

Billings City Administrator Weekly Report

January 22, 2021

1. **Massage & Body Works Business License Ordinance** – Two brief clarifications in the DRAFT ordinance.

- 1) A felony conviction does not automatically prevent issuance of a business license. See sections 7-1805(d)(11) and (12) which state “*a conviction is not an automatic bar to obtaining a business license*” and “*an indictment, charge, or information is not an automatic bar to obtaining a business license*” also see 7-1806 (b) “*For applicants who fall into any of the categories listed below, the licensing administrator will conduct an investigation as to the propriety of issuing a license.*” The first subsection to 7-1806 (b) 1. Refers to a felony conviction.
- 2) Staff will be recommending adjustments to retain “body works” to minimize loopholes without requiring a state message license for body works businesses (body works does not require a state license). We received confirmation from the State Board of Massage Therapy counsel that “Nothing in the City’s proposed ordinance would affect the way the Board or the Department regulates currently exempted professionals.” Please share this information with your constituents – many of them have stated they will be put out of business if we fail to fix this discrepancy between our draft ordinance and state law.

Going forward – send Gina and I any feedback on the draft ordinance in writing by 8:00am Monday February 1st. Please provide your feedback earlier, if possible. The more specific you can be the better. After staff digests this latest input, we will determine how best to implement the feedback and present these adjustments to a subcommittee of the council. I am targeting March 8 for the public hearing and first reading of a draft Massage and Body Works Business License ordinance, consistent with the council’s direction during our January 18 council work session.

2. **Stillwater Building Appraisal** – This week Kevin Iffland, Donald Jones, Kevan Bryan and I meet with Joe Holden and his banker to discuss the appraisal process for moving forward with the Stillwater Building. We cannot move forward without understanding the true market value of the building.

3. **Legislative Video Conference – Thursday January 28 at Noon.** MSUB, College of Business MacDonald Hall, Room 163. The 1st of 7 in a partnership between the City, Chamber and MSUB. Please RSVP through Wynnette.

Legislative Session – The latest list of bills we are tracking is attached.

4. **Claimjumper Neighborhood Meeting** – Debi Meling, Scott Emerick, Councilmember Ewalt and I met with 16 homeowners, Wednesday evening, regarding the water main break that caused a sewer backup on Veterans Day. The pressure from the water main break, dislodged a nearby sewage manhole casing, causing water to flood into the sewer line causing the backups. This is extraordinarily rare. The purpose of the meeting was to explain what happened and to answer questions.
5. **Quarterly Reports** – Quarterly reports for SBURA and Downtown Billings Partnership and the Annual Report Public Works are attached.

Have a good weekend!



**CITY OF BILLINGS
2021 Montana Legislature
Weekly Session Report – January 20, 2021**

WEEKLY SESSION REPORT

City of Billings
January 20, 2021

- * After the bill number denotes the bill is dead
- The governor must sign or veto a bill within 10 days of transmittal or it becomes law
- All green shaded bills have become law

City of Billings INTRODUCED BILL DRAFTS

Bill Draft No.	LC No.	Primary Sponsor	Status	Status Date	Short Title	Position: Support; Monitor; Oppose
HB 18  	LC0354	Geraldine Custer (R) HD 39	(H) Tabled in Committee* -- (H) Appropriations	01/11/2021	Appropriation for Local Government Center	Support
HB 32  	LC0273	Sue Vinton (R) HD 56	(H) Committee Report--Bill Passed -- (H) Education	01/19/2021	Repeal ending fund balance limits for school district funds	Monitor
HB 50  	LC0441	Frank Garner (R) HD 7	(H) Hearing -- (H) Energy, Technology and Federal Relations	01/11/2021; 3:00 PM, Rm 472	Redistribute 9-1-1 funding to state library	Monitor
HB 62  	LC0358	Mike Hopkins (R) HD 92	(H) Scheduled for 3rd Reading	01/19/2021	Update water and wastewater revolving loan program	Monitor
HB 73  	LC1315	Barry Usher (R) HD 40	(H) Committee Report--Bill Passed -- (H) Judiciary	01/15/2021	Generally revise laws related to the criminal justice oversight council	Monitor

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HB 86  	LC0469	Mary Ann Dunwell (D) HD 84	(H) Hearing -- (H) Local Government	01/21/2021; 3:00 PM, Rm 472	Allow the creation of regional fire protection authorities	Monitor
HB 102  	LC1333	Seth Berglee (R) HD 58	(S) Hearing -- (S) Judiciary	01/20/2021; 9:00 AM, Rm 303	Generally revise gun laws	Monitor
HB 107  	LC1089	Ron Marshall (R) HD 87	(H) Hearing -- (H) State Administration	01/13/2021; 9:00 AM, Rm 455	Revise mill levy election laws	Oppose
HB 115  	LC0924	Bill Mercer (R) HD 46	(H) Hearing -- (H) Judiciary	01/22/2021; 8:00 AM, Rm 137	Increase penalties for 5th and subsequent DUI	Support
HB 121  	LC0578	David Bedey (R) HD 86	(H) Hearing -- (H) Local Government	01/14/2021; 3:00 PM, Rm 472	Require elected official approval of local health board and officer actions	Monitor
HB 123  	LC0577	David Bedey (R) HD 86	(H) Hearing -- (H) Local Government	01/26/2021; 3:00 PM, Rm 472	Revise laws regarding the stringency of local septic regulations	Monitor
HB 126  	LC1450	Kathy Kelker (D) HD 47	(H) Tabled in Committee* -- (H) Judiciary	01/15/2021	Revise laws concerning conduct of persons with alcoholism and drug addiction	Monitor
HB 132  	LC1029	Fred Anderson (R) HD 20	(H) Hearing -- (H) Taxation	01/14/2021; 8:30 AM, Rm 152	Require property tax bill to include comparison to prior year	Monitor

