

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

**Casper City Council
City Hall, Council Chambers
Thursday, March 30, 2023, 1:00 p.m.**



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1. ROLL CALL & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. RESOLUTION

A. Non-Consent

1. Authorizing the City Manager to Sign a Letter of Intent to Negotiate the **Potential Sale of a Portion of City Owned Land Located Contiguous to the National Historic Trails Interpretive Center.**

- a. Communications from Persons Present

3. ADJOURNMENT

Upcoming Council meetings

Council Meetings

6:00 p.m. Tuesday, April 4, 2023 – Council Chambers

6:00 p.m. Tuesday, April 18, 2023 – Council Chambers

Work sessions

4:00 p.m. Tuesday, April 11, 2023 – Council Meeting Room

4:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 25, 2023 – Council Meeting Room

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March 24, 2023

MEMO TO: J. Carter Napier, City Manager *JCN*

FROM: Fleur Tremel, City Clerk
Eric Nelson, City Attorney *EN*

SUBJECT: Authorizing a Letter of Intent to enter into discussion and negotiation regarding land contiguous to the National Historic Trails Interpretive Center.

Meeting Type & Date:

Council Meeting
March 30, 2023

Action Type:

Resolution

Recommendation

That Council, by resolution, authorize the Letter of intent for land contiguous to the National Historic Trails Interpretive Center.

Summary

The Bureau of Land Management and the National Historic Trails Center Foundation recently approached the City with interest in acquiring land contiguous to the National Historic Trails Interpretive Center. They intend to apply for a grant from the Land and Water Conservation Fund for money to fund such an acquisition. The application requires a letter of intent from the City indicating that it is supportive of the application and that it is willing to enter into negotiations and discussions for the potential sale of city property. The deadline for the application submission is March 31, 2023. The letter of intent does not promise a sale; it merely states that the City is willing to discuss and negotiate for the potential for sale. At this time staff would like to submit the letter of intent. A map with the general area they are interested in has been included for Council's review.

Financial Considerations

None at this time.

Oversight/Project Responsibility

J. Carter Napier, City Manager
Eric Nelson, City Attorney

Attachments

Resolution
Letter of Intent
Map of Area



March 30, 2023

RE: Letter of Intent to Negotiate Sale/Purchase

To Who It May Concern:

The National Historic Trails Center Foundation (“NHTCF”) and the Bureau of Land Management (“BLM”) have expressed a desire to the City of Casper to expand the outdoor interpretive capability around the National Historic Trails Interpretive Center (“NHTIC”). The City is the owner of the acreage surrounding the NHTIC.

The BLM, in cooperation with the NHTCF, seeks to acquire additional land around the NHTIC through an application for Land and Water Conservation Fund (“LWCF”) monies to purchase land from the City of Casper.

The City of Casper has previously been awarded and used LWCF monies for several parks, trails, and areas around the city to add outdoor recreational experiences, natural green spaces within urban settings, and to help support the health and wellness of the citizens of Casper. The proposed acquisition is also adjacent to a previous LWCF acquisition, called Crossroads Park.

The proposal to add additional land around the NHTIC is to expand the current location on the outer perimeter of the NHTIC which is southwest of the Casper Event Center and northwest of the Crossroads Park. The NHTIC hosts over 40,000 visitors to the site each year: an increase of 10,000 each year since 2019. The current 10 acres footprint has limited ability to host expanded outdoor use and accommodate the continued growth of visitation to the site.

The City of Casper supports the application of the NHTCF and BLM for funding from the LWCF for the potential acquisition of land from the City. The City of Casper is ready and willing to enter into discussions and negotiations with the BLM and NHTCF for the potential purchase of City owned land.

