



VISION STATEMENT:
"The Magic City: A diverse,
welcoming community
where people prosper and
business succeeds."

COUNCIL ACTION SUMMARY

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING

AGENDA

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

DECEMBER 19, 2022

5:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Cole

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Cole

INVOCATION: Councilmember Shaw

ROLL CALL:

Present: Councilmember Kendra Shaw, Ward I
Councilmember Ed Gulick, Ward I
Councilmember Roy Neese, Ward II
Councilmember Jennifer Owen, Ward II
Councilmember Denise Joy, Ward III
Councilmember Danny Choriki, Ward III
Councilmember Daniel Tidswell, Ward IV
Councilmember Pam Purinton, Ward IV via Zoom
Councilmember Mike Boyett, Ward V
Councilmember Tom Rupsis, Ward V
Mayor William Cole

Absent/

Excused: All Present

Staff

Present: Chris Kukulski, City Administrator
Kevin Iffland, Assistant City Administrator
Gina Dahl, City Attorney
Karen Schexnider, Assistant City Attorney
Denise Bohlman, City Clerk
Wyeth Friday, Planning Director
Jessica Fust, Building Official
John Caterino, Facilities Manager
David Watterson, IT Director
Derek Miller, Public Works, Streets and Traffic Superintendent
Michael Whitaker, Parks, Recreation and Public Lands Director
Mike Pigg, Superintendent of Parks
Rusty Logan, MET Manager
Rich St. John, Police Chief
Debi Meling, Public Works Director
Jennifer Duray, Public Works Deputy Director

Andy Zoeller, Finance Director
Karla Stanton, Human Resource Director
Sheila Kolar, Municipal Court Judge

MINUTES:

- November 28, 2022- **APPROVED**
- December 12, 2022 – ~~Pending~~ **APPROVED**

COURTESIES:

- Citizen and Officer Recognition

PROCLAMATIONS:

- Homeless Persons' Memorial Day - December 21, 2022

COUNCIL REPORTS:

- CM Rupsis attended a Downtown Billings Partnership (DBP) meeting and provided details about goals achieved.
- CM Rupsis thanked City staff in working with Continuum of Care (CoC) and First Congregational Church to approve it as a Low-Barrier Shelter. It should be ready to receive guests in a few days.
- CM Joy mentioned the Local Affairs Committee met, set their rules, etc. Future meetings will identify priorities.
- CM Shaw noted the Legislative Committee had met and would forward a resolution for express approval for items before the Legislature.

ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS - CHRIS KUKULSKI

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PUBLIC COMMENT on "NON-PUBLIC HEARING" Agenda Items: 1, 2 and 3 ONLY. Speaker sign-in required. (Comments are limited to three (3) minutes or as set by the Mayor. Please sign the roster at the cart located at the back of the Council chambers or at the podium. 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: 1N

A.

Mayor Cole recommends that Council confirm the following appointments:

1.

	Name	Board/Commission	Term	
			Begins	Ends
1	Pamela Barr	Animal Control Board	01/01/23	12/31/25
2	Alex Tyler	Board of Appeals	01/01/23	12/31/26
3	Jordan Clayton	Tourism BID*	12/20/22	10/01/23
4	Jim Ronquillo	Yellowstone Planning Board - Ward 1	01/01/23	12/31/24

*3 Unexpired term of Lori Walker

APPROVED 11-0

B.

Bid Awards: None

C. **Agreement** with AllStream PRI Services for the City of Billings telephone system. **APPROVED 11-0**

D. **Agreement** with Billings American Legion Baseball for maintenance of Pirtz Field at Stewart Park. **APPROVED 11-0**

E. **IAFF - Local 521**, July 1, 2020 and July 1, 2021 Wages. **APPROVED 11-0**

F. **Memorandum of Understanding** concerning Local Board of Health Governing between the City, County and Laurel. **APPROVED 11-0**

G. **Purchase** six (6) Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) for regional HazMat teams from Steel City Drones. **APPROVED 11-0**

H. **Purchase** four (4) heavy-duty electric transit buses and charging equipment for MET Transit from Gillig, LLC. **APPROVED 11-0**

I. **Purchase** a bus training simulator for MET Transit from FAAC, Inc. **APPROVED 11-0**

J. **Preliminary Minor Plat** of Cardwell Ranch Subdivision, 2nd Filing. ***Quasi-Judicial**
APPROVED 11-0

K. **Preliminary Minor Plat** of Amended Midland Subdivision, 4th Filing. ***Quasi-Judicial**
APPROVED 11-0

L. **Resolution 22-11090** approving FY2024 Technology Replacement Plan (TRP). **APPROVED 11-0**

M. **Resolution 22-11091** approving FY2024 Equipment Replacement Plan (ERP). **APPROVED 11-0**

N. **Resolution 22-11092** adopting rules governing the remote participation of all City Council, board, committee, or commission members. **APPROVED with change to Paragraph 8, remove “and audio/video” and replace with “the required connection”.**

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

1. November 21, 2022 **APPROVED 11-0**

REGULAR AGENDA:

2. **RESOLUTION 22-11093** approving the FY2024-FY2028 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). Staff recommends approval. **APPROVED with the following separations to be decided upon at a later date: PARKS Department Capital Improvement Projects and the TRANSPORTATION projects portion on Page 11 totally \$99 million to be returned to Council at a January meeting for a separate vote; and adding language to CIP that during budget discussions, staff will provide a strategy for combining or jointly utilizing break rooms, storage and maintenance facilities between departments.**

3. **NEW CITY HALL FUNDING OPTIONS.** Staff and Budget and Finance Council Committee recommends approval. **APPROVED to use funding options recommended by Staff and Budget and Finance Committee for full build out of new City Hall with the amendment to use monies from parkland sales toward the Parks Department’s portion of the buildout. 10-1, RUP SIS OPPOSED**

PUBLIC COMMENT on "NON-AGENDA ITEMS". Speaker Sign-in required. *(Restricted to ONLY items not on this printed agenda. Comments are limited to 3 minutes or as set by the Mayor. Please sign the roster at the cart located at the back of the Council chambers or at the podium.)*

COUNCIL INITIATIVES:

- None

ADJOURN: 8:53 P.M.