure of any kind with respect to the Bonds.

PASSED by the City Council of the City of Billings, Montana, this **28th** day of **April**, **1997**.



THE CITY OF BILLINGS:

By: Charles F. Tooley
Charles F. Tooley, MAYOR

ATTEST:

By: Marita Herold
Marita Herold, CMC CITY CLERK

EXHIBIT A

NOTICE OF BOND SALE

**\$379,000 SPECIAL SIDEWALK, CURB, GUTTER AND ALLEY APPROACH BONDS,
SERIES 1997A CITY OF BILLINGS, MONTANA**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Billings, Montana (the "City"), will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, as evidenced by sealed bids, the above-described Bonds drawn against the Special Sidewalk, Curb, Gutter and Alley Approach Fund, Series 1997, in the principal amount of \$379,000 (the "Bonds").

Sealed bids for the purchase of the Bonds will be received until 2:00 p.m. M.T. on Monday, the 12th day of **May, 1997**, at the office of the City Clerk of the City of Billings, 210 North 27th Street, Billings Montana, at which time the bids will be opened and tabulated. The City Council of the City will meet at 7:30 p.m. on the same day in the City Council Chambers to consider the bids and the award of sale of the Bonds.

Purpose and Security

The Bonds will be issued for the purpose of financing the cost of installing curbs, gutters, sidewalks and alley approaches in certain areas of the City as part of its Curb, Gutter, Sidewalk and Alley Approach Program in accordance with the provisions of Montana Code Annotated, Title 7, Chapter 14, Part 41 and Title 7, Chapter 12, Parts 41 and 42, as amended (the "Act"). The Bonds will be special, limited obligations of the City and do not constitute general obligations of the City.

The Bonds are payable primarily from the collection of a special tax or assessment which is a lien against the assessable real property benefitted by the improvements to be undertaken therein or therefor. The special assessments are payable in equal, semiannual installments over a 12-year term, with unpaid installments of the special assessments bearing interest at a rate equal, from time to time, to the sum of (i) the average rate of interest borne by the then outstanding Bonds, plus (ii) one-half of one percent (0.50%) per annum.

The Bonds are further secured by the Special Improvement District Revolving Fund of the City (the "Revolving Fund"). The City will agree to make a loan from the Revolving Fund to the Special Sidewalk, Curb, Gutter and Alley Approach Fund, 1997 (the "Fund") to make good any deficiency then existing in the principal and interest account therein and to provide funds for the Revolving Fund by levying a tax or making a loan from the City's general fund to the extent and for the period authorized by the Act.

Date and Type

The Bonds will be dated, as originally issued, as of **May 1, 1997**, and will be issued as negotiable investment securities in registered form as to both principal and interest.

Maturities and Form

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If issued as serial bonds, the Bonds shall mature, subject to redemption, on July 1 in the following years and amounts:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>
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1999	30,000	2005	30,000
2000	30,000	2006	35,000
2001	30,000	2007	35,000
2002	30,000	2008	35,000
2003	30,000	2009	35,000

If issued as amortization bonds, the Bonds will be issued as a single bond or divided into several bonds, as the Council may determine, and the principal of the Bonds shall be payable semiannually on each January 1 and July 1, commencing January 1, 1998 and continuing through July 1, 2009, subject to prior redemption. Serial bonds shall be in the denomination of \$5,000 each or any integral multiple thereof of single maturities; provided that one Bond with a stated maturity in 1998 shall be in the principal amount of **\$4,000**. Amortization bonds shall be preferred.

Redemption

Mandatory Redemption. If on any interest payment date there will be a balance in the Redemption Fund after payment of the principal and interest due on all Bonds drawn against it, either from the prepayment of special assessments levied for the Improvements or from the transfer of surplus money from the Construction Account to the principal account in the Fund, outstanding Bonds, or portions thereof, in an amount which, together with the interest thereon to the interest payment date, will equal the amount of such funds on deposit in the Fund on that date are subject to mandatory redemption on that interest payment date. The redemption price shall equal the amount of the principal amount of the Bonds to be redeemed plus interest accrued to the date of redemption.

