

**VISION STATEMENT:**

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

**COUNCIL ACTION SUMMARY
CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING**

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

**AGENDA
JANUARY 22, 2024**

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 Bill Kennedy, Ward III
Councilmember Scott Aspenlieder, Ward IV
Councilmember Daniel Tidswell, Ward IV
Councilmember Mike Boyett, Ward V
Councilmember Tom Rupsis, Ward V
Mayor William Cole

Staff

Present: Chris Kukulski, City Administrator
Kevin Iffland, Assistant City Administrator
Denise Bohlman, City Clerk
Debi Meling, Public Works Director
Andy Zoeller, Finance Director
John Caterino, Facilities Manager
Rusty Logan, MET Transit Manager
Jeff Roach, Aviation and Transit Director
Mike Pigg, Parks and Recreation Director
Wyeth Friday, Planning Director (via Zoom)
Lora Mattox, Transportation Planner
Ted Wilson, Grants Administrator

MINUTES: January 8, 2024 – **APPROVED 11-0**

COURTESIES: None

PROCLAMATIONS: None

COUNCIL REPORTS:

ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS - CHRIS KUKULSKI

- Regular Agenda Item 3, Ordinance amending Water and Wastewater Utilities, will have some modifications to it per Debi Meling's email last week. She will provide further explanation during her presentation this evening.
- No Council meeting on Monday, January 29th. It is a bye week.
- 1 ex parte from the Mayor concerning Regular Agenda Item 4 to Council regarding Council appointments to the committees/boards and subcommittees sent after 3 PM. No other ex parte was received.

PUBLIC COMMENT on "NON-PUBLIC HEARING" Agenda Items: 1 and 4 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: 1H, 1O, 1P, 1S1, and 1S2
 - A. **Bid Awards:** None
 - B. **Change Order No. 1, New City Hall Access Control and Camera System;** Pine Cove Consulting. **APPROVED 11-0**
 - C. **Contract** with Morrison Maierle, Inc. for Airport Master Plan Update. **APPROVED 11-0**
 - D. **Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)** with Yellowstone County for West Billings Neighborhood Plan and the West Billings Multi-modal Transportation Plan. **APPROVED 11-0**
 - E. **Amendment** to Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Yellowstone Conservation District and acceptance of a \$50,000 grant for West End Reservoir Master Plan. **APPROVED 11-0**
 - F. **Amend Park Development Council 2024 Proposed Annual Budget and Fee Structure.** **APPROVED 11-0**
 - G. **Acceptance** of Annual Federal Aviation Administration Airport Improvement Program Grants. **APPROVED 11-0**
 - H. **Submission, Support and Acceptance** of Montana Community Reinvestment Plan Act Planning Grant to support a comprehensive planning (SB 382), AKA a growth policy. **APPROVED 10-1, KENNEDY OPPOSED**
 - I. **Donation** to Parks and Recreation Department from Billings Go Kickball for Youth Scholarship Fund. **APPROVED 11-0**
 - J. **Donation** to Parks and Recreation Department from Scheels for Youth Scholarship Fund. **APPROVED 11-0**
 - K. **Release** of certain perpetual right-of-way easements in vacated portions of North 28th Street and Normal Subdivision, Block 1 Alley, affecting Intermountain Health f/k/a Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth Health Services (St. Vincent's Hospital) new hospital construction. **APPROVED 11-0**
 - L. **Preliminary Plat Extension** for Annafeld North Subdivision, 2nd Filing. ***Quasi-Judicial**

APPROVED 11-0

- M. **Resolution 24-11178** authorizing the issuance and private negotiated sale of Expanded North 27th Street Tax Increment Bonds. **APPROVED 11-0**
- N. **Resolution 24-11179** authorizing the filing and acceptance of Transit Grant Funds. **APPROVED 11-0**
- O. **Resolution of Intent 24-11180** to create SID 1426 Arvin Lane and set a public hearing for February 12, 2024. **APPROVED 7-4, GULICK, TIDSWELL, BOYETT AND RUPSISS
OPPOSED**
- P. **Resolution of Intent 24-11181** to create SID 1427 Hancock Drive and set a public hearing for February 12, 2024. **APPROVED 7-4, GULICK, TIDSWELL, BOYETT AND RUPSISS
OPPOSED**
- Q. **Second/Final Reading Ordinance 24-5868** for Zone Change 1040: located at 1404 and 1406 Avenue B. ***Quasi- Judicial APPROVED 11-0**
- R. **Second/Final Reading Ordinance 24-5869** amending Billings, Montana City Code, Article 8-300, Cemetery Rules and Regulations, and repealing Ordinance 03-5240. **APPROVED 11-0**
- S. **Bills for the Weeks of:**
 - 1. December 18, 2023 **APPROVED 10-0, ASPENLIEDER ABSTAINED**
 - 2. December 26, 2023 **APPROVED 10-0, ASPENLIEDER ABSTAINED**

REGULAR AGENDA:

- 2. **PUBLIC HEARING** allowing the City to submit a grant application to the Montana Department of Commerce. Staff recommends approval. **APPROVED 11-0**
- 3. **PUBLIC HEARING AND FIRST READING ORDINANCE** amending Billings, Montana City Code (BMCC), Chapter 26, Water and Wastewater Utilities. Staff recommends approval. **APPROVED 11-0**
- 4. **COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS TO COMMUNITY BOARDS AND/OR COMMITTEES AND COUNCIL SUBCOMMITTEES.** Staff recommends City Council determine which Councilmembers will fill vacancies and serve on various community boards and/or committees and Council subcommittees.

Community Boards:

Big Sky Economic Development Board – Councilmember Boyett
Beartooth RC&D Board – Councilmember Kennedy

Council Subcommittees:

- Legislative and Local Affairs – Councilmembers Neese, Joy, Boyett and Shaw
- Budget and Finance – Councilmembers Gulick, Owen, Kennedy, Aspenlieder and Rupsis
- Council Operations – Mayor Cole, Councilmembers Boyett, Shaw and Neese

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:

Councilmember Rupsis and Council discussed bringing an initiative concerning zoning and other changes intending to improve the safety and built environment in Billings. After much debate, Council determined a more palatable initiative would be created and made a part of the Agenda Packet for February 12, 2024 to provide ample notice to the public.

ADJOURN: 7:30 P.M.