

Billings City Administrator Weekly Report

January 24, 2020

- 1) PUBLIC SAFETY FORUMS** – Two public safety forums were held on January 9th and January 16th. The purpose for the forums was to provide a brief summary of our public safety challenges, share our strategies for solutions and receive community feedback. Both forums were live broadcasted and will be replayed on Channel 7. A document capturing the dialogue and any of the written comments from citizens who attended the forums is attached.
- 2) TAX INCREMENT FINANCING (TIF)** - Two TIF Refresher Courses for City Councilmembers were hosted by the Billings Industrial Revitalization District, Tim Goodridge. Information was presented on the formation and use of TIF funding and the positive impact it has on the renewal districts. A meeting was held regarding a possible addition to the Downtown Urban Renewal District Boundaries or the formation of a new TIF District to the west of the current Downtown Urban Renewal District. Property owners, city council and other community members discussed the potential of the idea along with the pros and cons.
- 3) STATISTICAL DATA** - The Billings Police Department uses a records management system called LERMS. It is an acronym for Law Enforcement Records Management System. The system is “live” in that incidents are continually created and updated with any data change that may occur. This includes but is not limited to the addition of supplemental information, witness and suspect information, vehicle information, evidence, arrests or added offenses, follow-up information and ultimately a disposition. The system is fluid and changes with every entry. Conversely, a static system stands on the data initially entered.

Once a month, the Billings Police Department sends statistical data to Montana’s Board of Crime Control which is the state repository for the National Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS). NIBRS is an incident-based reporting system used nation-wide for collecting data. The NIBRS system will supersede the FBI’s Uniform Crime Report (UCR) for 2019 statistical information. Simply stated, local, state and federal agencies generate NIBRS data from their records management systems and send it to the FBI who in turn, produce their crime report. We have no control over what other agencies do with the data once we send it to them.

Of late, the veracity of our numbers has been challenged and we strongly deny any inference we are fabricating numbers to influence a vote. The numbers presented to council and the public reflecting our calls for service comes directly from our system (LERMS) and is accurate. The most reliable data source is from the local agency and that is what is provided in the charts. We have no control over numbers provided by other cities referenced in our charts and published by the FBI.

Early Police Department presentations noted our references and sources. However, they were lost from slides as the presentation evolved. That is an oversight and will be corrected. It should

be noted that detractors of a safety levy and our statistics are drawing information from different sources than we used. Specifically, (1) the public does not, and cannot have access to LERMS.

(2) Two FBI websites show differing numbers.

<https://ucr.fbi.gov/crime-in-the-u-s/2017/crime-in-the-u-s-2017/tables/table-8/table-8.xls/view>
and <https://ucr.fbi.gov/crime-in-the-u-s/2018/crime-in-the-u-s-2018>

Detractors reference a website called crime-data explorer.fr.cloud.gov/explorer/state/montana/crime. All four references provide a good picture of our activity with some minor inconsistencies ranging from 2%-7%. The three FBI websites are at the lower end with numbers generated by LERMS, higher.

(3) In conjunction with analysis by the city's Community Development and Planning Department, staff decided to use a population of 110,000 for all presentations. The 2018 FBI UCR report uses 110,397. Additionally, crime rates are figured at a rate per 100,000. Again, a few minor differences.

In summary, BPD staff has spent many hours getting information and statistics to help council and citizens see what their police department has done in years' past, the challenges we are facing, and priorities moving forward. It is clear, concise and accurate. The only adjustment we will be making is that as PSML talks progress, 2019 numbers will be available. Preliminary analysis and empirical evidence show our priorities are in the right place. Additional resources, regardless what they may be, will be used to augment operations in the identified areas.

4) BILLINGS URBAN FIRE SERVICE AREA (BUFSA) - The City does not set nor determine how individual properties within the BUFSA are charged. The individual charges are determined by the BUFSA board, which is currently the Yellowstone County Commissioners. Currently there is a large disparity between properties within the BUFSA, in fact every vacant parcel within the BUFSA pays \$0 in BUFSA assessment. The City does, however, determine what the overall charge for the BUFSA will be. Because our focus is on the service area as a whole, and not individual properties, we must look at the area as a whole. We have used the following formula to determine that there may be an inequity in the way the Fire Department costs are being allocated: If we combine the taxable value of the BUFSA with the City, the BUFSA makes up 10% of the total, while the City of Billings makes up the remaining 90%. However, the BUFSA charge has only covered about 7.5% to 8% of the Fire Department costs, not including 911/Dispatch.

5) STRUCTURAL IMBALANCE - It has been indicated \$2.8 million was spent from reserves on Centennial Park. The budgeted amount was \$2,460,000, only \$2 million came from the General Fund. The Tax Increment Districts do capture mills that would otherwise be used for Public Safety, but these were established quite a few years ago and were not adding to the City's taxable value at that time. Additionally, they do help fund some Public Safety expenses today (Downtown Officers are partially paid from the Downtown TIF and the Police Evidence Expansion on the

Southside is partially budgeted from the South TIF). Finally, the money that was used to purchase the Yesteryears building was an expenditure from the Downtown TIF, not the City's General Fund.

