

Billings City Administrator Weekly Report

August 19, 2022

1. **Legislative Safety Forum** – 21 legislators and approximately 24 local officials from the City and County participated in the forum. The following link will take you to the slides each presenter used: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1tn-VI0OXq39EL1mFy1FCUzrxM2MoXcYT/view?usp=sharing> There were also references to legislation that the Criminal Justice Oversight Council is working on specifically to address challenges we face. Go to <https://leg.mt.gov/committees/interim/cjoc/> then select Committee Legislation. This is our first of several forums and meetings we will hold to continue building knowledge and relationships between the City, County and State.
2. **Energy & Conservation Commission** – Please find attached the annual report for the Energy & Conservation Commission.
3. **Aviation Transit Director Recruitment** – This morning we held our kickoff meeting with ADK. ADK is an executive search firm that specializes in aviation recruitments. The process is expected to take 3-4 months aligning well with Kevin's intention to retire in early 2023. For more info on the firm see: <https://adkexecutivesearch.com/our-focus/>
4. **From the PIO Desk:**

WATCH: Landon's Miracle Field grand opening montage (keep an eye out for our mayor going for a swim in the dunk tank!)

https://youtu.be/Ev_nvDoxAk8

Billings Public Library receives Excellent Library Service Award

<https://ci.billings.mt.us/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=2369>

Connecting communities through trails: Billings celebrates the new BBWA Canal Connection Trail

<https://ci.billings.mt.us/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=2368>

Billings recognized as "Stars and Stripes City" by iconic military newspaper

<https://ci.billings.mt.us/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=2366>

From MET – MET Transit awarded \$3.8 million for electric buses

<https://ci.billings.mt.us/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=2367>

Billings in the news

Billings community celebrates grand opening of Landon's Miracle Field

https://www.kulr8.com/news/billings-community-celebrates-grand-opening-of-landons-miracle-field/article_6fb1e732-1e9e-11ed-9cf5-3f74da1a84c7.html

Photos: Landon's Miracle Field Grand Opening

https://billingsgazette.com/news/local/photos-landon-s-miracle-field-grand-opening/collection_27467956-1e92-11ed-af03-c764f7ce6722.html#7

Billings makes crosswalk improvements as students get ready to head back to school

<https://www.ypradio.org/community/2022-08-12/billings-makes-crosswalk-improvements-as-students-get-ready-to-head-back-to-school>

Who's Whoooo in the Neighborhood – Billings Public Library

<https://www.ktvq.com/community/big-sky-blend/whos-whoooo-in-the-neighborhood>

Billings MET Transit to install electric buses

<https://www.yourbigsky.com/local-news-2/billings-met-transit-to-install-electric-buses/>

After nearly decade of work, Landon's Legacy elated about Miracle Field's opening in Billings

<https://www.ktvq.com/news/positively-montana/after-nearly-decade-of-work-landons-legacy-elated-about-miracle-fields-opening-in-billings>

Billings recipient for Stars & Stripes Recognition

<https://www.yourbigsky.com/local-news-2/billings-recipient-for-stars-stripes-recognition/>

Billings bikini baristas still facing backlash

<https://www.ktvq.com/news/local-news/billings-bikini-baristas-still-facing-backlash>

Board & Commission Annual Report to City Council

Purpose: The annual report is to make a written report of a board or commission activity to the mayor and city council as authorized by majority vote of the entire membership of the board or commission.

Name of Board or Commission: Energy and Conservation Commission

Name of Presiding Officer: Glenn Foy

Name of Person or Persons filling out report: Louis Engels

Meeting schedule: 2nd Monday of Every Month at 3 pm

Major Board or Commission accomplishments of the preceding year: Submittal of LEED for Cities application which rates cities on natural systems, water, solid waste, energy and greenhouse gas emissions, and quality of life. This effort required extensive data acquisition and analysis. Billings is poised to receive a "gold" rating for the system and become the first to achieve LEED for Cities Certification in Montana.

Major Board or Commission challenges of the preceding year: As a volunteer commission, the challenge is to get enough time of board members to complete goals and initiatives.

Major Board or Commission goals for the upcoming year: Complete long-term recommendations for energy and resource efficiency and present to City Council, the following: a) longer term recommendations designed to reduce city operating expenses, make the city more efficient and resilient and improve the lives of city residents. b) recommendations to get the city to LEED Platinum level from projected gold rating within the next two to three years.

Requests for staff or city council: _____

Changes to city ordinance or state law affecting the board or commission that should be considered: _____

Anything else that board, commission or presiding officer want to comment on: the E&CC appreciates city council and city staff support of the commissions and commission's work to date. We look forward to presenting recommendations for additional energy and cost saving opportunities in the coming year.