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Public Works Committee & City Council,

There are two Rapid City Municipal Codes that relate to a Farmer's Market:

1. 17.04.263 – ***Farmer's Market.*** *The Offering for sale of fresh agricultural products directly to the consumer at an open air market designated by the Council as a community activity.*

2. 17.50.230 – ***Farmer's Market.*** *A farmer's market, as defined in 17.04.263, may be conducted in any nonresidential zoning district subject to such conditions and limitations as the Council may direct in designating such farmer's market as a community activity.*

These City codes give Council the ability to approve the location of a Farmer's Market with any stipulations deemed necessary. Black Hills Farmer's Market (BHFM) is requesting that Greenway Tract 28 be identified as the location for a Farmers Market through for the 2017 season with the intent to transition to this site permanently.

The Black Hills Farmers Market has previously occupied Founders Park since 2006. Prior to 2006 the BHFM operated at the site they are requesting now, Greenway Tract 28.

Since the Farmer's Market moved to Founders Park, the City established an open air market for individual vendors not associated with the Black Hills Farmer's Market organization to operate at the site requested, Greenway Tract 28. The City approved a fee to be assessed to vendors who wish to operate at this market, RESOLUTION No. 2011-054. This is a $40/day fee paid to the City. The request of the Black Hills Farmer's Market is for use of this space at no charge. Currently, the BHFM is not charged for use of Founders Park.

Staff recommends approval of designating Greenway Tract 28 as a Farmer's Market location for the 2017 season. This one year approval will allow us an opportunity to monitor the use and attendance of the site and time to evaluate and develop a more long-standing use agreement for the space.