

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BILLINGS CITY COUNCIL

April 10, 2017

The Billings City Council met in regular session in the Council Chambers located on the second floor of the Police Facility, 220 North 27th Street, Billings, Montana. Mayor Hanel called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and served as the meeting's presiding officer. Mayor Hanel gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL: Councilmembers present on roll call were: Cromley, Yakawich, Brewster, McFadden, Friedel, Swanson and Brown. Councilmembers Cimmino, Sullivan and Clark were excused.

MINUTES: March 27, 2017 – Councilmember Brewster moved for approval, seconded by Councilmember Friedel. On a voice vote, the motion was unanimously approved.

COURTESIES:

- Mayor Hanel congratulated all of the participants at the Run for Ryan event held Sunday, April 9th, sponsored by Scheel's, during a rain and snow storm. He thanked all the volunteers and the police for their assistance.
- Mayor Hanel welcomed the Professional Bull Rider's (PBR) Event and noted record attendance.

PROCLAMATIONS:

- Mayor Hanel read a proclamation that declared the week of April 9-15, 2017 as National Public Safety Telecommunications Week and thanked all hard-working public safety telecommuters for their diligence.
- Mayor Hanel read a proclamation that declared the week of April 9-15, 2017 as National Library Week.
- Mayor Hanel read a proclamation that declared April 22, 2017 as World Water Day and encouraged all citizens to participate in the walk sponsored by Rocky Mountain College.

ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS - TINA VOLEK

- Ms. Volek advised that Shannen Keene, an AmeriCorps VISTA member, worked with CASA of Yellowstone Project and would have the CASA Photovoice Project exhibited at the Yellowstone Art Museum, 6 to 8 pm on Wednesday, April 12th. She added that a reception and talk would be a part of the event.

PUBLIC COMMENT on “NON-PUBLIC HEARING” Agenda Items: #1 ONLY.

Speaker sign-in required. (Comments offered here are limited to one (1) minute for one item, or three (3) minutes for multiple items. Please sign in at the cart located at the back of the council chambers or at the podium. Comment on items listed as public

hearing items will be heard ONLY during the designated public hearing time for each respective item. For Items not on this agenda, public comment will be taken at the end of the agenda.

The public comment period was opened.

- **Greg Kemmis, 2176 Skokie Place, Billings, Montana**, in reference to 1C1, stated he represented Landon's Legacy Foundation, and urged the Council to approve the master plan for the Poly Vista Park and develop a special needs facility at the park. He provided an explanation of the Miracleleague.com playground surface and equipment. He discussed Landon's Legacy Foundation and the child the foundation was named after. He stated that a fundraiser was scheduled for April 29th at the Radisson Hotel, at 5:30 pm, and golf fundraiser at the Peter Yegen, Jr. golf course, was scheduled later in the spring.
- **Julie Thomason, President of Kiwanis Club, 265 Caravan Avenue, Billings, MT**, in reference to 1C1 and 1C2, stated the Kiwanis Club supported the approval of the Poly Vista Park Master Plan. She stated the contractor chosen for the professional services contract was the right contractor for the project. She stated the contractor located an interactive play specialist to make the playground not only ADA accessible but made it inclusive to all children and adults regardless of their disabilities. She stated the restrooms would also be remodeled to a standard higher standard than ADA and will be the new standard by which all future playgrounds will be built in Billings. She asked the Council accept the donation of \$26,000 from the Kiwanis Club.

There were no further speakers, and the public comment period was closed.

1. **CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. **Bid Awards:** None.
- B. **Professional Engineering Services Agreement** with Morrison-Maierle, Inc.
- C. **Poly Vista Park Master Plan:**
 - 1. **Professional Services Contract** for park master plan for Poly Vista Park; Land Design, Inc.; \$81,202.
 - 2. **Acceptance of Donation** to the Parks, Recreation and Public Lands Department from the Landon's Legacy Foundation for funding the Poly Vista Park master plan study; \$66,570.
- D. **Declaring surplus property** and authorizing MET Transit to sell six 2002 Nova DTS buses.

- E. **Recommendation of Approval** to the Policy Coordinating Committee for the 2017-2021 Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP).
- F. **Resolution of Intent No. 17-10614** to extend the Tourism Business Improvement District (TBID).
- G. **Resolution No. 17-10615** appointing City Members to Yellowstone Valley Animal Shelter (YVAS) Renovation Review Committee.
- H. **Second/Final Reading Ordinance No. 17-5688** amending and repealing the City's ethics ordinance and adopting State of Montana ethics statutes.
- I. **Bills and Payroll:**

- 1. March 13, 2017
- 2. March 20, 2017

Councilmember Brown separated Items 1B and 1I2 in order to abstain.

Councilmember Cromley separated Items 1C1 and 1I1 in order to abstain.

Councilmember Brewster moved for approval of the Consent Agenda, with the exception of Items 1B, 1C1, 1I1 and 1I2, seconded by Councilmember Swanson. On a voice vote, the motion was unanimously approved.

Councilmember Brewster moved for approval of Item 1B, seconded by Councilmember Friedel. On a voice vote, the motion was approved 7-0, with Councilmember Brown abstaining.

Councilmember Brewster moved for approval of Item 1I2, seconded by Councilmember Friedel. On a voice vote, the motion was approved 7-0, with Councilmember Brown abstaining.

Councilmember Brewster moved for approval of Item 1I1, seconded by Councilmember Friedel. On a voice vote, the motion was approved 7-0, with Councilmember Cromley abstaining.

Councilmember Brewster moved for approval of Item 1C2, seconded by Councilmember Friedel. Mayor Hanel summoned Michael Whitaker, Parks Director, to the podium to speak about the Poly Vista Park Master Plan and Kiwanis donation. Mr. Whitaker stated the project would fill a large void in the City's parks and recreation system. He stated that all of the parks' playgrounds were accessible, but they were not inclusive playgrounds that encouraged children and adults with special needs. Mr. Whitaker explained the construction and materials used for the baseball field to make it wheelchair friendly. He stated it was a good time for the improvements to be made as Poly Vista Park was due for improvements. Councilmember Brown asked if the surface

was durable. Mr. Whitaker stated it was durable. Mayor Hanel spoke in favor of Items 1C1 and 1C2. He continued by saying he had had the honor of meeting and knowing the young man, Landon Patrick Smith, with whom the Foundation was named. Councilmember Brewster stated he applauded the people who had organized and were moving forward with the Foundation and the park project. On a voice vote, the motion was approved 7-0, with Councilmember Cromley abstaining.

REGULAR AGENDA:

There were no items on the Regular Agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT on Non-Agenda Items -- Speaker Sign-in required. (Restricted to ONLY items not on this printed agenda. Comments here are limited to 3 minutes. Please sign in at the cart located at the back of the council chambers or at the podium.)

The public comment period was opened.

- **Dennis Ulvestad, 3040 Central Avenue A102, Billings, Montana**, spoke about Council prioritizing snow removal during the FY18 Budget.

There were no further speakers, and the public comment period was closed.

COUNCIL INITIATIVES:

There were no Council Initiatives.

There was no further business, and the meeting adjourned at 7:06 pm.

CITY OF BILLINGS

BY: 
Thomas W. Hanel, Mayor

ATTEST:

BY: 
Denise R. Bohlman, City Clerk