- 6) TREND OF PUBLIC SAFETY BUDGET** - Public Safety Fund Budgets have increased over the past years, it would be helpful to look at some more detail. Total department budgets can vary each year due to the Capital needs within the department. In fact, the Fire Department budget decreased from FY19 to FY20 related to Capital projects not being included in FY20 and the Police Department budget increased in FY20 due to Capital projects. If the goal is to determine how the Operating costs of the departments have increased over time, reduce these budgets by the Capital costs. If that is done, you would see a 14.8% increase over this same time frame.
- 7) AMEND TURF INSTALLATION** - The synthetic turf field project is right on schedule. The contractor is nearly finished with the design and already has many components in production to be ready when they need to install them. We are watching the weather closely and when temperatures reach the parameters necessary for construction they will begin. According to the contract, work is to be completed by March 31st. Being an outdoor project weather can affect the deadline, however, they are very aware of the start of the soccer season after April 1st and are committed to finishing on time.
- 8) QUARTERLY REPORTS** – the quarterly reports for the BIRD (Billings Industrial Revitalization District), Downtown Billings Partnership, Inc., SBURA (South Billings Urban Renewal Association) and the Police Department are attached.
- 9) NEXT WEEK'S MEETINGS/TASK FORCES/PRESENTATIONS ETC.**
 - a. Heights Task Force, 7:00 pm Tuesday, January 28th at the Oasis Conference Room, 543 Aronson
 - b. Big Sky Economic Development is hosting two discussions involving the Strategy Partners - Big Sky Economic Development, Billings Chamber/Visit Billings, and the Downtown Billings Alliance. This will be an interactive discussion around economic development in our community and how we work to implement strategies to encourage greater development in our downtown core. While we will briefly share each of our organization's goals, the bulk of the time will be focused on an open dialogue around how we work together to grow our economy. Monday, January 27th 7:30 – 9:00 am and Wednesday, January 29th 11:30 am – 1:00 pm
 - c. Chamber's Coffee with Councilmember Shaw – Tuesday, January 28th 8:00 – 9:00 am at Wise Wonders Children's Museum, 3024 2nd Ave North
 - d. The Avior Group, which was selected for the assessment phase of Lean Six Sigma, will be in Billings on Wednesday, January 29th and Thursday, January 30th. They will be conducting interviews with all departments to gather information to begin the assessment process. We are looking forward to the meetings and beginning this process improvement assessment stage.
 - e. City Council Send Off Dinner - It is customary tradition for term-ended councilmembers to gather for an evening with newly-elected councilmembers in an informal setting. This

year the Mayor and Mrs. Cole are hosting a dinner in their home on Thursday, January 30th from 6 PM-9 PM. This is a private dinner engagement.

Have a good weekend!

Community Discussion Forum Concerning Public Safety

January 9, 2020 – total attendance: 62

1. What is your overall satisfaction with public safety in Billings?

- a. Completely satisfied – 1 PERSON
- b. Satisfied – 3 PEOPLE
- c. Dissatisfied – 6 PEOPLE

2. For those who responded they were dissatisfied: Why are you dissatisfied?

- N/A
- My personal safety as a woman, single, and & senior.
- When the fire engines go outside city limits. Who pays for that?
- Traffic control – deplorable
- Redlite [sic] – speeding – stop sign violation total abuse
- Inadequate enforcement of all laws
- Not enough money
- False use of crime data – please stop misstating the facts; please let Chief St. John speak to the facts.
- Police, attorney/prosecution overwhelmed *must be expanded with people and resources
- Fines are not meant as a revenue stream and for sure not as a regular or significant % of City budget. Terrible idea.

3. What areas of public safety concern you the most?

- Crime prevention in downtown.
- Vagrants roaming streets creating real and perceived safety risks.
- Drivers who race through red lights.
- Traffic
- Vandalism
- Burglaries
- Traffic control
- Not steep enough fines
- Too easy on drug traffic
- ALL
- Downtown
- Transients in the downtown area. Not knowing how many are packing guns.
- Fire department has become 1st aid responders—what % is actually fire and rescue? *City could be planning for these separate issues.
- Implement the cost recovery recommendations in the fire master plan.
- Consider a subscription service for residential homes that are wired.
- Charge for call outs to homes that do not subscribe.

- No reference to bonding! We don't take out an infinite mortgage for construction.
- Clean and sober housing. Until found when addicted individuals had a clean, safe space w/ privacy – it was a support to get well
- Some communities charge businesses w/ a high rate of police calls
 - i. Walmart
 - ii. Casinos
 - iii. Cherry Creek
- While we all pay taxes for public safety, most of us never call 911 or do so infrequently (for me, once in 20 years)

4. What is your overall opinion about the strategies shared today?

- Charging fees for services will likely lead to a reduction in public safety. Please ensure this strategy is framed as reducing excessive non-emergency services.
- Make citizens accountable. Don't allow private security systems to drain public resources.
- Only 1 per dept. & too brief on strategies a related to coasts and sources of revenue.
- Not complete can't support added levy without strategy to achieve goals of taking a bite out of crime.
- Good.
- Is it all about money?
- City must develop strategies to change laws in MT so \$\$ comes from all residents and visitors not just property taxes.
- Don't the public volunteers w/ police deal w/ some of the abandoned vehicles?
- What's the bottom line? What are the future commitments – postponing tripling PD! Fees for 1 year, adding \$13-\$71 million for Amend park + \$450,000 for pool mgmt., City Hall, outside legal fees?
- [Strategies need to be] prioritized.
- Demonstrate commitment to all neighborhoods.
- Yeah Margie! For info on Fargo program.
- Too many fire videos.
- I personally do not like the animated fire video = too slow; the video w/ legacy room communicates the need.
- If stations 6 or 7 are empty to all training or motor pool – shouldn't a crew/truck from downtown be “in situ” before there is a call
- The structure imbalance is a direct result of TIFF districts – SUBURRA, EBURD, and downtown generate \$4.5 million per year. Do not extend to TIFF districts current time or add new.

