

COUNCIL ACTION SUMMARY

CITY OF BILLINGS

CITY OF BILLINGS VISION STATEMENT:

“THE MAGIC CITY: A DIVERSE, WELCOMING COMMUNITY WHERE PEOPLE PROSPER AND BUSINESS SUCCEEDS.”

SPECIAL SESSION AGENDA

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

July 10, 2017

5:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Hanel

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Hanel

INVOCATION: Mayor Hanel

ROLL CALL: Councilmembers present on roll call were: Cromley, Yakawich, Brewster, Cimmino, McFadden, Sullivan, Swanson, Clark, and Brown. Councilmember Friedel arrived at 5:13 pm.

ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS - TINA VOLEK

- Tina Volek, City Administrator, stated that the Regular Business session would follow the Special Session at 6:30 PM.
- Ms. Volek introduced Gina Dahl, Assistant City Attorney, and welcomed her to the meeting. She stated that Ms. Dahl had been working for the City for a little over six months.

PUBLIC COMMENT on “NON-PUBLIC HEARING” Agenda Items: 1 ONLY. Speaker sign-in required. (Comments offered here are limited to one (1) minute. 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.)

- **Steve Arveschoug, Big Sky Economic Development Executive Director:** encouraged Council to “keep a 500-mile perspective” in regards to the project and stated that they needed to think broader when competing for private investments and talent.
- **Connie Wardell, P.O. Box 21432, Billings, Montana:** encouraged Council to ask the developer some important questions about the project.

- **John Brewer, Chamber of Commerce President:** stated that there would be no risk in granting an extension and encouraged Council to approve the extension.
- **Dennis Ulvestad, 3040 Central Avenue, Billings, Montana:** stated he was concerned that the Hammes Company would be a threat to the City's current healthcare providers.
- **Chris Carpenter, 4642 Arapaho Lookout, Billings, Montana:** stated that as a small business owner, she understood the risks involved and encouraged Council to support the project.
- **Lyndon Scheveck, 302 Terry Avenue, Billings, Montana:** questioned how the City would recoup the money from the project. He stated he would like to see more community involvement.

SPECIAL AGENDA:

1. **One Big Sky Center Project Update.** (Council will not take final action on MOU until July 24, 2017 Regular Business meeting.)

COUNCIL INITIATIVES: NONE

PUBLIC COMMENT on Non-Agenda Items -- Speaker Sign-in required. (*Restricted to ONLY items not on this printed agenda; comments limited to three (3) minutes per speaker. Please sign up on the clipboard located at the podium.*) **NONE**

ADJOURN: 6:29 pm.