

Memorandum

REPORT TO: City Commission

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SUBJECT: Authorize the City Manager to Sign a Professional Services Agreement with Morrison-Maierle for Midtown Design Standards

MEETING DATE: August 5, 2025

AGENDA ITEM TYPE: Agreement - Vendor/Contract

RECOMMENDATION: Authorize the City Manager to sign a professional services agreement with Morrison-Maierle for Midtown design standards.

STRATEGIC PLAN: 2.2 Infrastructure Investments: Strategically invest in infrastructure as a mechanism to encourage economic development.

BACKGROUND: The Midtown Urban Renewal District serves as a key entry-point to the City. The Midtown Urban Renewal Plan calls for an enhanced streetscape to foster economic vitality and create a more vibrant human-scale pedestrian experience. The Midtown Urban Renewal Plan identifies projects to address blight, improve infrastructure, and revitalize the district. In 2018, the City of Bozeman voted to issue tax increment urban renewal revenue bonds to repair, replace, or improve water and sewer system components, streets, and alleys, and facilitate all modes of transportation such as sidewalks, crosswalks, bike lanes, trails, and bridges. The City invested in public infrastructure to enhance the streetscape, including lights, drought-tolerant landscaping, pavers, and wider sidewalks.

As new development continues along the North 7th corridor, it is important to create design standards that match the existing public infrastructure improvements. Morrison-Maierle will develop design standards to apply within the Midtown Urban Renewal District to ensure consistency with the Midtown Streetscape for future development. Codifying the design standards in Midtown was included in the approved FY2026 work plan for the Midtown Urban Renewal District.

UNRESOLVED ISSUES: None.

ALTERNATIVES: As recommended by the City Commission.

FISCAL EFFECTS: The total project cost is \$47,250 which is available in the Midtown Urban

Renewal fund.

Attachments:

[Midtown Design Standards FULL 072225.pdf](#)

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