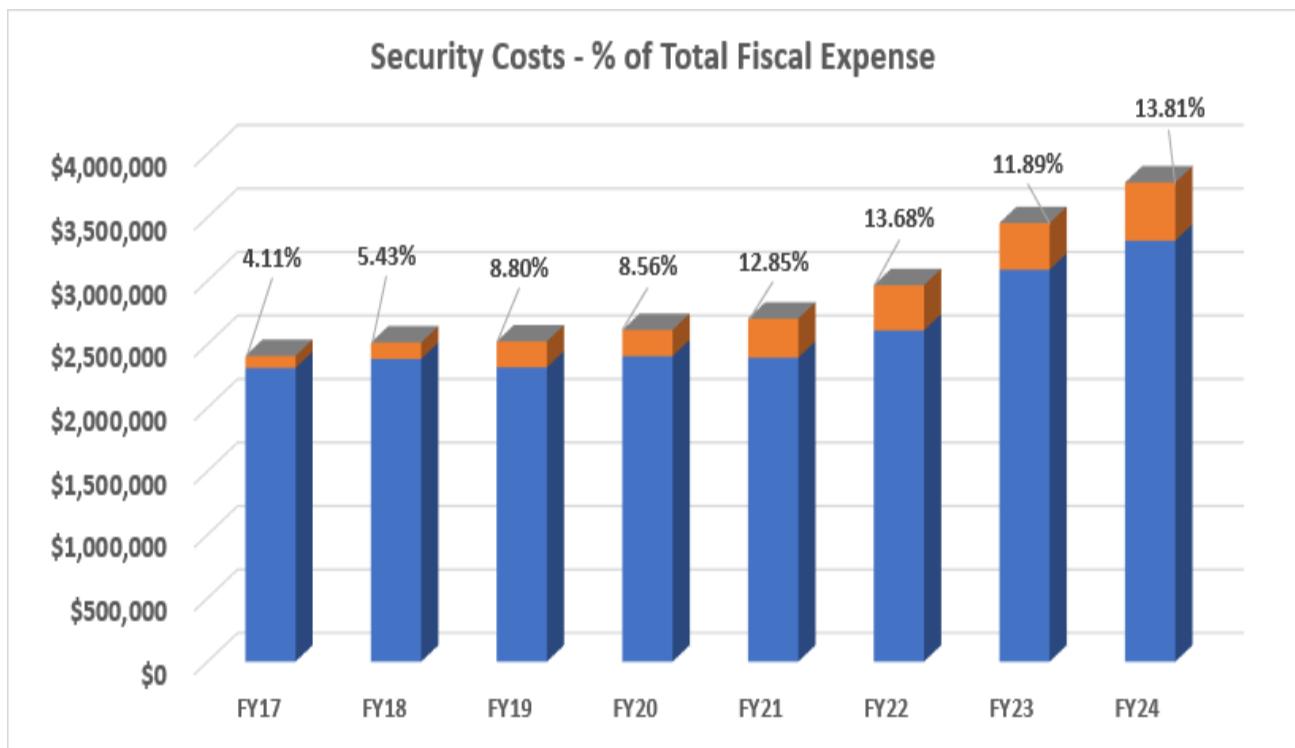
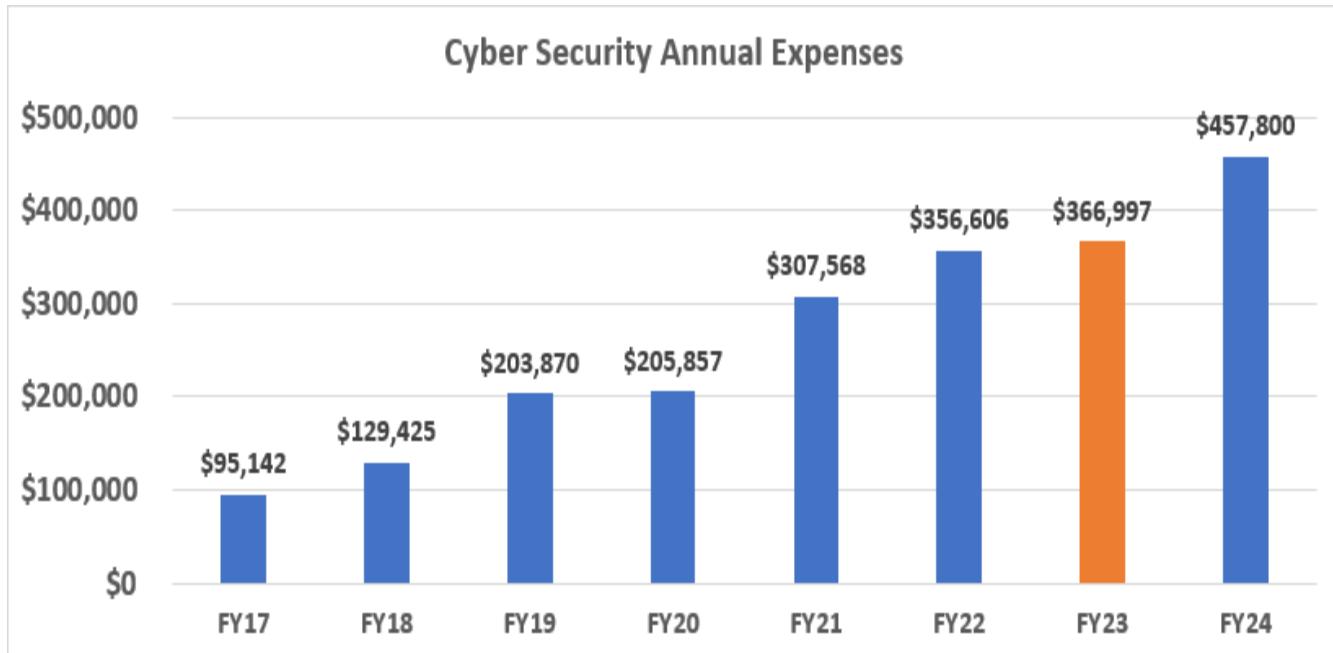