5. Today's presentation covered a lot of material. What questions do you have about public safety in our community?

- What can we do to improve mental health issues?
- Could we do more for prevention? Please try the system being used in Fargo—learn from them.
- Why is auto traffic of so little concern when it causes property damage, loss and injury of life?
- Never see police stopping anyone for traffic violations – with 150 officers & 9 per shift some should be assigned to traffic!
- As a Senior Citizen, thank you for all that you do!
- What can we afford?
- When will it become a priority?
- Good presentation.
- What is being done to address the homeless people on a more permanent basis? I see people sleeping on the streets regularly in extreme temps.
- Housing first is a great strategy and we should explore it.
- Fiscally sensible and progressive for our city.
- Good introduction to people w/ no information – most people in the room are highly engaged so didn't move the ball
- I'm concerned about the traffic planning – our arterial streets are slow moving – hinders response time.

6. Are you in favor of increasing investments into public safety? Yes or No

Yes = 6 PEOPLE

No = 1 PERSON

Maybe = 1 PERSON

- Interested in knowing more about staff and money – how to improve efficiency.
- Put in aerial tramway from airport down to the city center, with stops at the MSUB college, the hospitals, and city center. This would be a safe way to get to the airport and back without the icy roads or traffic. This could increase visitors to the city. (John Baber 252-0081)
- If it can be understood in order to be acceptable to public when whom will need to vote on new bond or levy.
- When police are called I notice police, ambulance, and fire engine seem to all show up. Is this really necessary?
- Need to work with the Legislature.
- Need to bond for City Hall, fire stations, and fire station remodeling—if it is dropped into a levy – no
- Need separation of public safety \$\$ -- don't want to pass safety levy so we can build Coulson, Centennial, PolyVista.

Miscellaneous Statements:

- Has the City thought about using drones to see what type of emergency personnel is needed at a location?
- How well are dispatchers trained?
- How has the City worked with the County regarding collaboration about mental health issues? (specific example: HUB)
- Q2 ought to apologize to the citizens of Billings for stating that Billings is the least safe city in the state.
- The City needs to develop a comprehensive crime prevention strategy that incorporates nonprofits, churches, etc.
- The City should explore taxing nonprofits and churches.
- The City should explore the model used by Fargo, ND, regarding EMS/preventative strategies.
- The City should incorporate a Resort Tax.
- Does Billings have neighborhood watch programs?
- Is the PD trained to deal with POC?
- How can the City generate more revenue to share costs?
- Councilwoman Ronning wants to be notified from the public about public safety issues. She shared Council sets policy, City staff implement policy. Public safety is a health issue.
- Violence Against Women Act pays for domestic violence lawyer – this needs to be shared.

Community Discussion Forum Concerning Public Safety

January 16, 2020 – total attendance: 102

1. What is your overall satisfaction with public safety in Billings?

- a. Completely satisfied – 1 PERSON
- b. Satisfied – 2 PEOPLE
- c. Dissatisfied – 7 PEOPLE

- I would pay more taxes on my house to help.
- We appreciate our police officers and firefighters.
- We need more personnel: police & fire.
- Depends on the situation.
- Mixed.
- Somewhere in the middle of satisfied and dissatisfied.

2. For those who responded they were dissatisfied: Why are you dissatisfied?

- Think only telling “worse case” scenarios!
- Code enforcement should not be part of this!
- Concern[ed] about meth addiction spreading across city.
- I am especially concerned that people feel unsafe downtown.
- Poor use of resource to solve problem, have to think how to do things differently otherwise it’s insane to expect different outcome.
- That only a mill levy is being considered formally.
- Do stereotype crimes drugs and alcohol problems to Native Americans only.
- Poor use of resources. Find other ways to pay for services other than property taxes. Put tax dollars to work for the taxpayer—not homeless & bums—SHOW THEM THE CITY LIMITS!
- I deal with shoplifters constantly at my work. Multiple times BPD has told us that unless we catch the person not much can be done. As well as several issues of BPD being passive aggressive or disrespectful during recent issues at 2614 Missouri Ave., Billings, MT.
- I feel that some concerns go far too long without any change/response.
- We are dissatisfied that the City is not hiring more personnel & paying them adequately. The people who protect us need our support.
- TOO much prosecution—treated as if it is an end in itself.
- A rising crime rate is not inevitable.
- Crime is down across the country. New strategies are being developed that reduce crime, improve public safety and save millions of dollars.

3. What areas of public safety concern you the most?

- I like prevention ideas.