Optional Redemption. The Bonds are subject to redemption, in whole or in part, at the option of the City from sources of funds available therefor other than those described under "Mandatory Redemption" on any interest payment date; provided, however, the Bonds shall not be called for redemption before July 1, 2001, from the proceeds of refunding special sidewalk, curb, gutter and alley bonds or warrants. The redemption price shall equal the principal amount of the Bonds to be redeemed plus interest accrued to the date of redemption.

Selection of Bonds for Redemption. If less than all of the Bonds are to be redeemed, Bonds shall be redeemed in order of the stated maturities thereof. If less than all Bonds of a stated maturity are to be redeemed, the Bonds of such maturity shall be selected for redemption in \$5,000 principal amounts selected by the Registrar by lot or other manner it deems fair.

Interest Payment Dates, Rates

Interest will be payable each January 1 and July 1, commencing January 1, 1998, to the registered owners of the Bonds as such appear in the bond register as of the close of business on the 15th day (whether or not a business day) of the immediately preceding month. All Bonds of the same stated maturity must bear interest from date of original issue until paid at a single, uniform rate. Each rate must be expressed in an integral multiple of 1/8 or 5/100 of 1%. No supplemental or "B" coupons or additional interest

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certificates are permitted. Interest will be calculated on the basis of a 360-day year consisting of twelve 30-day months.

**Bond Registrar, Transfer Agent
and Paying Agent**

The Director of Finance of the City of Billings will act as bond registrar, transfer agent and paying agent (the "Registrar"). The bond register will be kept, transfers of ownership will be effected and principal of and interest on the Bonds will be paid by the Registrar. The City will pay the charges of the Registrar for such services. The City reserves the right to remove the Registrar and to appoint a suitable bank or trust company as successor.

Delivery

Within 30 days after the sale, the City will deliver to the Registrar the printed Bonds ready for completion and authentication. The original purchaser of the Bonds must notify the Registrar, at least five business days before issuance of the Bonds, of the persons in whose names the Bonds will be initially registered and the denominations of the Bonds to be originally issued. If notification is not received by that date, the Bonds will be registered in the name of the original purchaser and, if serial bonds, will be issued in denominations corresponding to the principal maturities of the Bonds. On the day of closing, the City will furnish to the purchaser the opinion of Bond Counsel hereinafter described, an arbitrage certification and a certificate stating that no litigation in any manner questioning the validity of the Bonds is then pending or, to the knowledge of officers of the City, threatened. Payment for the Bonds must be received by the City in immediately available funds at its designated depository on the day of closing. The successful bidder shall submit to the City Clerk not earlier than 48 hours after the award of sale and not later than the day of closing a certificate, in form satisfactory to Bond Counsel, as to the initial reoffering price of each stated maturity of the Bonds and stating that at least ten percent of the principal amount of such Bonds of each stated maturity has been sold at such respective prices.

Qualified Tax-Exempt Obligations

The Bonds will be designated by the City as "qualified tax-exempt obligations" within the meaning of Section 265(b)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), and financial institutions described in Section 265(b)(5) of the Code may treat the Bonds for purposes of Sections 265(b)(2) and 291(e)(1)(B) of the Code as if they were acquired on August 7, 1986.

Legal Opinion

An opinion as to the validity of the Bonds and the exclusion of the interest thereon from gross income for federal income tax purposes and Montana individual income tax purposes will be furnished by Dorsey & Whitney LLP, of Missoula, Montana, and Minneapolis, Minnesota, as Bond Counsel, at the expense of the Purchaser. The legal opinion will be printed on the Bonds. The legal opinion will state that the Bonds are valid and binding special, limited obligations of the City enforceable in accordance with their terms, except to the extent to which enforceability thereof may be limited by the exercise of judicial discretion or by state or federal laws relating to bankruptcy, reorganization, moratorium or creditors' rights.

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Type of Bid and Good Faith Deposit

Sealed bids for not less than \$366,000 and accrued interest on the principal sum of \$379,000 must be mailed or delivered to the undersigned and must be received at the office of the City Clerk prior to the time stated above. Bidders must bid for all or none of the Bonds. Each bid must be unconditional.