Billings City Administrator Weekly Report

May 20, 2023

1. **Parks & Recreation Director Interviews** – Three finalists participated in two interview panels and a casual meal with staff and stakeholders from the parks and rec board, parks foundation, TrailNet and city council. I hope to have an announcement this week of our new team member.
2. **CPTED Training** – 22 city personnel are attending CPTED training this coming week (8hrs/day Monday – Friday).
3. **Big Sky Passenger Rail Authority** – Big Sky Passenger Rail Authority (BSPRA) receives \$25,000 grant from the Montana Healthcare Foundation to conduct rural and tribal engagement in southern Montana. Attached is a press release and a BSPRA overview document; here is a link to the BSPRA tri-fold brochure: [Brochure BSPRA \(simplebooklet.com\)](http://Brochure BSPRA (simplebooklet.com)).
4. **Heights Water District** – Jennifer Duray and I met with several members of the HWD board to answer questions regarding the City's latest water rate study and how it impacts our bulk water sales to the district. Their board recently voted to challenge the City's new rates.
5. **Budget Info** - During the IT Budget discussion, we were asked about the amount of money spent on Cyber Security and how it has changed. Below are two charts that illustrate how Cyber Security related expenses have increased over the last 8 years.
 - The “Cyber Security Annual Expenses” chart below shows how the total Cyber Security investment continues to grow each year.
 - The “Security Expenses - % of Total Fiscal Expense” chart shows how Cyber Security expenses have increased in relationship to the total IT Budget.



Note: FY24 columns reflect the expenses requested in the upcoming budget.

