

## **RESOLUTION NO. 23-14**

### **A RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE ACQUISITION OF THE MEENS AND FILES PROPERTIES LOCATED SOUTH AND WEST OF MONUMENT ROAD ALSO KNOWN AS THE "MONUMENT ROAD" BOOKENDS**

#### **RECITALS:**

With the adoption of the 2014 budget the City Council committed \$150,000.00 toward the purchase by the Mesa Land Trust, together with funding from Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) and private donations, of two parcels of land located south and west of Grand Junction known as the Meens and Files properties. The City Council agreed to help facilitate the transactions in order to add to the public open space in the vicinity, including but not limited to, the Three Sisters property.

The Meens and Files properties are collectively known as the "bookends" to the Three Sisters property. Together these properties will provide an easily accessible addition to the public lands that are popular for biking and hiking.

The parties have worked diligently and highly cooperatively to make the acquisitions a reality and both sales are set to close on July 17 (Meens) and July 24 (Files) 2014. The necessary agreements for the attainment of the properties and their preservation through perpetual conservation easements need to be executed and by and with this Resolution the City Council authorizes the Mayor and/or the City Manager to 1) pay the City's obligation toward the purchases and 2) to execute the documents and otherwise complete the purchase of the Meens and Files properties with full and formal ratification, confirmation and consent of the City Council.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION, COLORADO, THAT the City, by and through the City Council and the signature of its President, does hereby ratify the actions taken by the City staff in furtherance of the acquisition of the properties, and;**

**FURTHERMORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION, COLORADO THAT the City, by and through the City Council and the signature of its President, does authorize the President of the Council (Mayor) and/or City Manager to execute the contracts, deeds, conservation easements, plats and any and all other necessary documents to acquire the Meens and Files "bookends" properties as the same have been identified heretofore and herewith.**

PASSED and ADOPTED this 16<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2014



Stephanie Sun  
City Clerk

Samuel Forrie  
President of the City Council