

**\*\*ATTENTION\*\***

Due to the COVID-19 health concerns, the format of the City Council meeting will be held in a virtual videoconferencing environment. In order to honor the Right of Participation and the Right to Know in Article II, sections 8 and 9, of the Montana Constitution, the City of Billings and City Council are making every effort to meet the requirements of the open meeting laws:

- The Agenda Packet is available for viewing on the City's website at: <https://ci.billings.mt.us/117/Agendas-Minutes>
- Councilmembers will attend the meeting via a remote location, using a virtual meeting method. City Hall and the Council Chambers will be closed during the meeting.
- The Public may view the meeting on the Community 7 TV - Channel 7 or Channel 507 – Spectrum Cable. The Public may also view online at [www.comm7tv.com](http://www.comm7tv.com) and click on the “Watch Live” icon. Community 7 also has links to their Facebook page and YouTube channel in which to view the meeting.
- Public comment will be taken only during the Public Comment periods as indicated on the agenda, and during the Public Hearings under the Regular agenda. Comments may be sent to Council via email before 3:00 PM, on Monday, July 27, at: <https://ci.billings.mt.us/1538/City-Council-E-mail-Messages>
- Emails received after 3:00 PM and prior to 5:00 PM, may be read during the meeting.
- The Public may call in during specific Public Comment periods at **406.237.6196**. All callers will be in a queued system and are asked to remain on hold and be patient. Calls will be taken in the order in which they are received. Callers will be restricted to 3 minutes of testimony as is customary.

Future delivery methods may be explored as best practice is learned.

Please contact Denise Bohlman, City Clerk, [bohlmand@billingsmt.gov](mailto:bohlmand@billingsmt.gov), with any questions.

**COUNCIL ACTION SUMMARY**  
**Revised 7.21.2020**  
**Regular Agenda Item 2 - Presenters' Changed**  
**Regular Agenda Item 3 - Property Location Corrected**  
**CITY OF BILLINGS**

**CITY OF BILLINGS VISION STATEMENT:**

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

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**AGENDA**

**Council Chambers are Closed.**  
**The meeting will be held remotely via**  
**virtual meeting room. Please see** **coversheet for details and instructions**  
**for viewing and participation.**

**July 27, 2020** **5:30 P.M.**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Cole

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Mayor Cole

**INVOCATION:** Councilmember Neese

**ROLL CALL:** Councilmembers present on roll call were:  Shaw,  Yakawich,

Neese,  Ewalt,  Joy,  Choriki,  Purinton,  Ronning,  Boyett,  
 Brown

**MINUTES:**

- June 22, 2020 **APPROVED**
- July 13, 2020 **APPROVED**

**COURTESIES:**

- Mayor Cole acknowledged and thanked the Economic Recovery Team for free distribution of face masks to the public at the Downtown Billings Alliance, 116 N. 29<sup>th</sup> St., Ste. A; Farmers Insurance – Angela Stiller, 2646 Grand Ave, Ste. 9; Boothill Inn (Heights), 242 East Airport Road.

- Councilmember Ronning invited everyone to wear blue and wear masks and attend a 1 block walk around the Yellowstone County Courthouse on Thursday, July 30<sup>th</sup>, from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm, at the Yellowstone County Courthouse Lawn. The event is in recognition of World Day Against Trafficking in Persons.
- Councilmember Yakawich recognized the Parks Department for its ribbon cutting ceremony at Ponderosa Park to see a good investment in the community. He complimented Councilmembers Joy and Choriki for their orations.

**PROCLAMATIONS:** July – Parks and Recreation Month

**COUNCIL REPORTS:**

- None

**ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS - CHRIS KUKULSKI**

- There were no ex parte communications.
- Reviewed the educational materials for the Public Safety Mill Levy on the City's website and advised that educational presentations to staff would conclude by the end of the week. He stated staff was working with KTVQ-2 and Community 7 TV to create videos of information that would also be placed on the City's website. Community groups will start presentations soon and Ward presentations will be held in parks within those Wards.

**PUBLIC COMMENT on “NON-PUBLIC HEARING” Agenda Items: 1 ONLY. Speaker sign-in required.** (Comments are limited to three (3) minutes or as set by the Mayor.

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1. **CONSENT AGENDA** -- Separations: 1E2
  - A. **Bid Awards: None**
  - B. **Professional Services Contract** for W.O. 20-46: Landfill Compost Facility; Great West Engineering; \$176,000. **APPROVED**
  - C. **Donation** to Fire Department from Phillips 66 to replace one standby generator; \$20,000. **APPROVED**
  - D. **Donation** to Police Department from Yellowstone County DUI Task Force to fund overtime for special DUI shifts; \$4,000. **APPROVED**

**E. Bills for the Weeks of:**

1. June 22, 2020 **APPROVED**
2. June 29, 2020 **APPROVED 10-0, BROWN ABSTAINED**

**REGULAR AGENDA:**

2. **PUBLIC HEARING** to receive input on the need for senior low-income rental housing project at 78 27th Street West (Central Court Village). **No action necessary, not action taken.**
3. **PUBLIC HEARING AND RESOLUTION 20-10895 FOR ANNEXATION 20-02:** a property located at 1053 Lincoln Lane. Propriedad, LLC, petitioner. Staff recommends conditional approval. (Action: approval or disapproval of staff recommendation.) **APPROVED**
4. **PUBLIC HEARING AND FIRST READING ORDINANCE FOR ZONE CHANGE 978:** a zone change from Entryway Light Industrial (ELI) to Highway Commercial (HC) on a parcel of land located in Montana Sapphire Subdivision to facilitate the construction of a new apartment complex located at 4160 King Avenue West. Montana Sapphire, LLC, owner, Performance Engineering, agent. Zoning Commission recommends approval and adoption of the 10 criteria. (Action: approval or disapproval of the Zoning Commission recommendation.) **APPROVED**
5. **PUBLIC HEARING AND FIRST READING ORDINANCE FOR ZONE CHANGE 979:** a zone change from R-70-R, a single family only zone district, to R-50 to allow the development of two-family dwellings on a 2.4 acre parcel of land, described as Lots 17-25, Block 31 of High Sierra Subdivision, 16th filing. Gary Owen, owner; Sanderson Stewart, agent. Zoning Commission recommends approval and adoption of the 10 criteria. (Action: approval or disapproval of the Zoning Commission recommendation.) **APPROVED**
6. **PUBLIC HEARING AND SPECIAL REVIEW 982:** a special review to expand Gordy's Casino building at 2244 and 2248 Grand Avenue. G Rock Building, LLC, owner; Gordy Roma, agent. Zoning Commission recommends conditional approval and adoption of the findings of the 3 criteria. (Action: approval or disapproval of Zoning Commission recommendation.) **APPROVED**

**PUBLIC COMMENT on “NON-AGENDA ITEMS”. Speaker Sign-in required.**  
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**COUNCIL INITIATIVES:**

- None

**ADJOURN:** 8:22 p.m.