Except for a bid by or on behalf of the Board of Investments of the State of Montana, a good faith deposit (the "Deposit") in the form of money, cashier's check, certified check, bank money order, or bank draft drawn and issued by a federally chartered or state chartered bank insured by the federal deposit insurance corporation or a financial surety bond in the sum of \$7,580 payable to the order of the City is required for a bid to be considered. If money, cashier's check, certified check, bank money order, or bank draft is used, it must accompany the bid and be delivered to the City Clerk. If a financial surety bond is used, it must be from an insurance company licensed and qualified to issue such a bond in the State of Montana and such bond must be submitted to the City Clerk, or the City's financial advisor prior to the opening of the bids. The financial surety bond must identify each bidder whose Deposit is guaranteed by such financial surety bond. If the Bonds are awarded to a bidder utilizing a financial surety bond, then that purchaser is required to submit its Deposit to the City in the form of a cashier's check (or wire transfer such amount as instructed by the City or its financial advisor) not later than 1:00 p.m., M.T., on the next business day following the award. If such Deposit is not received by that time, the financial surety bond may be drawn by the City to satisfy the Deposit requirement. No interest on the Deposit will accrue to the purchaser. The Deposit will be applied to the purchase price of the Bonds. In the event the purchaser fails to honor its accepted bid, the Deposit will be retained by the City as liquidated damages. The Deposit of the unsuccessful bidders will be returned immediately on award of the Bonds to the purchaser or after rejection of all bids. Instructions for wiring the Deposit may be obtained from Nathan Tubergen, Director of Finance, P. O. Box 1178, Billings, Montana 59103, (406) 657-8222.

Award

The bid authorizing the lowest net interest cost (total interest on all Bonds from May 1, 1997 to their maturities, less any premium or plus any discount), will be deemed the most favorable. In the event that two or more bids state the lowest net interest cost, the sale of the Bonds will be awarded by lot. No oral bid will be considered. The City reserves the rights to reject any and all bids, to waive informalities in any bid and to adjourn the sale.

CUSIP Numbers

The City will assume no obligation for the assignment or printing of CUSIP numbers on the Bonds or for the correctness of any numbers printed thereon, but will permit such numbers to be assigned and printed at the expense of the purchaser, if the original purchaser waives any delay in delivery occasioned thereby.

Official Statement

The City will prepare an Official Statement relating to the Bonds which the City will deem, for purposes of SEC Rule 15c2-12, to be final as of its date. The City will

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deliver, at closing, a certificate executed by the Mayor, the City Clerk and the Director of Finance to the effect that, to the best of their knowledge, as of the date of closing, the information contained in the Official Statement, including any supplement thereto, does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements therein, in light of the circumstances in which they are made, not misleading; provided that no comment will be made with respect to any information provided by the successful bidder for inclusion in any supplement to the Official Statement.

By submitting a bid for the Bonds, the successful bidder agrees: (1) to disseminate to all members of the underwriting syndicate copies of the Official Statement, including any supplements prepared by the City, (2) to file promptly a copy of the Official Statement, including any supplement prepared by the City, with a nationally recognized municipal securities repository, and (3) to take any and all other actions necessary to comply with applicable rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission and the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board governing the offering, sale and delivery of the Bonds to ultimate purchasers.

Within seven business days after the sale the City will furnish to the successful bidder without charge 50 copies of the final Official Statement relating to the Bonds. The successful bidder must notify the Director of Finance in writing within five business days after the award of sale of the Bonds if it requires additional copies of the Official Statement. The cost of additional copies shall be paid by the successful bidder.

Continuing Disclosure

Bidders and other participating underwriters in the primary offering of the Bonds need not comply with paragraph (b)(5) of Rule 15c2-12 promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Rule"), because the aggregate principal amount of the Bonds and any other securities required to be integrated with the Bonds is less than \$1,000,000. Consequently, the City will not enter into any undertaking to provide continuing disclosure of any kind with respect to the Bonds.

Costs

The purchaser of the Bonds shall be responsible for the cost of the printing of the Bonds, any delivery agent charges and the legal opinion.

Information for bidders and bidding forms may be obtained from Nathan Tubergen, Director of Finance, P. O. Box 1178, Billings, Montana 59103, (406) 657-8222.

Dated: May 1, 1997.

BY ORDER OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Marita Herold, CMC
City Clerk
City of Billings, Montana

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Finance Dept

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May 8, 1997

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