

RESOLUTION NO. 1748

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GOLDEN AMENDING THE PROVISIONS OF RESOLUTION 1591 AND DECLARING SUPPORT FOR PRESERVATION OF THE MOUNTAIN BACKDROP

WHEREAS, the acquisition and preservation of open space in and around the City has long been recognized by the citizens of Golden as an important means of enhancing and protecting the quality of life in Golden; and

WHEREAS, the current version of Golden's Comprehensive Plan, adopted in 2003, as well as its predecessor Comprehensive Plan (adopted in 1993) includes as planning priorities the preservation of the mountain backdrop of the City of Golden, the protection of large tracts of open space that affect the quality of life in the City of Golden and the establishment of a system of public trails, specifically including public trails connecting Apex Park, north to the Windy Saddle Open Space properties; and

WHEREAS, with the exception of an area on Lookout Mountain between Apex Park and Windy Saddle Park, the mountain backdrop of the City of Golden is largely protected from further development by the existence of a combination of parks and/or open space properties owned by the City of Golden, Jefferson County, Colorado and/or others; and

WHEREAS, in 2001 the citizens of Golden approved a ballot question authorizing the borrowing of funds specifically for the purpose of the acquisition of open space properties; and

WHEREAS, the City of Golden has actively participated in the Jefferson County Open Space attributable share funding program as a means of providing financing for the acquisition of open space properties; and

WHEREAS, the protection of Golden's mountain backdrop and acquisition of properties for open space and recreation purposes are long recognized public purposes to provide for the City's health, safety and well being; and

WHEREAS, City Council adopted Resolution 1591 on August 25, 2005 indicating an intent to acquire certain Mountain Backdrop properties by negotiations, or if necessary, by the exercise of eminent domain; and

WHEREAS, City Council has determined that it does not now intend to utilize its eminent domain powers for preservation of the Mountain Backdrop, nor does it now intend to necessarily acquire fee interest in real property in private ownership, but does plan to continue negotiations for such preservation.


THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GOLDEN, COLORADO:

Section 1. The Council hereby repeals Resolution 1591.

Section 2. The staff and the city attorney are authorized to contact property owners within the Mountain Backdrop corridor and to discuss potential preservation options, which may include acquisition of

fee title on behalf of the City, and to include the Jefferson County Open Space Department in such discussions where appropriate.

Adopted the 25th day of January, 2007.



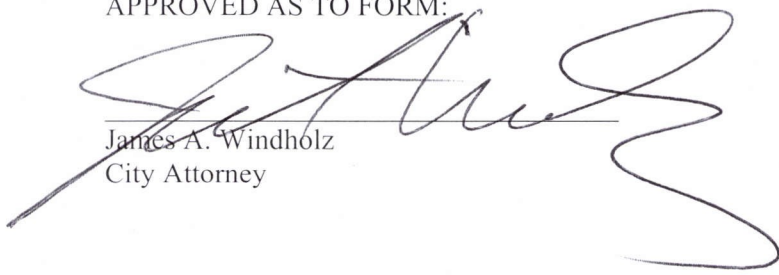
Charles J. Baroch
Mayor

ATTEST:



Susan M. Brooks, MMC
City Clerk

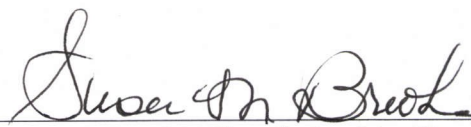
APPROVED AS TO FORM:



James A. Windholz
City Attorney

I, Susan M. Brooks, City Clerk of the City of Golden, Colorado, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a certain Resolution adopted by the City Council of the City of Golden, Colorado at a rescheduled regular meeting thereof held on the 25th day of January, A.D., 2007.

(SEAL)

ATTEST: 

Susan M. Brooks, City Clerk of the City of
Golden, Colorado