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HB 134  	LC0837	Danny Tenenbaum (D) HD 95	(H) Hearing -- (H) Local Government	01/26/2021; 3:00 PM, Rm 472	Allow zoning for duplex, triplex, and fourplex housing in certain municipalities	Monitor
HB 145  	LC1567	Paul Fielder (R) HD 13	(H) Hearing -- (H) Local Government	01/19/2021; 3:00 PM, Rm 472	Allow local boards of health and health officers to issue recommendations	Monitor
HB 154  	LC1065	Dave Fern (D) HD 5	(H) Hearing -- (H) Taxation	01/21/2021; 8:30 AM, Rm 152	Revise resort tax population limits	Monitor
HB 158  	LC1510	Caleb Hinkle (R) HD 68	(H) Hearing -- (H) State Administration	01/19/2021; 8:00 AM, Rm 455	Create study commission to review covid-19 statute & rule suspensions	Monitor
HB 165  	LC2177	Jeremy Trebas (R) HD 26	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) Taxation	01/15/2021	Increase vehicle fees to reduce residential property taxes	Monitor
HB 187  	LC1064	Dave Fern (D) HD 5	(H) Introduced	01/19/2021	Provide for local option sales tax	Monitor
SB 23  	LC0274	Daniel R Salomon (R) SD 47	(S) Scheduled for 3rd Reading	01/19/2021	Eliminate state school flexibility account	Monitor
SB 47  	LC1314	Ryan Lynch (D) SD 37	(S) Transmitted to House	01/18/2021	Generally revise laws related to DOC commits	Monitor
SB 48  	LC0295	Mike Fox (D) SD 16	(S) Hearing -- (S) Highways and Transportation	01/14/2021; 3:00 PM, Rm 405	Allowing transfer of certain highway funding to tribes	Monitor

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SB 65  	LC0901	Steve Fitzpatrick (R) SD 10	(H) Hearing -- (H) Business and Labor	01/22/2021; 08:30 AM, Rm 172	Revise civil liability laws	Monitor
SB 67  	LC0084	Steve Fitzpatrick (R) SD 10	(S) Committee Report--Bill Passed -- (S) Judiciary	01/18/2021	Revise laws pertaining to law enforcement	Monitor
SB 73  	LC0802	Keith Regier (R) SD 3	(S) Hearing -- (S) Taxation	01/14/2021; 9:00 AM, Rm 405	Provide for local distribution of lodging sales tax revenue	Support
SB 77  	LC0552	Tom McGillvray (R) SD 23	(S) Hearing -- (S) Taxation	01/15/2021; 08:00 AM, Rm 405	Revise special district financing and dissolution provisions	Oppose
SB 78  	LC0018	Douglas (Doug) Kary (R) SD 22	(S) Hearing -- (S) Taxation	01/15/2021; 08:00 AM, Rm 405	Revise allowable special district assessment methods	Oppose
SB 80  	LC2959	Keith Regier (R) SD 3	(S) Hearing -- (S) Local Government	01/20/2021; 3:00 PM, Rm 405	Limit the duration of interlocal agreements	Monitor

City of Billings
UNINTRODUCED BILL DRAFTS

Bill Draft No. (LC No.)	Request Date	Primary Sponsor	Status	Status Date	Short Title	Position: Support; Monitor; Oppose
LC0075	07/17/2020	Derek Skees (R) HD 11	(C) Draft to Requester for Review	01/15/2021	Establish penalties for sanctuary policies	Monitor
LC0080	07/20/2020	Derek Skees (R) HD 11	(C) Draft Request Received	07/20/2020	Establish government liability for government mandates	Monitor
LC0118	08/06/2020	Tom Jacobson (D) SD 11	(C) Draft On Hold	10/19/2020	Generally revise tax increment financing laws	Monitor
LC0182	08/07/2020	JP Pomnichowski (D) SD 33	(C) Draft On Hold	11/25/2020	Generally revise local government laws	Monitor
LC0201	08/11/2020	JP Pomnichowski (D) SD 33	(C) Draft On Hold	10/19/2020	Generally revise tax increment financing laws	Monitor
LC0209	08/11/2020	JP Pomnichowski (D) SD 33	(C) Draft On Hold	11/27/2020	Generally revise local government funding laws	Monitor
LC0242	08/12/2020	JP Pomnichowski (D) SD 33	(C) Draft On Hold	11/25/2020	Generally subdivision laws	Monitor
LC0257	08/12/2020	JP Pomnichowski (D) SD 33	(C) Draft On Hold	11/05/2020	Generally revise tax increment financing laws	Monitor
LC0263	08/12/2020	JP Pomnichowski (D) SD 33	(C) Draft On Hold	11/25/2020	Generally revise local government laws	Monitor
LC0309	08/27/2020	Steve Fitzpatrick (R) SD 10	(C) Draft in Edit	01/16/2021	Generally revise laws related to law enforcement officers	Monitor
LC0310	08/27/2020	Steve Fitzpatrick (R) SD 10	(C) Draft On Hold	11/05/2020	Generally revise laws related to law enforcement	Monitor

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LC0311	08/27/2020	Steve Fitzpatrick (R) SD 10	(C) Draft On Hold	11/05/2020	Generally revise laws related to law enforcement	Monitor
LC0312	08/27/2020	Steve Fitzpatrick (R) SD 10	(C) Draft Request Received	08/27/2020	Generally revise laws related to local government	Monitor
LC0313	08/27/2020	Steve Fitzpatrick (R) SD 10	(C) Draft in Edit	01/14/2021	Allow a county commission to hold certain zoning appeal hearings de novo	Monitor
LC0314	08/27/2020	Steve Fitzpatrick (R) SD 10	(C) Draft Request Received	08/27/2020	Generally revise laws related to local government	Monitor
LC0315	08/27/2020	Steve Fitzpatrick (R) SD 10	(C) Draft On Hold	11/05/2020	Resolution regarding law enforcement	Monitor
LC0499	10/01/2020	Jason W Ellsworth (R) SD 43	(C) Draft to Requester for Review	01/14/2021	Increasing county procurement options with cooperative purchasing agreements	Monitor
LC0627  	10/21/2020	Jim Hamilton (D) HD 61	(C) Draft to Requester for Review	01/15/2021	Revise emergency vehicle passing laws	Monitor
LC0630	10/21/2020	Jim Hamilton (D) HD 61	(C) Draft On Hold	01/06/2021	Generally revise easement laws	Monitor
LC0633	10/21/2020	Jim Hamilton (D) HD 61	(C) Draft Request Received	10/21/2020	Generally revise entitlement share laws	Monitor
LC0639	10/21/2020	Geraldine Custer (R) HD 39	(C) Draft Request Received	10/21/2020	Generally revise laws related to special districts	Monitor