- Billings officials do not seem to be cognizant of the above. There [sic] is to provide more resources and authority to those who have brought us increased crime and higher costs.
- Home breakins/theft
- Downtown safety
- Transportation/traffic safety
- Shortage of personnel
- Dangerous and distracted drivers: very common
- Homelessness
- Response times
- Lack of people to do the job correctly.
- Transients, vagrancy, squatter's rights
- Traffic
- Homeless people
- Drugs & alcohol
- Jails
- Vagrants downtown/transients
- Vagrants downtown
- Major drug-related crime
- Impact of addiction on children & families
- Placemaking, traffic calming, and community building. Although these are not flashy, they are important steps in public safety in urban environments.
- Downtown officer presence after 5:00 pm
- Special taskforce for DUI and drugs
- Dealing with vagrants
- Violent crime and traffic
- County needs to help with addressing drug problem, homelessness, and addiction. PD manages these problems but cannot be expected to solve them. Our PD does great!

4. What is your overall opinion about the strategies shared today?

- Provide more time for the strategies to be explained.
- Placemaking [?]
- Good start! Keep it moving.
- Public safety levy is key.
- Honest and transparency best policy.
- Weak presentation. Educate children to have morals, respect, and values. Stop giving our hard earned money away.
- I agree with them and hope they are voted in.
- Interested in hearing more about them, this is a good start.
- Yes! The public needs to vote for funds to increase number of officers & firefighters.
- We need Helena to be concerned about the largest city in Montana!

- More of the same. Is not a successful strategy in my opinion.
- I like more police and fire stations around the city.

5. Today's presentation covered a lot of material. What questions do you have about public safety in our community?

- On the radio they claim firefighter and police officers have a higher than average suicide rate. More are killed by suicide than on the job. They see things that are hard to deal with. I want our people to get good help.
- Why not look at what successful states and communities have done to increase public safety and reduce costs. Some examples: Texas, South Carolina, Minnesota.
- Stop trying to trick taxpayers to pay more taxes. Be honest. Be realistic. Clean up your act and you will receive more money.
- Has the 10-13 more police staffed changed anything?
- How can we boost awareness of our issues to Helena?
- To be nitpicky, I am worried about requiring payments for services, such as fire. Might this adversely affect those most in need in a way that we don't currently understand?
- Will the downtown police officers be expanded to nights and weekends?
- Add more officers to the 9:00 pm shift.
- Both slide on general fund and public safety fund – where is the personnel income intersect

6. Are you in favor of increasing investments into public safety? Yes or No

Yes = 14 PEOPLE

No = 1 PERSON

Maybe = 0

- After Lean Six Sigma
- Thank you for hosting these public forums and allowing members of the public to ask these questions. Education and public outreach is so important and I appreciate the time spent this evening.
- Use the money for new ideas. Throwing new month down the same hole will be a waste.
- Cut back and better staffing strategy.
- Annexation of neighborhood in City limits.
- Remove SRO from schools and implement into service or charge schools for their service to hire more officers.
- Enforce current laws—arrest people who break the law.
- As long as what you say will be done.
- Thank you!

Miscellaneous Statements:

- Resources = Investment
- Meth drives crime
- Need proactive policing
- How many family members are affected by the 600 violent crimes?
- How many family members/people are affected by the 5600 property crimes?
- What are the economic ramifications for the City with the current amount of crime?
- Why does Downton matter to the Heights, West End residents?
- Need more mental health resources
- Homelessness and vagrancy needs to be defined separately.
- Fire presentation needs to be more succinct.
- What is the average % of plastics in a home today?
- Is this presentation available on the City website?
- Why do we need more lawyers when there is not enough jail space?
- How many officers are on the street during a 24/7 period?
- How many fire calls are cancelled?
- Can we use inter-fund transfers to make up the difference?
- How is general fund money prioritized?
- The City needs to invest in social services.
- Billings is growing! We need to invest in our safety!
- What are the short-term v. long-term goals?
- What are other sources of revenue?
- City Council needs to work with State Legislatures.
- Can police have more substations?
- Need an officer on the “ground” downtown on the weekends.
- What happens if the PSML does not pass?
- Are we looking at why crime happens?
- If marijuana is legalized, how will the PD address this?
- Developers want to annex in parts of the City (increase in population and geography [service area])
- State needs to look at the tax structure
- How can the State be a better partner?
- Poverty is the stimulus for crime.



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Quarterly Report to City of Billings
FYE 2020 Quarter 2 – January 16, 2020

North Park Christmas Tree

- Yellowstone Electric generously donated the material and manpower to extend power from the Hawk signal to a 35-foot Colorado blue spruce in North Park.
- Art Signs constructed a beautiful tree topper.
- North Park Task Force – special shout out to Brian Epley – organized and shepherded the project for a lighting ceremony on November 30.
- The tree spread Christmas cheer for the month of December to everyone driving down 6th Ave. North.
- Parks department strung the lights and will store and string them next year.

Pub Station

- Purchased three lots on North 19th and 2nd Ave. North.
- Currently designing a new development for the site.
- Development will be anchored by an office building which they will occupy and a likely residential component as well.

Demolition of blighted structures

- Fire damaged Frontier Chevrolet building is down
- Fire damaged Billings bronze foundry is down

EBID

- Discussions with BPD to determine optimum shift for assigned police officer
- BPD suggested collaborating with the downtown BID to have a combined force of three officers to patrol the downtown and EBURD districts. This makes sense as the same issues straddle the North 22nd street boundary between the two districts.

