

Billings City Administrator Weekly Report

April 16, 2023

- 1. HB 5 Testimony** – Friday, I testified in front of Senate Finance and Claims to support Senator McGillvray's forthcoming amendment to HB 5 to appropriate \$4 million to help pay for our reservoir project.
- 2. Budget & Finance Committee** – Wednesday staff presented the proposed balanced budget overview and proposed water and wastewater rates. The committee will continue reviewing the proposed budget during its next meeting on April 26.
- 3. Big Sky Economic Development Planning Session** – Mayor Cole, Councilmember Rupsis and I participated in a panel discussion during the BSED annual planning retreat to highlight the Council's recent retreat and more specifically our plans to invest in parks, trails and recreation.
- 4. Next Week's Meeting/Task Forces**
 - a. West End Task Force, Tuesday, April 18th 7:00 pm Connections Church, 56th Street W. & Grand Avenue
 - b. Legislative Committee, Wednesday, April 19th 4:00 pm City Hall Conference Room
 - c. Council Operation Committee, Thursday, April 20th 4:00 pm City Hall Conference Room
 - d. Southside Task Force, Thursday, April 20th 4:30 pm Hope Center, 425 S. 28th
 - e. Central Terry Task Force, Thursday, April 20th 7:00 PM Topline Hair, 1331 Central Avenue

5. From the PIO Desk:

Be ready Billings: A few things you can do to prepare for flood season

<https://www.billingsmt.gov/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=2468>

The City of Billings is now on LinkedIn!

<https://www.billingsmt.gov/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=2469>

WATCH: PSA – Tracking down taggers

<https://youtu.be/7JG07mwDf0>

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<https://bookriot.com/bookmobiles-from-around-the-world/>

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Construction at Billings airport to be finished in about a year

https://www.nonstoplocal.com/billings/news/construction-at-billings-airport-to-be-finished-in-about-a-year/article_4d979e9b-faef-5f41-b92e-998b2975a4b7.html

Billings Chamber of Commerce seeks grant to get direct flight from Billings to California

https://www.nonstoplocal.com/billings/news/billings-chamber-of-commerce-seeks-grant-to-get-direct-flight-from-billings-to-california/article_88e7c116-05de-5fa9-a01b-798d1882c85d.html

BPD

Four new officers welcomed to Billings Police Department

https://www.kulr8.com/news/four-new-officers-welcomed-to-billings-police-department/article_5355108c-d807-11ed-b214-276aae1d4cba.html

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Dangerous intersections and where they are in Billings

<https://www.ktvq.com/news/local-news/dangerous-intersections-where-they-are-in-billings>

Spring street sweeping starting soon in Billings

https://www.kulr8.com/news/spring-sweeping-starting-soon-in-billings/article_76d7fd4a-d6ee-11ed-a151-d792e376df99.html

In other news

USS Billings changes command

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National Child Abuse Prevention Month commemorated at Yellowstone County Courthouse

https://billingsgazette.com/news/local/national-child-abuse-prevention-month-commemorated-at-yellowstone-county-courthouse/article_4b597e2c-d965-11ed-bd31-bbc0319f14f4.html

Burger King closure leaves a busy downtown Billings intersection with five empty buildings

https://billingsgazette.com/business/burger-king-closure-leaves-a-busy-downtown-billings-intersection-with-five-empty-buildings/article_cc626248-d89a-11ed-ba1a-8bbd66bb77f7.html

Montana working with communities regional hazard plans

<https://www.ypradio.org/regional-news/2023-04-13/montana-working-with-communities-regional-hazard-plans>

Laurel Public Schools seeking \$88 million in bonds

https://billingsgazette.com/news/local/not-enough-lipstick-for-this-pig-laurel-public-schools-seeking-88-million-in-bonds/article_10d85858-d493-11ed-a299-6bcc135b789d.html

Judge halts construction on Laurel natural gas plant

<https://www.ypradio.org/energy/2023-04-07/judge-halts-construction-on-laurel-natural-gas-plant>