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LC0677	10/26/2020	Llew Jones (R) HD 18	(C) Draft On Hold	10/29/2020	Generally revise laws related to infrastructure funding	Monitor
LC0678	10/26/2020	Llew Jones (R) HD 18	(C) Draft On Hold	01/09/2021	Generally revise laws related to executive branch officers	Monitor
LC0679	10/26/2020	Llew Jones (R) HD 18	(C) Draft Request Received	10/26/2020	Generally revise laws related to local government infrastructure funding	Monitor
LC0680	10/26/2020	Llew Jones (R) HD 18	(C) Draft On Hold	10/27/2020	Generally revise laws related to income tax	Monitor
LC0681	10/26/2020	Llew Jones (R) HD 18	(C) Draft On Hold	10/29/2020	Generally revise laws related to state government infrastructure funding	Monitor
LC0689	10/26/2020	Llew Jones (R) HD 18	(C) Draft On Hold	10/28/2020	Generally revise laws related to local govt funding/taxes for schools	Monitor
LC0729  	11/02/2020	Greg Hertz (R) SD 6	(C) Draft Ready for Delivery	12/31/2020	Sunset voter approved property tax levies after certain period of time	Monitor
LC0855	11/08/2020	Ryan Lynch (D) SD 37	(C) Draft On Hold	11/16/2020	Generally revise entitlement share law	Monitor
LC0884	11/10/2020	Steve Fitzpatrick (R) SD 10	(C) Draft Request Received	11/10/2020	Revise local government laws	Monitor
LC0885	11/10/2020	Steve Fitzpatrick (R) SD 10	(C) Draft Request Received	11/10/2020	Revise local government laws	Monitor
LC0928	11/10/2020	Bill Mercer (R) HD 46	(C) Draft On Hold	12/08/2020	Revise assessment of taxes during condemnation proceedings	Monitor

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LC0958	11/10/2020	Ellie Boldman (D) SD 45	(C) Draft On Hold	11/21/2020	Generally revise anonymous complaints to local government and state agencies	Monitor
LC1057	11/12/2020	Jimmy Patelis (R) HD 52	(C) Draft On Hold	12/09/2020	Direct gaming taxes to counties for property tax reduction	Monitor
LC1060	11/12/2020	Brian Hoven (R) SD 13	(C) Draft to Requester for Review	12/09/2020	Generally revise mobile home park laws	Monitor
LC1061	11/12/2020	Brian Hoven (R) SD 13	(C) Draft Request Received	11/12/2020	Generally revise mobile home park laws	Monitor
LC1062	11/12/2020	Brian Hoven (R) SD 13	(C) Draft to Requester for Review	01/14/2021	Generally revise mobile home park laws	Monitor
LC1063	11/12/2020	Becky Beard (R) HD 80	(C) Draft Request Received	11/12/2020	Generally revise local government laws	Monitor
LC1064  	11/12/2020	Dave Fern (D) HD 5	(C) Draft Delivered to Requester	01/18/2021	Provide for local option sales tax	Monitor
LC1133	11/19/2020	Terry Gauthier (R) SD 40	(C) Draft Request Received	11/19/2020	Generally revise local government laws	Monitor
LC1155	11/19/2020	Joshua Kassmier (R) HD 27	(C) Draft On Hold	12/08/2020	Generally revise property tax laws	Monitor

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LC1175  	11/19/2020	Kenneth L Holmlund (R) HD 38	(C) Draft Delivered to Requester	01/15/2021	Establish laws prohibiting sanctuary cities in Montana	Monitor
LC1224	11/20/2020	Greg Hertz (R) SD 6	(C) Draft Request Received	11/20/2020	Generally revise public employee union laws	Monitor
LC1225	11/20/2020	Greg Hertz (R) SD 6	(C) Draft On Hold	12/30/2020	Generally revise emergency powers laws	Monitor
LC1318	11/27/2020	Tom McGillvray (R) SD 23	(C) Draft On Hold	12/16/2020	Revise and enhance penalties for criminal distribution of dangerous drugs	Monitor
LC1319	11/27/2020	Jim Hamilton (D) HD 61	(C) Draft On Hold	12/31/2020	Generally revise pre-hearing detention for involuntary commitment	Monitor
LC1320	11/27/2020	Jim Hamilton (D) HD 61	(C) Draft On Hold	12/31/2020	Generally revise involuntary commitment hearing requirements	Monitor
LC1326  	11/27/2020	Mallerie Stromswold (R) HD 50	(C) Draft in Final Drafter Review	01/18/2021	Remove sunset on requirement that massage therapy businesses display licenses	Monitor
LC1404	11/27/2020	Andrea Olsen (D) HD 100	(C) Draft Request Received	11/27/2020	Allow low-interest coal tax trust fund loans to local governments	Monitor
LC1443	12/01/2020	Bob Phalen (R) HD 36	(C) Draft Request Received	12/01/2020	Revise local government budgeting procedures	Monitor
LC1465	12/01/2020	Mary Ann Dunwell (D) HD 84	(C) Draft Request Received	12/01/2020	Generally revise local government laws	Monitor