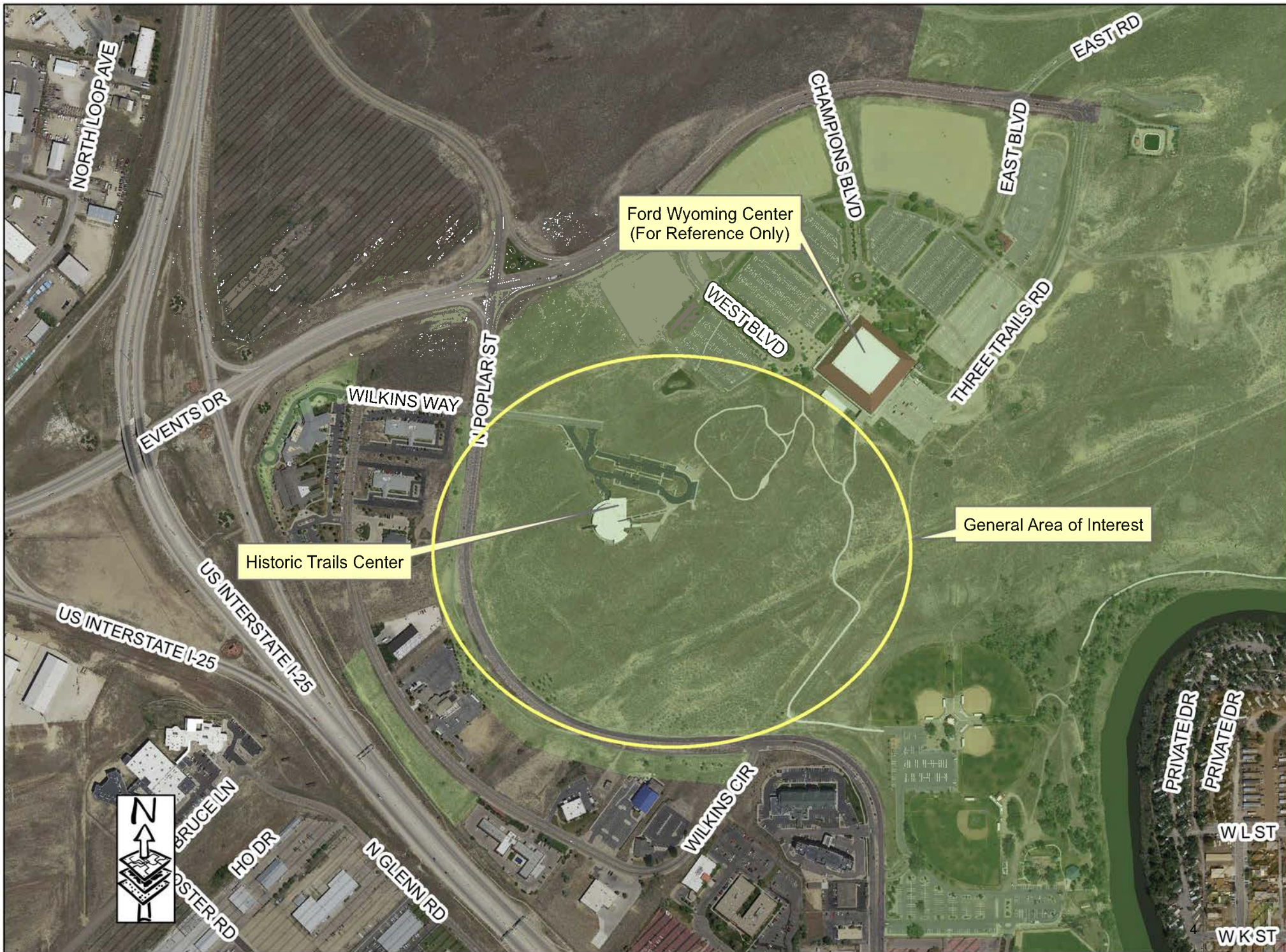
Sincerely,

J. Carter Napier
City Manager

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

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Area of Interest



RESOLUTION NO. 23-48

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN A LETTER OF INTENT TO NEGOTIATE THE POTENTIAL SALE OF A PORTION OF CITY OWNED LAND LOCATED CONTIGUOUS TO THE NATIONAL HISTORIC TRAILS INTERPRETIVE CENTER.

WHEREAS, the City of Casper, Wyoming (“City”), is the owner of land located contiguous to the National Historic Trails Interpretive Center (“NHTIC”) in Casper, Wyoming; and,

WHEREAS, the Bureau of Land Management (“BLM”) and National Historic Trails Center Foundation (“NHTCF”) have expressed interest in purchasing a portion of the land for the purpose of expanding the interpretive capability at the NHTIC that is available for the public’s use; and,

WHEREAS, the BLM and NHTCF intend to submit a grant application to the Land and Water Conservation Fund to finance a potential purchase of land from the City; and,

WHEREAS, some of the conditions of the grant application require the BLM and NHTCF to submit a Letter of Intent from the City indicating support and a willingness to negotiate the contemplated land acquisition; and,

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the City of Casper desires to authorize the City Manager to sign a Letter of Intent to negotiate a potential sale of the land described therein to the BLM; and,

WHEREAS, any transaction is subject to final approval by City Council, publication, and compliance with other legal requirements concerning the City’s disposal of real property pursuant to Wyoming Statutes Section 15-1-112.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF CASPER, WYOMING: That the City Manager is hereby authorized and directed to execute a Letter of Intent concerning the City’s sale of land located near the National Historic Trails Interpretive Center.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED on this 30th day of March, 2023.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



ATTEST:

CITY OF CASPER, WYOMING
A Municipal Corporation

Fleur Tremel
City Clerk

Bruce Knell
Mayor