New EBURD coordinator to be hired

- Tim Goodridge will be leaving the position to take the assistant GM of Metrapark job. Hiring process is under way for a replacement.
- A big Thank You from Tim to the BIRD board, BIRD members, city council and city administration for the help and support the past four years.

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE QUARTER
 Numbers provided by city finance department

East Tax Increment Fund		
<i>For the Quarter Ended December 31, 2019</i>		
FY20 Beginning Fund Balance	\$ 1,710,424	
 Revenue		
Tax	444,761	
Intergovernmental	7,327	
Investment Earnings	<u>10,324</u>	
Total Revenue	462,412	
		FY20 Budget
 Expenditures		
Professional Services	700	38,100
Cost Allocation	15,259	30,520
EBURD Operating Agreement	34,987	139,946
Development Project Incentives	<u>114,847</u>	273,000
Debt Service	329,408	405,505
Capital Outlay	<u>27,457</u>	139,925
Total Expenditures	522,658	1,026,996
 Ending Fund Balance	\$ 1,650,178	
 Cash Balance as of 01/00/00	\$ 1,145,424	
 Outstanding Awards:		
FIB	215,794.00	
GSA	22,773.50	



Downtown Billings Partnership, Inc.
Part of the Downtown Billings Alliance

Main Office Hours: M-F 9am to 4pm

Quarterly Report to Billings City Council

2nd Quarter FY 20

Monday, January 13, 2020

- Status of the N27th/Downtown Tax Increment Fund for FY 20 - Quarter Ending, December 31, 2019 – see attached spreadsheet with fund line items
- DBP Highlights and other work in the N27th Street Urban Renewal District
 - Continued to meet with businesses, non-profits, and establishments downtown to gather input and data on what Downtown does well or needs to improve
 - Continued to visit other establishments in midtown, west end, Shiloh Commons, Shiloh Crossings, heights, and the mall to learn about best practices
 - Re-launched the TIF Development Committee to review new applications and make recommendations for the DBP board
 - Completed revision of the TIF application and is pending board approval
 - Continued facilitation of and liaison with the Revolving Loan Fund committee when receiving and reviewing new applications
 - Established a healthy network and relationship with realtors to have an up-to-date inventory of vacancies as well as walk through spaces to have a better understanding of what's available
 - Filled vacancies in the Downtown Billings Partnership Board of Directors and onboarded new members
 - Began a draft to develop downtown marketing collateral for business recruitment and retention
 - New Businesses
 - Produce Depot at 2815 2nd Ave N
 - 406 Dev at 2818 3rd Ave N
 - Whole Hog Sandwich at 2719 1st Ave N
 - Wise Wonders relocated to 3024 2nd Ave N
 - Ebon expanded with a second location at 3024 2nd Ave N
- General Alliance Work
 - Public Safety Forum at the Northern Hotel (Oct 2nd, 2019)
 - Montana Downtown Conference (Oct 23 - 25, 2019)
 - Howl-o-ween (Oct 26, 2019) and Downtown Trick or Treat (Oct 31, 2019)
 - Food Truck Lunch - Restaurant Week kickstarter (Nov 1, 2019)
 - Restaurant Week (Nov 4-10, 2019)
 - Holiday Parade (Nov 29, 2019) & Holiday Stroll (Dec 6, 2019)
 - Drafted a process for the CPTED program
 - 2nd tiniest dog park installed by the corner of the Hart-Albin building
 - Promotion of First Friday of October, November, and December

- Development Project Incentives (TIF grant projects)
 - Completed
 - Battle of the Plans - award recipients
 - This House of Books - New Sign
 - In Progress
 - Sawyer-Griffin 2nd installment due
 - On Deck
 - Stillwater Building (Battin Courthouse) – 317 N 26th Street
 - Ready for signatures
 - TIF inquiries
 - 8 TIF applications being reviewed
 - Established a waitlist regarding the CPTED program

**N27/Downtown Tax
Increment Fund**
*For the Quarter Ended
December 31, 2019*

12/31/2019

FY19 Beginning Fund Balance **\$2,927,295**

Revenue

Tax	1,461,437
Intergovernmental	105,910
Investment Earnings	9,442
Total Revenue	1,576,789

Expenditures

Professional Services	-	44,300
Cost Allocation	20,347	40,694
DBP Operating Agreement	139,721	279,441
Development Project Incentives	19,700	2,043,333
Debt Service	647,761	948,454
Transfer to Parking	100,000	100,000
Total Expenditures	927,529	3,456,222

Ending Fund Balance **\$3,576,555**

Cash Balance as of 12/31/19 **\$2,305,034**

Development Projects Outstanding

Wendy's Bldg/124 Group	466,667
Battle of the Plans 2017	4,000
Art House Cinema	350,000
Alberta Bair Theatre	3,500,000
Griffin Sawyer	210,000
Stillwater Building	1,500,000
	6,030,667

INTERNAL MEMORANDUM

Date: January 21, 2020

To: Billings City Council

From: Jim Tevlin

Subject: SBURA report for the period October 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019

The following is a report from the South Billings Urban Renewal Association (SBURA) related to activities in the South Billings Boulevard Urban Renewal District for the period October 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019.