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LC1483	12/01/2020	Braxton Mitchell (R) HD 3	(C) Draft Request Received	12/01/2020	Establish relief program for sex trafficked victims	Monitor
LC1535	12/01/2020	Kelly Kortum (D) HD 65	(C) Draft Request Received	12/01/2020	Generally revise laws related to absentee ballots	Monitor
LC1536	12/01/2020	Kelly Kortum (D) HD 65	(C) Draft Request Received	12/01/2020	Generally revise election laws	Monitor
LC1537  	12/01/2020	Kelly Kortum (D) HD 65	(C) Draft Ready for Delivery	01/12/2021	Revise the Montana primary election date	Monitor
LC1538	12/01/2020	Kelly Kortum (D) HD 65	(C) Draft Request Received	12/01/2020	Generally revise ballot acceptance deadlines	Monitor
LC1540	12/01/2020	Kelly Kortum (D) HD 65	(C) Draft Request Received	12/01/2020	Permit local governments to use ranked choice voting in local elections	Monitor
LC1541	12/01/2020	Kelly Kortum (D) HD 65	(C) Draft Request Received	12/01/2020	Generally revise mail ballot election laws	Monitor
LC1542	12/01/2020	Kelly Kortum (D) HD 65	(C) Draft Request Received	12/01/2020	Streamline government justice database systems	Monitor
LC1545	12/01/2020	Kelly Kortum (D) HD 65	(C) Draft Request Received	12/01/2020	Establish an online voter registration system	Monitor

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LC1546	12/01/2020	Kelly Kortum (D) HD 65	(C) Draft Request Received	12/01/2020	Establish an automatic voter registration system	Monitor
LC1559	12/01/2020	Walt Sales (R) SD 35	(C) Draft Request Received	12/01/2020	Establish a child care collaborative task force	Monitor
LC1563	12/01/2020	Jim Hamilton (D) HD 61	(C) Draft On Hold	01/18/2021	Revise property tax assistance program inflation adjustment laws	Monitor
LC1658	12/02/2020	Casey Knudsen (R) HD 33	(C) Draft Taken Off Hold	01/14/2021	Generally revise emergency powers of government	Monitor
LC1659	12/02/2020	Casey Knudsen (R) HD 33	(C) Draft On Hold	12/30/2020	Generally revise emergency powers of government	Monitor
LC1783	12/03/2020	Matt Regier (R) HD 4	(C) Draft On Hold	12/03/2020	Generally revise tax increment finance laws	Monitor
LC1811	12/04/2020	Sharon Greef (R) HD 88	(C) Draft On Hold	12/23/2020	Generally revise human trafficking laws	Monitor
LC1866	12/10/2020	Brian Putnam (R) HD 9	(C) Draft Request Received	12/10/2020	Generally revise local government laws	Monitor
LC1867	12/10/2020	Brian Putnam (R) HD 9	(C) Draft Request Received	12/10/2020	Generally revise local government laws	Monitor
LC1887	12/10/2020	Duane Ankney (R) SD 20	(C) Draft Request Received	12/10/2020	Generally revise local government laws	Monitor

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LC1916	12/10/2020	Paul Fielder (R) HD 13	(C) Draft Request Received	12/10/2020	Generally revise election laws	Monitor
LC1917	12/10/2020	Paul Fielder (R) HD 13	(C) Draft Request Received	12/10/2020	Generally revise election laws	Monitor
LC1918	12/10/2020	Paul Fielder (R) HD 13	(C) Draft Request Received	12/10/2020	Generally revise election laws	Monitor
LC1919	12/10/2020	Paul Fielder (R) HD 13	(C) Draft On Hold	12/14/2020	Generally revise election laws	Monitor
LC1920	12/10/2020	Paul Fielder (R) HD 13	(C) Draft On Hold	12/14/2020	Generally revise election laws	Monitor
LC1961	12/10/2020	Steven Galloway (R) HD 24	(C) Draft Request Received	12/10/2020	Generally revise planning and research/development laws	Monitor
LC2058	12/12/2020	Steve Fitzpatrick (R) SD 10	(C) Draft Request Received	12/12/2020	Revise local government laws	Monitor
LC2059	12/12/2020	Steve Fitzpatrick (R) SD 10	(C) Draft Request Received	12/12/2020	Revise local government laws	Monitor
LC2060	12/12/2020	Steve Fitzpatrick (R) SD 10	(C) Draft Request Received	12/12/2020	Revise local government laws	Monitor

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LC2061	12/12/2020	Steve Fitzpatrick (R) SD 10	(C) Draft Request Received	12/12/2020	Revise local government laws	Monitor
LC2072	12/12/2020	Barry Usher (R) HD 40	(C) Draft Request Received	12/12/2020	Generally revise crisis intervention training laws	Monitor
LC2135	12/12/2020	Jane Gillette (R) HD 64	(C) Draft Request Received	12/12/2020	Generally revise local government laws	Monitor
LC2136	12/12/2020	Jane Gillette (R) HD 64	(C) Draft Request Received	12/12/2020	Generally revise local government laws	Monitor
LC2137	12/12/2020	Jane Gillette (R) HD 64	(C) Draft Request Received	12/12/2020	Generally revise local government laws	Monitor
LC2272	12/12/2020	Matt Regier (R) HD 4	(C) Draft Request Received	12/12/2020	Revise definitions and performance metrics for tax Increment finance districts	Monitor
LC2275	12/12/2020	Matt Regier (R) HD 4	(C) Draft Request Received	12/12/2020	Create evaluation for drug court effectiveness	Monitor
LC2345	12/12/2020	Mary Ann Dunwell (D) HD 84	(C) Draft Request Received	12/12/2020	Generally revise local government laws	Monitor

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LC2346	12/12/2020	Mary Ann Dunwell (D) HD 84	(C) Draft Request Received	12/12/2020	Generally revise public health and safety laws	Monitor
LC2347	12/12/2020	Mary Ann Dunwell (D) HD 84	(C) Draft Request Received	12/12/2020	Generally revise local government laws	Monitor
LC2355	12/12/2020	Mike Hopkins (R) HD 92	(C) Draft On Hold	12/24/2020	Generally revise tax increment financing laws	Monitor
LC2356	12/12/2020	Mike Hopkins (R) HD 92	(C) Draft On Hold	12/24/2020	Generally revise tax increment financing laws	Monitor
LC2357	12/12/2020	Mike Hopkins (R) HD 92	(C) Draft On Hold	12/24/2020	Generally revise tax increment financing laws	Monitor
LC2358	12/12/2020	Mike Hopkins (R) HD 92	(C) Draft On Hold	01/14/2021	Generally revise tax increment financing laws	Monitor
LC2359	12/12/2020	Mike Hopkins (R) HD 92	(C) Draft On Hold	01/14/2021	Generally revise tax increment financing laws	Monitor
LC2360	12/12/2020	Mike Hopkins (R) HD 92	(C) Draft On Hold	01/14/2021	Generally revise tax increment financing laws	Monitor
LC2361	12/12/2020	Mike Hopkins (R) HD 92	(C) Draft On Hold	01/14/2021	Generally revise tax increment financing laws	Monitor
LC2362	12/12/2020	Mike Hopkins (R) HD 92	(C) Draft On Hold	01/14/2021	Generally revise tax increment financing laws	Monitor
LC2363	12/12/2020	Mike Hopkins (R) HD 92	(C) Draft On Hold	01/14/2021	Generally revise tax increment financing laws	Monitor

