

Billings City Administrator Weekly Report

October 6, 2023

1. **ICMA Annual Conference** – 5,500 local government administrators and assistants attended this year's international conference in Austin, TX. Most of my time was spent on public safety, homelessness/mental health, governance, budgeting, and networking. I attended the following sessions:
 - a. Good Governance: Bridging the Gap Between City Management and Politics
 - b. Mountain Plains Regional Meeting
 - c. Public Safety doesn't Always Where a Badge: How Strong Partnerships and Innovative Approaches Strengthen Policing Strategies (Davenport Iowa pop. 110,000)
 - d. Vancouver's Balanced Approach to Unsheltered Homelessness (Vancouver, WA)
 - e. 1st Keynote - Emmitt Smith, all-time NFL rushing leader, Game On: A Championship Vision. He's no Barry Sanders, really didn't face much adversity but had a series of good points for local government leaders.
 - f. Innovations in Homelessness: A Community Response to Emergency Housing, Public Safety and the Criminal Justice System – Mesa, AZ
 - g. 2nd Keynote - NYT best-selling author Lindsey Pollak, The Remix: How to Lead and Succeed in the Multigenerational Workplace (I'm reading her book)
 - h. Defending and Supporting Local Democracy and the Council-Manager Form of Government – Your Role as a CM or ACM
 - i. Leveraging Performance Management and Data Analytics in Executing City Council Priority Goals
 - j. The Managers Role in Rethinking Budgeting (Fort Worth, TX & POLCO)
 - k. 3rd Keynote – Erica Dhawan – Get Big Things Done: The Power of Connectional Intelligence
 - l. ICMA and Ukraine – International efforts to build relationships and prepare for reconstruction
 - m. The PSTAG – Public Safety Threat Assessment, and the Behavioral Threat Assessment Model at the SW Texas Fusion Center
 - n. Responding to the Call: Building Mental Health Services into Emergency Response
 - o. Connecting by Safety: Creating a Successful Police Department Through Community Engagement – City of Murrieta, CA (consistently ranked as one of the safest cities in CA, pop. above 100,000)
 - p. Closing Keynote – Samuel Ramsey - You Can and You Will: Finding Resilience on the Path to Success
2. **Parks, Recreation and Trails Bond Presentations** – public groups that were given educational presentations on the PRT Bond at: Centennial Park, Castle Rock Park, North Park, South Park, Billings Realtors Association, Chamber of Commerce, Pioneer Park, and Poly Vista Park, water treatment plant, finance, Realtors Association Government Affairs Committee, NextGen, Zimmerman Center.
3. **Out of the Office** – Kevin and I will be attending the Montana League of Cities and Town on Wednesday, October 11th through Friday, October 13th.
4. **Next Week's Meetings/Task Forces**

- a. City Council Local Affairs Committee Meeting, Monday, October 9th 4:30 PM, City Hall Conference Room
- b. City Council Budget & Finance Committee Meeting, Wednesday, October 11th, 9:00 AM, City Hall Conference Room
- c. City Council Legislative Committee Meeting, Wednesday, October 11th 4:00 PM, City Hall Conference Room

5. **Park Bond Presentations** – Presentations were given to employees in the Water Treatment Plan and Finance.

6. **From the PIO Desk** – Nothing to report this week.

7. **New City Hall Update** - this week at the new city hall project painting of the hollow metal door frames was done and the walls on the south half of 5th floor were primed. Sheetrock on one side of the walls on 4th floor was completed and top out of the opposite side was started. Soffit and some misc framing on the 5th floor was being worked on and taping of the north half of 5th floor continues. Hydronic mains are close to being done on 5th floor and ran down to the 4th floor. Plumbing wall and overhead work is ongoing on the 4th floor. Electrical wall rough in on 2nd floor is in progress. 5th floor overhead conduit is close to complete and 4th floor continues. Demo of the last air handler in the 5th floor fans room is going well. Spiral duct over the new stair on 2nd floor was demoed and relocated. Exterior wall sheetrock and metal stud demo on the 5th floor for new windows was completed this week. Wall insulation on the 4th floor got started this week and will finish on Monday.