Consultant Services Procurement Process

SBURA contracted with Tevlin Consulting LLC for the period November 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020 to provide consulting services to SBURA. Tevlin Consulting will be paid \$7,917 on a monthly basis during the afore-mentioned period.

Capital Improvement Plan

SBURA submitted its Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) for the FY2021 to 2025 planning period. Included in CIP are projects related to a South Billings Aquatics/Recreation Center and improvements to Hallowell Lane, Optimist Park and SBURD Unimproved Streets.

Capital Projects

- Optimist Park – City Council approved \$305k of improvements to Optimist Park as part of FY21 CIP.
- Billings Police Dept Evidence Center Expansion – SBURA authorized \$1,000,000 of TIF funds to assist with construction costs. No funds have been drawn as of December 31, 2019.
- South Billings Aquatics & Recreation Center – The Parks & Recreation Board of Directors accepted the Master Plan in December 2019. SBURA is planning initial steps toward establishing an Advisory Committee that will guide the next steps.
- King Ave East – Sanderson/Stewart has essentially completed their design plans. Bids are expected to be issued in the first quarter of 2020 with construction scheduled for the end of May. Construction costs are estimated at \$2.8 million.
- Hallowell Lane – City of Billings Public Works will select a design consultant during the second quarter of 2020. Construction could begin in the fall. Construction costs are estimated at \$3.8 million.
- Amend Park Turf & Lights Project – SBURA authorized \$1,500,000 of TIF funds for this project. No funds have been drawn as of December 31, 2019. The Amend Park Development Council is currently seeking a status report from City Parks & Recreation.

- Orchard School Playground – Construction began on replacing the pea gravel at the playground with rubberized mulch. Completion of this project is expected in the first quarter of 2020.

Billings Police Department Numbers Oct. 1-Dec. 31, 2019, with 2018 Comparison

Category	2019	2018
Calls For Service	22,226	21,103
Cases	4,295	4,546
Arrests - Adult	3,332	3,112
Arrests - Juvenile	257	313
Citations	4,147	3,729

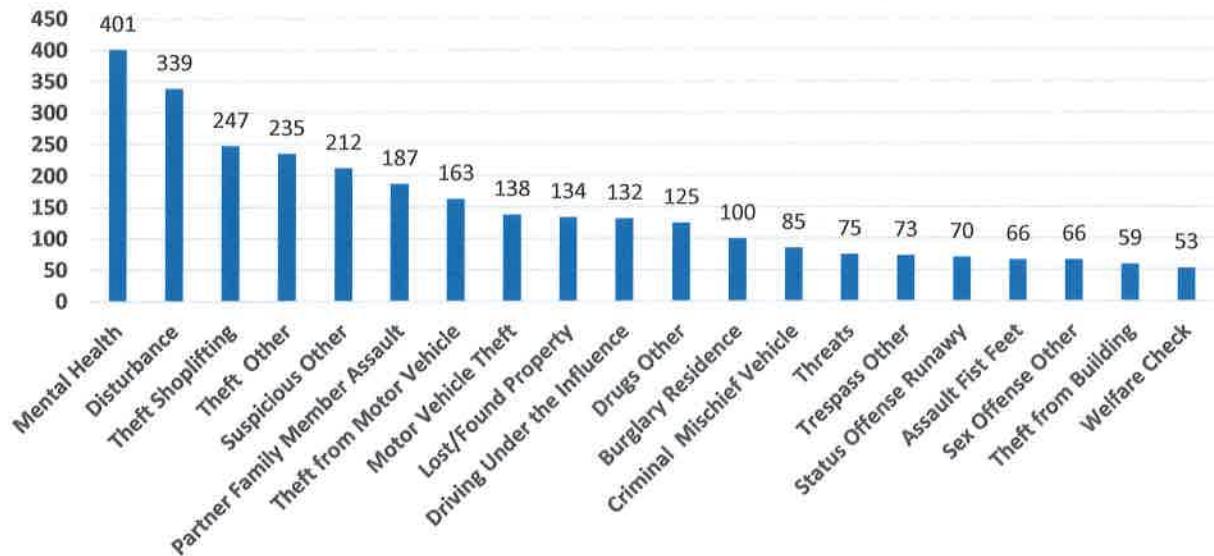
Citation Type	2019	2018
Animal Warning	49	131
City Ordinance	56	51
MAAP	13	62
Animal/Criminal	11	16
Traffic, Moving & Non-moving	1,083	856
Municipal Infraction	985	936
Warning	1,950	1,677