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LC2364	12/12/2020	Mike Hopkins (R) HD 92	(C) Draft On Hold	01/14/2021	Generally revise tax increment financing laws	Monitor
LC2365	12/12/2020	Mike Hopkins (R) HD 92	(C) Draft On Hold	01/14/2021	Generally revise tax increment financing laws	Monitor
LC2369	12/12/2020	Mike Hopkins (R) HD 92	(C) Draft On Hold	12/14/2020	Establish laws regarding sanctuary cities in Montana	Monitor
LC2390	12/12/2020	Mike Hopkins (R) HD 92	(C) Draft Request Received	12/12/2020	Provide for big sky broadband program	Monitor
LC2411	12/12/2020	Christopher Pope (D) SD 31	(C) Draft On Hold	01/13/2021	Generally revise local government taxing powers	Monitor
LC2446	12/13/2020	Mike Cuffe (R) SD 1	(C) Draft Request Received	12/13/2020	Revise voter registration list maintenance laws	Monitor
LC2520	12/13/2020	Wendy McKamey (R) HD 19	(C) Draft Request Received	12/13/2020	Generally revise local government employee health insurance laws	Monitor
LC2630	12/13/2020	Danny Tenenbaum (D) HD 95	(C) Draft Request Received	12/13/2020	Generally revise parole board laws	Monitor
LC2642	12/13/2020	Ross H Fitzgerald (R) HD 17	(C) Draft Request Received	12/13/2020	Generally revise engineering and surveying laws	Monitor
LC2803	12/13/2020	Julie Dooling (R) HD 70	(C) Draft Request Received	12/13/2020	Generally revise local government laws	Monitor

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LC2856	12/13/2020	Kerri Seekins-Crowe (R) HD 43	(C) Draft On Hold	01/12/2021	Generally revise related to human trafficking	Monitor
LC2861	12/13/2020	Brad Tschida (R) HD 97	(C) Draft On Hold	01/11/2021	Prohibit a Montana city from being designated a sanctuary city	Monitor
LC3077	12/31/2020	Larry Brewster (R) HD 44	(C) Draft Request Received	12/31/2020	Generally revise local government laws	Monitor

INTERNAL MEMORANDUM

Date: January 8, 2021

To: Billings City Council

From: Jim Tevlin

Subject: SBURA report for the period October 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020

The following is a report from the South Billings Urban Renewal Association (SBURA) related to activities in the South Billings Boulevard Urban Renewal District ("the District") for the period October 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020.

Administrative

Per SBURA's bylaws, no Public Meeting was held during December.

During the quarter ended December 31, 2020, SBURA contracted with Welhaven Consulting LLC to update SBURA's website. The new website has additional information about SBURA's projects, meeting minutes, financial information etc..

Carolyn Rukstad's term as SBURA board President as one of three bylaw-mandated "Enterprise" directors (i.e. the board member must own a business in the District) ends on February 2, 2021. Accordingly, SBURA published three weekly public notices requesting volunteers for this position. The SBURA website also solicits volunteers for this position. As of January 5, 2021, we have received one applicant, Carolyn Rukstad, who is applying for another term.

Expansion of South Billings Boulevard Urban Renewal District

On December 21, 2020, Wyeth Friday, City Planning Director, and I presented to City Council our initial research concerning the possible annexation of properties into the District. We identified three properties located south of I-90 along the Frontage Rd, a single property at the intersection of Jackson Ave and King Avenue East and two City-owned properties as being logical candidates for annexation. After much deliberation, the City Council voted 8-3 to authorize Wyeth and I to continue our efforts for expansion.

CLDI Tax Increment Application

On November 10, 2020, Eric Basye of Billings Community Leadership & Development Inc. (CLDI) presented an application for \$58,100 of tax increment assistance to build a home on Viceroy Lane for resale to qualified low-income applicants. These funds effectively reduce the debt service required of CLDI-vetted home purchasers who have overcome significant adverse life events and seek home ownership. The SBURA board approved their application to move forward to City Council. Per Eric Basye, if City Council approves this expenditure there will likely be three to four additional applications for tax increment assistance.

FY22-26 Capital Improvement Plan

In November 2020, the SBURA board recommended that City Council include the following projects in the FY22-26 Capital Improvement Plan:

1. \$3.9 million in FY22 to improve Vaughn Ln, Mitchell Ave, Morgan Ave, Ryan Ave and Hillview Ln. This is a Public Works project. The SBURA board does not take a position on whether the property owners on these streets should contribute to this effort. Accordingly, the \$3.9 million amount represents the total estimated cost to improve these streets.

After considerable discussion, City Council voted 6-5 for tax increment funds to cover 100% of the cost to improve these streets.

2. \$500,000 in FY22 to build parking facilities on the southwest and northwest corners of Optimist Park. This is a Parks & Recreation Project.
3. \$25 million in FY23 to build a public recreation facility on City-owned land adjacent to Amend Park.

Capital Projects

Given the uncertainty of the Covid 19 virus situation, the timetable for the capital projects below may be impacted.

