

COUNCIL ACTION SUMMARY

CITY OF BILLINGS

CITY OF BILLINGS VISION STATEMENT:

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

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.

December 21, 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:

- November 23, 2020 (*Pending*)
- December 14, 2020 (*Pending*)

COURTESIES:

- Mayor Cole recognized Bill Snell, through the Pretty Shield Foundation and Rocky Mountain Tribal Leaders Council, for the erection and illumination of 7 teepees in Swords Park, to honor those who have died and as a symbol of hope.
- Mayor Cole acknowledged that this was the longest night of the year. He thanked all the agencies and individuals that helped the homeless population.

PROCLAMATIONS: None

COUNCIL REPORTS: None

ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS - CHRIS KUKULSKI

- Stated that before Public Comment on Agenda items, John Felton, Yellowstone County Health Officer, Riverstone Healthcare and Melanie Schwarz, Big Sky Economic Development, would give an update to COVID-19 statistics in Yellowstone County and a presentation concerning the Joint Information Center that will provide weekly community

updates concerning vaccines, hospital capacities, and Yellowstone County's COVID-19 cases.

- Noted this was the last meeting of 2020. The next meeting is a Work Session scheduled for January 4th.
- There was 1 ex-parte communication received after 3:00 this afternoon regarding support of the Poly Vista / Landon's Legacy element in the CIP.

COVID-19 UPDATE: John Felton, Yellowstone County Health Officer, Riverstone Healthcare and Melanie Schwarz, Big Sky Economic Development.

PUBLIC COMMENT on “NON-PUBLIC HEARING” Agenda Items: ENTIRE AGENDA.

Speaker sign-in required. (Comments are limited to three (3) minutes or as set by the Mayor.

During COVID-19, the method to take and hear public comment has changed. Individuals wishing to give public comment will call a dedicated phone line (237.6196) and held in queue until it is their turn to comment. Comments 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.)

1. CONSENT AGENDA -- Separations: 1H1 and 1H2

A. Bid Awards:

1. **Electronic Waste Collection.** (Awarded 9/14/20) Recommend cancelation of bid award to Green Technology Solutions. **APPROVED**

B. Exchange City Golf Corporation (ECGC) 2021 annual budget and fee structure for Par 3 Golf Course. APPROVED

C. Airport's Updated Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program. APPROVED

D. MET Transit Agency Safety Plan. APPROVED

E. Donation to Fire Department from ExxonMobil Pipeline Company; \$2,500. APPROVED

F. Perpetual Right of Way Easement with Yellowstone County for sewer facilities at MetraPark. APPROVED

G. Resolution 20-10919 approving an extension of the Cable Franchise Agreement with Bresnan Communications, LLC, through December 31, 2021. **APPROVED**

H. Bills for the Weeks of:

1. November 23, 2020 – **APPROVED 10-0, BROWN ABSTAINED**

2. November 30, 2020 – **APPROVED 10-0, BROWN ABSTAINED**

REGULAR AGENDA:

2. **LEASE** of Airport property with NorthWestern Energy (NWE) to expand and rebuild the Rimrock Substation, revenue first year; \$29,245.94, revenue subsequent years adjusted by CPI-U. Staff recommends approval. (Action: approval or disapproval of staff recommendation.) **APPROVED AMENDED MOTION TO REVISE THE LEASE WITH CONTINGENCY LANGUAGE CONCERNING THE DONATION OF THE 2 ACRES OWNED BY NWE AND INCLUDE LANGUAGE CONCERNING PROPER BERMING WITH NATIVE PLANTS, AND MAINTENANCE OF SUCH UNTIL VEGETATION IS ESTABLISHED; AND BRING TO COUNCIL FOR FINAL APPROVAL THE LEASE WITH SAID AMENDMENTS AT EITHER THE JANUARY 11TH OR JANUARY 25TH, 2021 REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING.** 10-1, NEESE OPPOSED.
3. **FY2022-2026 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN (CIP).** Staff recommends approval. (Action: approval or disapproval of staff recommendation.) **APPROVED**
4. **TAX INCREMENT FINANCE ASSISTANCE** from Downtown Billings Partnership (DBP) to Halsten Holdings, LLC (Burger Dive) located at 2712 Minnesota Avenue; up to \$466,373. Downtown Billings Partnership Board recommends approval. (Action: approval or disapproval of DBP Board recommendation.) **APPROVED**
5. **TAX INCREMENT FINANCE ASSISTANCE** from Downtown Billings Partnership (DBP) to Downtown Properties, LLC located at 2624 Montana Avenue; up to \$665,765. Downtown Billings Partnership Board recommends approval. (Action: approval or disapproval of DBP Board recommendation.) **APPROVED**
6. **TAX INCREMENT FINANCE ASSISTANCE** from Downtown Billings Partnership (DBP) to Kibler & Kirch located at 2807 1st Avenue North; up to \$79,940. Downtown Billings Partnership Board recommends approval. (Action: approval or disapproval of DBP Board recommendation.) **APPROVED**
7. **SOUTH BILLINGS BOULEVARD URBAN RENEWAL DISTRICT (SBBURD) EXPANSION.** Staff recommends supporting the expansion of the SBBURD. (Action: approval or disapproval of staff recommendations.) **APPROVED 8-3, EWALT, NEESE AND PURINTON OPPOSED.**
8. **REMOVAL** of contingencies on buy/sell agreement and proceed with purchase of property located at 6014 South Billings Boulevard. Staff recommends approval. (Action: approval or disapproval of staff recommendations.) **APPROVED**

PUBLIC COMMENT on “NON-AGENDA ITEMS”. Speaker Sign-in required. (Comments are limited to three (3) minutes or as set by the Mayor. During COVID-19, the method to take and hear public comment has changed. Individuals wishing to give public comment will call a dedicated phone line (237.6196) and held in queue until it is their turn to comment.)

COUNCIL INITIATIVES:

Choriki moved to direct staff to put the following issues on future work sessions. Staff will inform the Council of any existing work on the issue and for the Council to “brainstorm” possible solutions to these issues. The issues are:

1. Dedicated funding for the operations and maintenance of parks, including new capital projects;
2. Discussion of a policy and a funding source for completing the sidewalks, and trails, including safe routes to schools; and
3. Funding cost of services modeling for general fund departments.

seconded by Joy.

Boyett moved to amend the motion for Issue 1 that staff and the Parks Board provide an informational presentation to Council at their earliest convenience on their work identifying possible funding for the operations and maintenance of parks, including new capital projects, seconded by Neese. **APPROVED 10-1, EWALT OPPOSED**

Issue 2, **APPROVED AS PROPOSED, 10-1, EWALT OPPOSED**

Mayor Cole moved to amend the motion for Issue 3 that staff provide a detailed cost of services report by March 15th, seconded by Neese. **APPROVED**

ADJOURN: 11:38 pm