*About 400 December 2019 warnings are outstanding

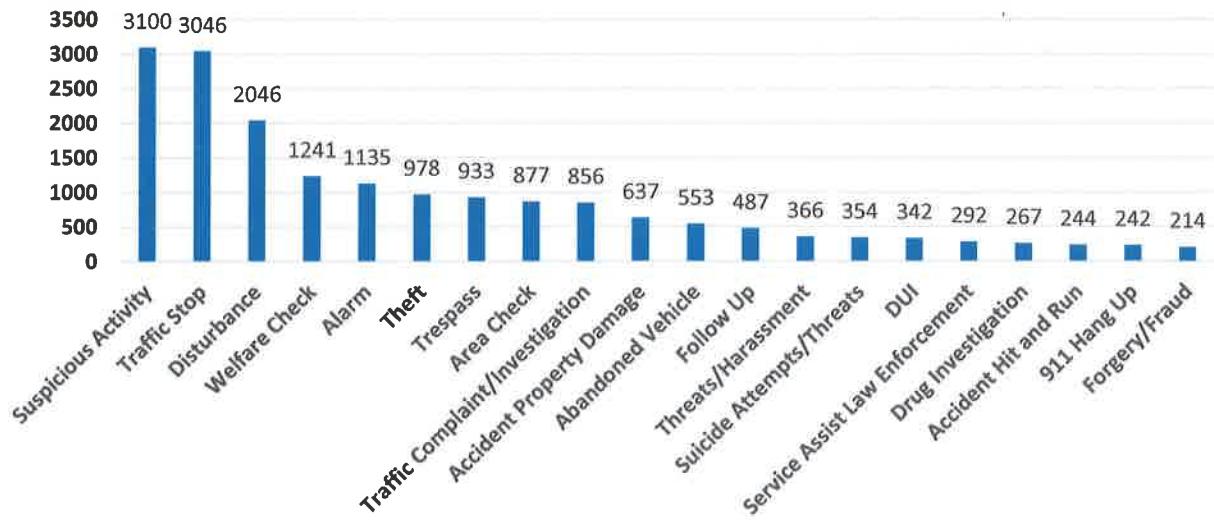
Violent Crimes	2019	2018
Homicide	1	5
Robbery	28	32
Forcible Rape	45	42
Aggravated Assault	404	401

Property Crimes	2019	2018
Burglary	140	175
Larceny	859	1,007
Motor Vehicle Theft	143	206
Arson	4	4