- **Optimist Park** – \$304,986 of TIF funding is included in the Parks & Recreation FY21 budget for the installation of a picnic shelter, picnic tables, park benches, disc golf and lighting. Per Parks & Recreation Planner Mark Jarvis, the Parks & Recreation Department:
 1. Has picnic tables on hand and ready for installation.
 2. Is soliciting quotes to design the shelter.
 3. Has benches on order.
 4. Is coordinating with Northwestern Energy to install security lighting.
- **Billings Police Dept Evidence Center Expansion** – The SBURA board authorized \$1,000,000 of TIF funds to assist with an estimated \$3,830,000 of construction costs. As of December 31, 2020, \$919,188 of funds have been drawn on this project. The Police Department held a formal dedication on November 5. Additionally, the SBURA board anticipates funding the estimated \$2.8 million of debt service associated with this project beginning in mid-FY21.
- **South Billings Recreation Center** – The SBURA board continues to consider/develop various plans for the development of an athletic facility on City-owned land adjacent to Amend Park. As a result of the Yellowstone County Commissioner's decision to not include a football field/track stadium at MetraPark, SBURA is presently considering a plan to locate the afore-mentioned stadium on City-owned land immediately adjacent to Amend Park.
- **Hallowell Lane** – Public Works has selected WWC Engineering and Sanderson Stewart to design the sewer and water main systems, respectively. At present, both firms are approximately 70%-90% through their efforts to develop their project design plans. Public Works plans to bid the projects in May with construction beginning in September. The construction costs are estimated at \$2.0 million.



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 21

Friday, January 8, 2021

- Status of the N27th/Downtown Tax Increment Fund for FY 21 - Quarter Ending, December 31, 2020 – see attached spreadsheet with fund line items
- DBP Highlights and other work in the N27th Street Urban Renewal District
 - Continuous follow up with Downtown establishments impacted by COVID-19
 - Providing guidance on CPTED reimbursements to establishments with certified evaluations
 - Continuing to field inquiries about future projects and TIF applications
 - Communicate regularly with City Government and news outlets
 - Research Great Falls' Pedlet/Parklet program in an effort to streamline the process in Billings
 - Continue efforts to gather professional photography for downtown marketing
 - Process three large TIF projects
 - Welcome inquiries about the Sign Grant program
 - New Businesses
 - Top Tier Disc Golf at 2814 3rd Ave N
 - Billings Community Foundation relocated to 404 N 30th Street
 - Project Lunch is also relocating to 404 N 30th Street
 - Montana Gallery expanded at 2710 2nd Ave N
 - Miss Gigi's Sweets Offices relocated to the Grand Building above Downtown Jake's (2701 1st Ave N)
 - The Grand Building also welcomed two law firm additions to their suites (Sather Law Firm & Hensel Law)
 - Junior League of Billings relocated to 2824 3rd Ave N
 - Response Design Architects relocated to 2702 Montana Ave
 - The Marble Table at 2515 Montana Ave
- General Alliance Work
 - MAAP program is reactivated through our downtown Resource Outreach Officers & Coordinator
 - Downtown Visitor Guides continue to be distributed
 - Continue service on the Economic Recovery Taskforce
 - Featured the Pumpkin Painting & Upcycled Scarecrow contests
 - Holiday festive & cheerful paintings on business windows
 - Install holiday decorations
 - Distribute new flyers of Spare Change for Real Change

- Paint and prepare the Spare Change for Real Change Giving Boxes
- Research and implement migrating to a new Customer Relationship Management software
- Work with businesses diligently to set up their point of sale systems for the downtown gift cards
- Install stringed lights & a 2nd bike light in the alley on N 29th between Park 1 & Hedden Empire
- Co host with the Chamber of Commerce a CPTED training
- Hosted a successful 30 Days of Eats instead of Restaurant Week
- Promoted Holly Days instead of the Holiday Stroll (a four-day shopping weekend)
- Development Project Incentives (TIF grant projects)
 - Completed
 - Sassy Biscuit/Jook Sign
 - 124 Group/McDonald Lofts (last reimbursement)
 - Alberta Bair Theater (ongoing reimbursements)
 - 704 Properties/Wise Wonders Museum (scheduling reimbursement)
 - In Progress
 - 123 N Broadway, LLC - reimbursement is pending completion of improvements
 - Art House Cinema, reimbursement is pending completion of improvements
 - Billings Symphony/Montana Development Company, LLC - development agreement ready for signatures
 - On Deck
 - Downtown Properties LLC/Stone Building - development agreement being reviewed for signature
 - Halsten Holdings LLC/Burger Dive - development agreement being reviewed for signature
 - R&K Designs LLC/Kibler & Kirch - development agreement being reviewed for signatures
 - TIF inquiries
 - 13 new TIF inquiries

**N27/Downtown Tax
Increment Fund**
*For the Quarter Ended
January 00, 1900*

12/31/2020

FY21 Beginning Fund Balance	\$3,839,407	FY21 Budget
Revenue		
Tax	1,184,102	2,675,000
Intergovernmental	105,910	226,908
Debt Proceeds	2,256,869	-
Investment Earnings	3,641	13,300
Total Revenue	3,550,522	2,915,208
Expenditures		
Professional Services	79,108	44,300
Cost Allocation	25,712	48,567
DBP Operating Agreement	116,434	279,441
Development Project Incentives	1,283,686	1,850,000
Debt Service	654,941	949,284
Capital Outlay	233,729	-
Transfer to Parking	100,000	147,000
Total Expenditures	2,493,610	3,318,592
Ending Fund Balance	\$4,896,319	
Cash Balance as of 01/00/00	\$3,461,608	
Less Unspent Debt Proceeds for Capital Projects	(\$1,806,654)	
Cash Available for Operations	\$1,654,954	
Development Projects Outstanding		
Wendy's Bldg/124 Group	233,333	
Art House Cinema	350,000	
Alberta Bair Theatre	2,750,000	
123 N. Broadway LLC	196,771	
CPTED Program	11,532	
Sign Program	27,530	
One-way Street Conversion	1,431,646	
Halsten Holdings (Burger Dive)	466,373	
Downtown Properties (Stone Bldg)	665,765	
Billings Symphony	181,340	
Kibler & Kirch	79,940	
704 Properties LLC	100,000	
	6,494,230	





2020 ANNUAL REPORT



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DEPARTMENT VISION STATEMENT



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“Exceed expectations through innovation, integrity, and service to the community.”