6. Public Works Week –



7. Next Week's Meeting/Task Forces

- a. Heights Task Force, Tuesday, May 23rd 7:00 pm Oasis Water Park, 943 Aronson
- b. Budget & Finance Committee, Wednesday, May 24th 9:00 am, City Hall Conference Room

8. From the PIO Desk:

Testing emergency preparedness: Billings airport hosts triennial exercise

<https://www.billingsmt.gov/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=2484>

Airport Emergency Plan to be tested by full-scale emergency exercise at BIL

<https://www.billingsmt.gov/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=2482>

Three Billings properties added to national register of historic places

<https://www.billingsmt.gov/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=2483>

BPD

Local Law Enforcement Worries about Loss of FBI on Taskforce

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Billings police working to improve Project Eyes on the Block

<https://www.ktvq.com/news/local-news/billings-police-working-to-improve-project-eyes-on-the-block>

Downtown Billings resource officers navigate limited crisis options

<https://www.ktvq.com/news/local-news/downtown-billings-resource-officers-navigate-limited-crisis-options>

BFD

Photo: Billings Fire Department trains for rescue on the Rimrocks

https://billingsgazette.com/news/photo-billings-fire-department-trains-for-rescue-on-the-rimrocks/article_9dd0696c-f365-11ed-beb0-2fadd698856e.html

Council

Watch now: Mayor Bill Cole at Eagle Seeker Community Center

https://billingsgazette.com/news/local/watch-now-mayor-bill-cole-at-eagle-seeker-community-center/video_2c23f2b4-c25a-556f-b1bf-b2d163fef770.html

Family happy to see plan to make routes safer to Billings schools

<https://www.ktvq.com/news/local-news/family-happy-to-see-plan-to-make-routes-safer-to-billings-schools>

New City Hall

New Billings City Hall should be finished August 2024

https://www.nonstoplocal.com/billings/news/new-billing-city-hall-should-be-finished-august-2024/article_221b2c6f-292e-5da6-92fc-b339fd63405f.html

PW

Billings weighs switch to curbside recycling, pay-as-you-throw trash collection

https://billingsgazette.com/news/local/billings-weighs-switch-to-curb-side-recycling-pay-as-you-throw-trash-collection/article_7a502c4e-f4cc-11ed-aba8-07b31380d917.html

Billings water treatment plant ready to ride out the next storm

https://billingsgazette.com/news/local/billings-water-treatment-plant-ready-to-ride-out-the-next-storm/article_993d1480-f0e6-11ed-8629-7b34082c80b0.html

Code Enforcement

Billings Heights residents frustrated after vandals tag areas with graffiti

<https://www.ktvq.com/news/local-news/billings-heights-residents-frustrated-after-vandals-tag-several-areas-with-graffiti>

Construction

Photo: Inner Belt Loop Construction begins

https://billingsgazette.com/news/local/photo-inner-belt-loop-construction-begins/article_32c46d66-f0e6-11ed-bcae-6fa6e2794cda.html

Photo: Bike path concrete work under way

https://billingsgazette.com/news/photo-bike-path-concrete-work-under-way/article_8f02f41a-f3f9-11ed-befb-fbb96cd50094.html

Airport Exercise

Photos: Billings Airport holds emergency exercise drill

https://billingsgazette.com/news/local/photos-billings-airport-holds-emergency-exercise-drill/collection_37695ae2-f5b5-11ed-9447-972446efa27c.html#7

Billings airport to host 'full-scale emergency exercise'

<https://www.ktvq.com/news/local-news/billings-airport-to-host-full-scale-emergency-exercise>

Full-scale airport emergency exercise planned in Billings May 18th

https://www.kulr8.com/straight_from_the_source/full-scale-airport-emergency-exercise-planned-in-billings-may-18th/article_9ee926b2-f393-11ed-80e1-3f19bee0e9a0.html

In other news...

Inquest planned in Billings road-rage shooting death

<https://www.ktvq.com/news/local-news/inquest-planned-in-billings-road-rage-shooting-death>

Billings airshow expected to draw massive crowds, secret guest announced

<https://www.ktvq.com/news/local-news/billings-airshow-expected-to-draw-massive-crowds-secret-guest-announced>

Yellowstone County jail workers call for higher starting wages to shore up staffing shortage

<https://www.ktvq.com/news/local-news/yellowstone-county-jail-workers-call-for-higher-starting-wages-to-shore-up-staffing-shortage>

Photo: Walls going up at massive warehouse project on South Frontage Road

https://billingsgazette.com/news/local/photo-walls-going-up-at-massive-warehouse-project-on-south-frontage-road/article_a32fe6e6-f331-11ed-8dde-0f8995c2f215.html