Top 20 Case Types

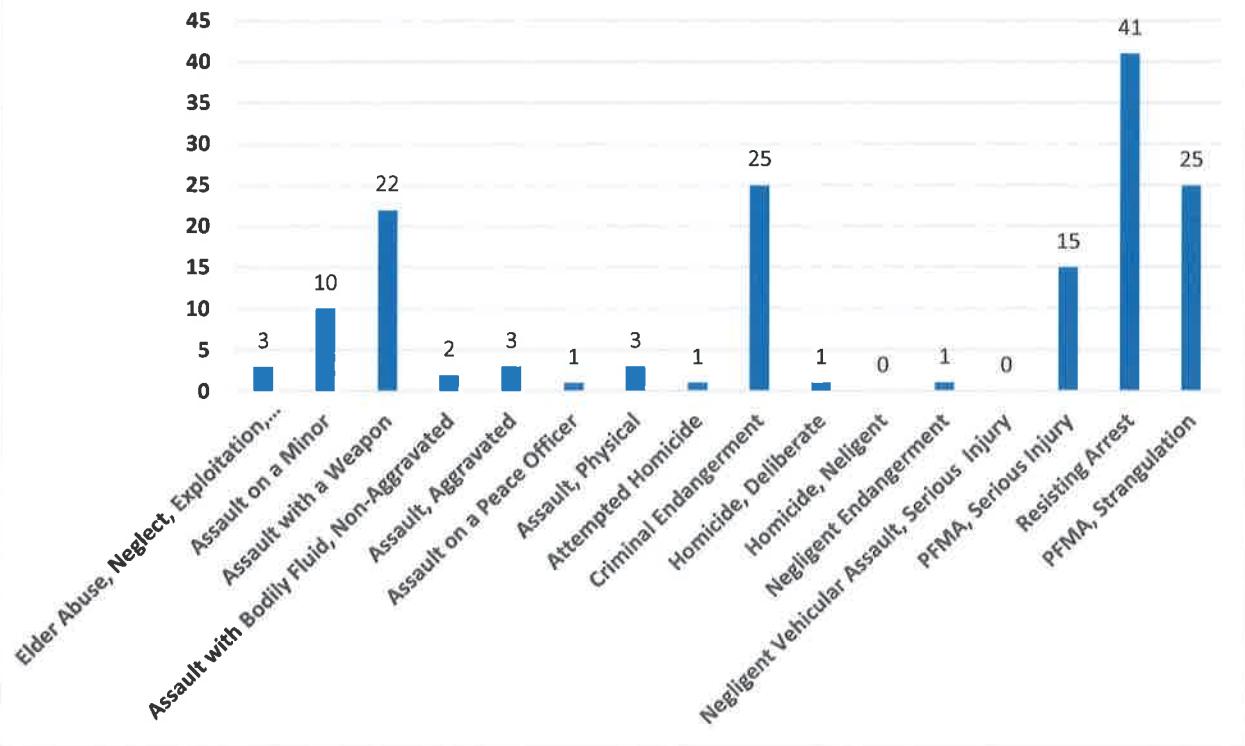


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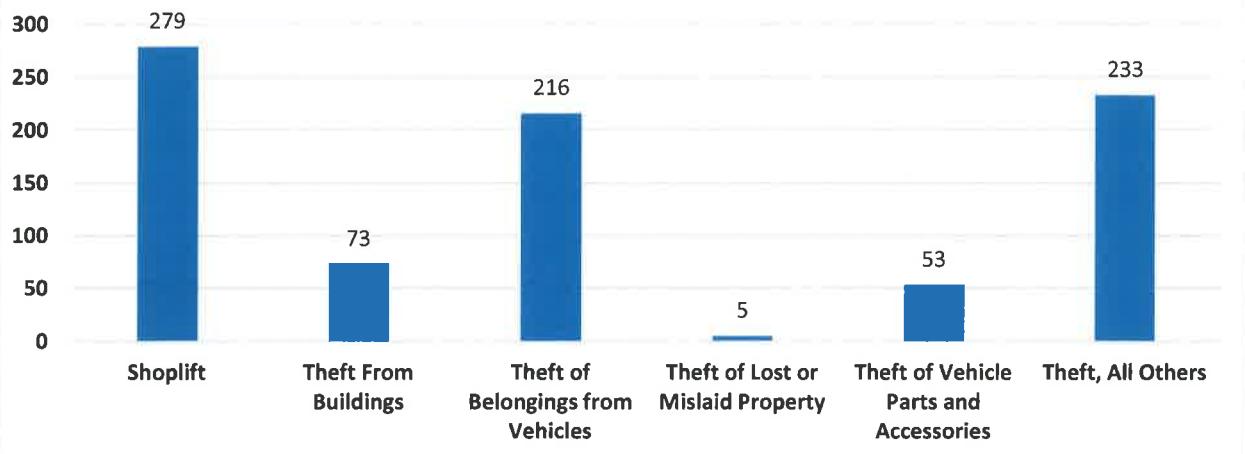


K9 Tabasco during package training at the police facility.

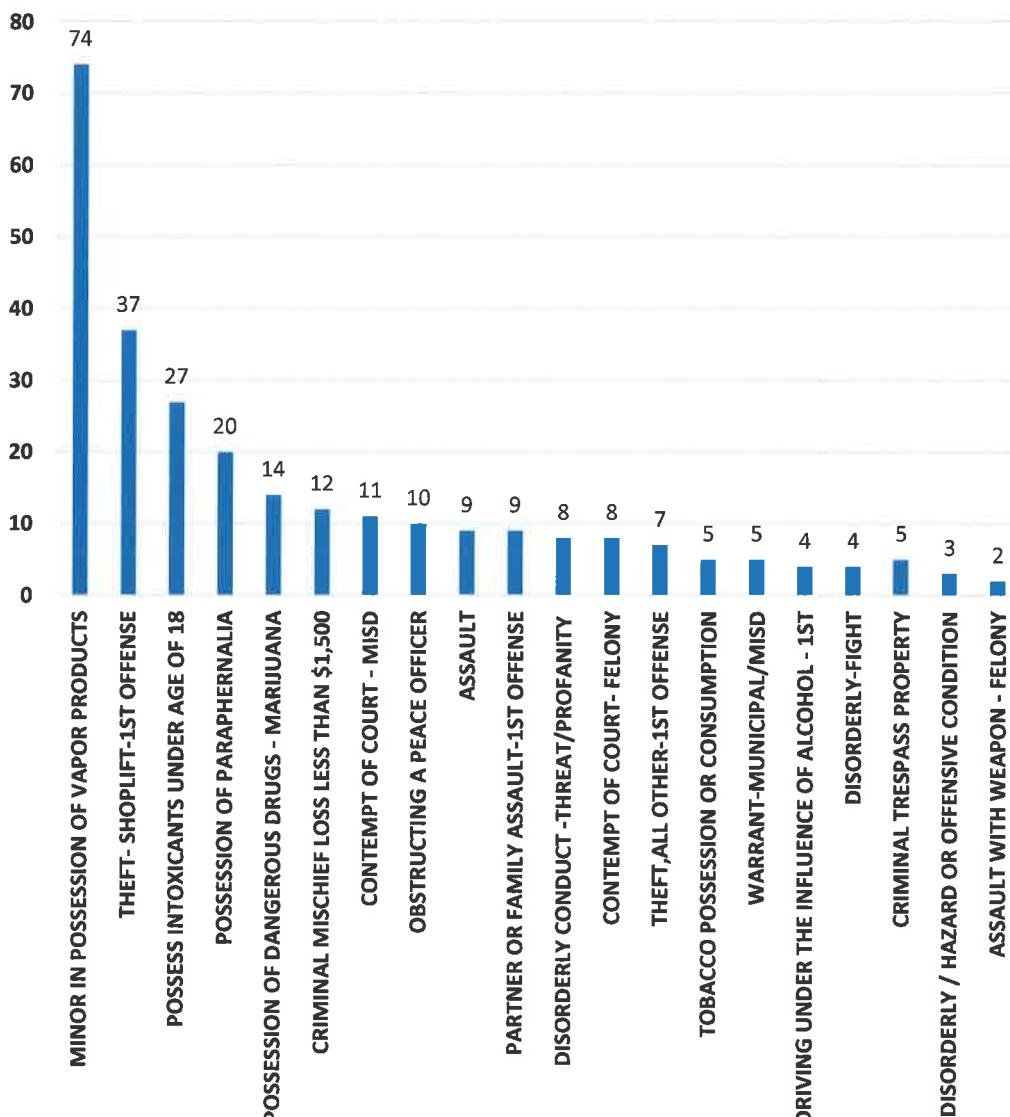
Assault Offenses



Larceny Offenses



Top 20 Juvenile Arrest Charges



Top 20 Adult Arrest Charges