This is the Public Works Department’s Vision Statement and I believe that we met this vision in 2020.

DEBI MELING, PE

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR



This last year was one in which we could not have met the needs of the community without innovation and integrity given the challenges we all faced. We know that setting a goal to exceed expectations is a lofty endeavor since we strive to provide services at such a consistently high level. Exceeding expectations is challenging because people have come to expect nothing less than clean water comes out when you open a tap, roads are cleared of snow, garbage cans get emptied when they are full, and when you flush a toilet, everything goes away! However, I think we were able to meet this goal by maintaining all of these essential services when it could have been expected for us to lose a step here and there.

I am pleased to say that because of the extreme dedication of the Public Works Department staff, the level of service people have come to expect was met again this year and that deserves recognition. So, a huge thank you to our staff – your dedication, hard work and commitment did not go unnoticed. We also appreciate the support of the administration and policy body – we had to get creative to meet needs this year and your support allowed us to do that. And, thank you to the community for your patience when we ran into roadblocks and had to find our way around them. While we hope 2021 won’t throw as many challenges at us as 2020 did, we are committed to providing the services that our community has come to expect and we will do our best to even exceed them on occasion!



CROSSWALK SAFETY

Community safety is the driving force behind our service mission at Public Works. Seeing our planning measures come to fruition and knowing that we have provided a resource that benefits our citizens is a job perk we both enjoy and cherish.

Recently, there were changes to Federal regulations that required crosswalks at multi-lane roundabouts to be signalized. In order to satisfy these requirements, the City set out to install over 120 flashing beacons on all the crosswalks of the Shiloh Road roundabouts. The project was originally scheduled to be finished in two years, but it was completed this fall due to low construction costs.

The project savings also allowed the City to install flashing beacons on four additional school crossings, furthering our commitment to support the Healthy by Design and Safe Routes to School vision.



KEEPING BILLINGS BEAUTIFUL

Our Street-Traffic Division was hard at work in 2020. They help keep Billings beautiful and traffic flowing with their maintenance projects throughout the year.

Staff completed over 3,300 hours of mowing maintenance including more than 67 miles of City Right-of-Way, maintained over 25 miles of multi-use trails, provided weed and pest control to over 11 acres, cleaned 28 islands and most controlled intersections, exceeded 40 miles and 500 zones of irrigation blowouts, completed 10 major irrigation repairs along with normal system maintenance and removed 20+ dead or destroyed trees.



Numerous alleys received pruning for sanitation and gravel crews to have better access and site lines to do their work safely.

The island was rebuilt at Grand/6th/Division for a cost of around \$20,000, which included renewing electrical, irrigation, dirt work and new sod. Doing the work in-house was a real money-saver!



BEFORE

AFTER



Street Sweeping efforts involving 3,212 hours of actual brooms on the ground sweeping time and resulted in 11,756 yards of materiel removed from city streets.

Storm Sewer maintenance accomplished 55,655 feet of storm lines cleaned and video inspected.



NEW CAMERA EQUIPMENT HELPS STAFF
GET THE JOB DONE !

We cleaned up after more than 80 deer vs vehicle collisions too!

WHAT IT TAKES

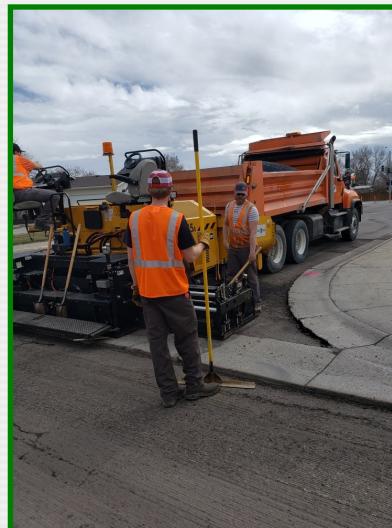
The Public Works Department invests in our City's infrastructures every year for maintenance and improvement projects.

Have you ever wondered what that means exactly? On this page you will see some of our annual reporting for these activities, keep in mind that all of this takes place simultaneously while still addressing any other needs or emergencies that arise.

3,149 tons of asphalt were used at a cost of \$175,286 to complete:

- 72 street surface repairs following utility service leaks
- 34 re-paves following water main projects
- 24 manholes and water valves lowered to aid in the residential snow plowing efforts

All gravel roads were bladed 3 times and dust suppressant was applied. All the alleys in Billings Heights were checked and bladed. Also, all the alleys from Division to 36th Street West between Grand Ave and Old Laurel Road were checked, trimmed of branches, cleaned and bladed this summer.



Did you know we handle the production and installation of our traffic signs in-house?

- 773 signs replaced
- 99 stop signs replaced

Painting efforts are always on the summer project list. Here's what 2020 looked like:

- 11,540 gallons yellow paint
- 6,472 gallons white paint

323 crosswalks were painted and center line striping completed included:

- Yellow: 1,311,406 feet (248 miles)
- White: 1,270,851 feet (241 miles)

Street lights often go unnoticed by the community, until they aren't lighting the way:

- 850 street lights repaired
- 12 light poles repaired
- 10 light poles replaced

We strive to address community concerns as quickly as possible. In 2020 we responded to and made repairs for:

- 147 signals
- 30 school flashers

There are many other tasks that are taken care of routinely:

- 50 traffic signal locates
- 24 hours updating times on downtown signals
- 20 hours graffiti removal
- 8 flashing beacon repairs
- 27 hours upgrading red LED signal lights
- 21 hours repairing and painting back plates

There were 19 signals upgraded with new cabinets, controllers, and some received Gridsmart detection as well.



