



**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 18, 2023**

**5 :30 P.M.**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Cole

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Mayor Cole

**INVOCATION:** ~~Councilmember Shaw~~ Mayor Cole

**ROLL CALL:**

Present: 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  
Councilmember Mike Boyett, Ward V  
Councilmember Tom Rupsis, Ward V  
Mayor William Cole

Absent/  
Excused: Councilmember Kendra Shaw, Ward I

Staff  
Present: Chris Kukulski, City Administrator  
Kevin Iffland, Assistant City Administrator  
Karen Schexnider, Assistant City Attorney  
Denise Bohlman, City Clerk  
Wyeth Friday, Planning Director  
Andy Zoeller, Finance Director  
Rusty Logan, Transit Manager

**MINUTES:**

- December 11, 2023 - Pending

**COURTESIES:**

**PROCLAMATIONS:** Homeless Persons' Memorial Day - December 21, 2023

**COUNCIL REPORTS:** None

**ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS - CHRIS KUKULSKI**

**PUBLIC COMMENT on "NON-PUBLIC HEARING" Agenda Items: 1, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 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: 1A1 (14 – Elijah Tidswell)**

**A. Mayor Cole recommends that Council confirm the following appointments:**

**1.**

	Name	Board/Commission	Term	
			Begins	Ends
1	Megan Bostrom	Aviation and Transit Board	01/01/24	12/31/28
2	Denis Pitman	Aviation and Transit Board	01/01/24	12/31/28
3	Marcell Bruski	Billings BID	01/01/24	12/31/28
4	No Applications	Billings BID	01/01/24	12/31/28
5	Dave Hagstrom	Board of Appeals	01/01/24	12/31/28
6	Deborah Davis	Board of Health	01/01/24	12/31/27
7	No Applications	Community Development Low Mod*	01/01/24	12/31/26
8	No Applications	Community Development Low Mod	01/01/24	12/31/28
9	No Applications	Community Development Low Mod	01/01/24	12/31/28
10	Hannah Reno	Housing Authority	01/01/24	12/31/29
11	Amanda Taylor	Housing Authority	01/01/24	12/31/29
12	M. Gale Stott	Housing Authority Family Resident Comm	01/01/24	12/31/26
13	Eric Johnson	Human Relations Commission	01/01/24	12/31/28
14	Elijah Tidswell	Human Relations Commission	01/01/24	12/31/28
15	No Applications	Human Relations Commission	01/01/24	12/31/28
16	Susan Plath	Library Board	01/01/24	12/31/28
17	Thom MacLean	Parking Board	01/01/24	12/31/28
18	Larry Mathew	Parking Board	01/01/24	12/31/28
19	No Applications	Police Board	01/01/24	12/31/27
20	Nicole Cromwell	Public Works Board	01/01/24	12/31/28
21	Ken Behling	Public Works Board	01/01/24	12/31/28
22	Kevin Christofanelli	Public Works Board	01/01/24	12/31/28
23	Roger Gravgaard	Yellowstone Planning Board - Ward 2	01/01/24	12/31/26
24	Keith Edgerton	Yellowstone Historic Preservation	01/01/24	12/31/26
25	Greg McCall	Zoning Commission	01/01/24	12/31/28

26	David Goss	Zoning Commission	01/01/24	12/31/28
27	Beau Mulvaney	Zoning Commission	01/01/24	12/31/28
28	Andy Megorden	Zoning Commission	01/01/24	12/31/28

\* 7 Unfilled vacancy

**APPROVED 9-0, SHAW ABSENT/EXCUSED; TIDSWELL ABSTAINED**

**B. Bid Awards: None**

**C. Memorandum of Understanding** with Yellowstone County establishing the Montana Opioid Abatement Trust (MOAT) committee. **APPROVED 10-0, SHAW ABSENT/EXCUSED**

**D. Bills for the Week of:**

1. November 20, 2023 **APPROVED 10-0, SHAW ABSENT/EXCUSED**

**REGULAR AGENDA:**

2. **PUBLIC HEARING**, adoption and execution of the amended Program of Projects by Billings MET Transit. Staff recommends approval. **APPROVED 10-0, SHAW ABSENT/EXCUSED**
3. **AGREEMENT** with YWCA to fund a Family Justice Center coordinator position. Staff recommends approval. **APPROVED 10-0, SHAW ABSENT/EXCUSED**
4. **TAX INCREMENT FINANCING ASSISTANCE** from the South Billings Boulevard Tax Increment Finance District (TIFD) to Rimrock Hospitality Billings, LLC, for reimbursement of qualified expenses associated with the construction of a new hotel at 4750 King Avenue East, to a maximum reimbursement of up to \$346,201, as recommended by South Billings Urban Renewal Association (SBURA) Board. **APPROVED 10-0, SHAW ABSENT/EXCUSED**
5. **TAX INCREMENT FINANCING ASSISTANCE** from the South Billings Boulevard Tax Increment Finance District (TIFD) to Billings School District No. 2 (SD2), for reimbursement of qualified expenses for the solar installation project at Riverside Middle School, to a maximum reimbursement of up to \$100,000, as recommended by South Billings Urban Renewal Association (SBURA) Board. **APPROVED 10-0, SHAW ABSENT/EXCUSED**
6. **TAX INCREMENT FINANCING ASSISTANCE** from the East Billings Urban Renewal District (EBURD) to Undammed Distillery for reimbursement of qualified expenses at 116 North 11th Street for a new tasting room, production and sales facility, to a maximum reimbursement of up to \$82,600, as recommended by the Billings Industrial Revitalization District (BIRD) Board. **APPROVED 9-0, SHAW ABSENT/EXCUSED; GULICK ABSTAINED**
7. **TAX INCREMENT FINANCING ASSISTANCE** from the East Billings Urban Renewal District (EBURD) to BIRD Street, LLC (Billings Brownstones) for reimbursement of qualified expenses for the demolition, and abatement, to build a 22-unit housing complex at 216 - 224 North 18th Street, to a maximum reimbursement of up to \$86,776 \$56,154.55, as recommended by the Billings Industrial Revitalization District (BIRD) Board. **APPROVED 10-0, SHAW ABSENT/EXCUSED**

**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:** 7:35 P.M.