INNOVATION AT WORK

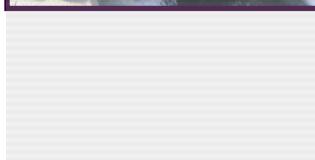
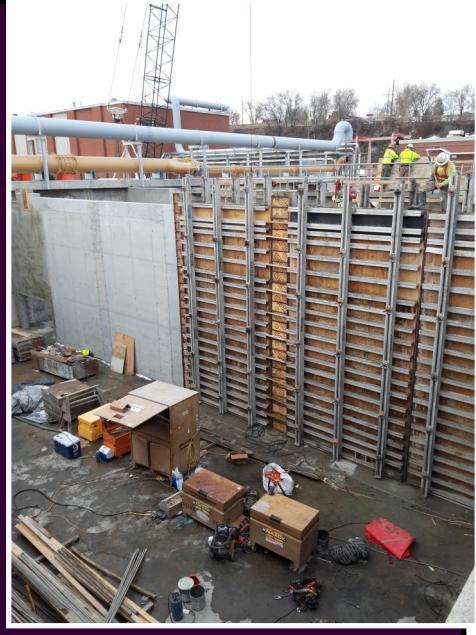
As we reached the final stages of the \$75,000,000 reconstruction project at the Wastewater Reclamation Facility (WRF), we shifted our sights to engaging the new system to its full potential.

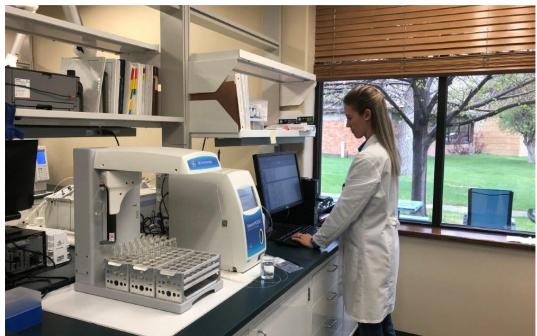
Operations at the WRF have been working through refining and optimizing all of the processes throughout the system over the past year. Whether a process came into place as a result of new or upgraded equipment or a change in regulations, 2020 has seen significant positive change through these innovations.

The Facility is performing at the highest levels ever experienced in Billings, providing notable gains in our reclaimed water quality, improved air quality and overall efficiency, including energy savings recognized by Northwestern Energy.

Throughout the reconstruction project and during the fine-tuning phase, staff maintained our service levels and daily operations without missing a beat, despite the additional work and challenges. The time staff has spent focused on lighting the path forward is a testament to their commitment to serving the community and Public Works' investment in our future.

A MESS OF PROGRESS AT THE RECALAMITION FACILITY





Sanitary Sewer line blockages were abundant, and crews responded to 117 calls for help. In many cases the culprit was non-flushable items that made their way down the drain. With toilet paper in short supply for part of the year, consumers turned to paper towels or wet-wipes, which are not designed to break down in pipes.

Items like this can make it all the way to the Wastewater Reclamation Facility, causing issues with machinery and systems there too.

We are proud of our staff of essential workers, who maintained our utility services and completed planned projects despite the additional challenges presented by the pandemic.

SERVICE LINES

Each year there are a series of pipe-bursting projects which are part of our program to replace outdated water service lines throughout Billings.

The summer of 2020 saw 3,000 feet of service lines replaced and marked the completion of this program for the Southside area, the first part of the City to reach this goal.

During the construction, residents and businesses effected were placed on temporary water service and received regular water quality testing by our State certified Laboratory before, during and after the project.

During the pipe-bursting and other service line replacement projects, the Lab tested 281 samples related to these activities alone.

The two Water Quality Labs are responsible for ensuring water condition throughout the entire water treatment and wastewater reclamation processes. They also provide our annual Consumer Confidence Report and monitor our compliance with applicable regulatory rules.





DOING MORE

The team at Public Works is always looking at ways to be even better at we do.

With that desire to innovate and improve as the driving force behind two initiatives in development, we are looking to the future with excitement.

These initiatives will support each other in practice and include an advanced Asset Management Plan and refined Geographic Information System.



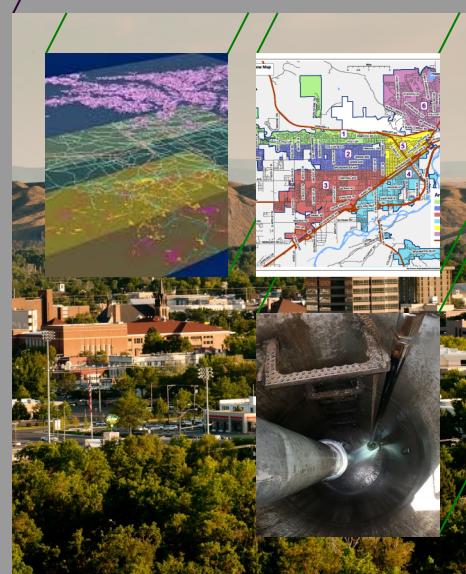
Asset Management



Developing a more robust Asset Management Program (AMP) has been on the launching pad as an idea for some time. In 2020 Public Works engaged a consultant to help us apply global solutions to local challenges.

By assisting with the records of all assets, their lifecycle and relationships, Public Works will be able to enhance data-driven decision making and strategic planning efforts to deliver on our commitment to provide the highest level of service and value possible. Which is exactly what our community expects and deserves.

Geographic Information



Geographic Information Systems (GIS) record data relating to the what and where of well, anything and everything. It provides the exact location and elevation of features, both natural and manmade. Accurate recording and accessibility of this data is critical not only to our operations at Public Works, but also to emergency services throughout the County.

Along with the improved productivity and efficiency to the Public Works' staff also comes greater community engagement through tools like interactive mapping features and open data access.



IN THE NEWS

You may have seen Public Works in the news this year, with stories ranging from our long time City Engineer, Debi Meling, taking on a new challenge as Director of the Department, to the Wastewater Reclamation Facility earning the City a rebate for energy efficiency, or KTVQ's On the Job with Rob featuring our Distribution & Collections team to other operational and maintenance activity like the Pipe-bursting and Smoke Test projects.

We share televised and digital messaging through our partners at KTVQ-Q2 and their affiliates all year.

WANT MORE?

Find detailed information about all aspects of the Public Works Department online at billingsmtpublicworks.gov

Stay informed with frequent updates, alerts and notices on construction projects, utility services, holiday schedules, job opportunities as well as helpful information like water saving tips by following us at

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Pictured above and right is the King Avenue East Reconstruction and Improvement Project





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