

Billings City Administrator Weekly Report

March 15, 2024

1. **Council sub-committees** – both the Budget and Finance and the Legislative and Local Affairs committees met this week.
2. **Public Safety** – there were two public safety panel discussions this week. The first hosted by the Chamber included County Attorney Twito, CM Owen, CC Morse and Superintendent Garcia the second during the Big Sky Economic Developments planning session included Owen, Morse, Garcia and myself. We also had an encouraging CJCC meeting where the Detention Facility Working Group – Interim Report was presented (attached).
3. **Council Retreat** – see the attached final agenda for today’s strategic planning meeting that will conclude tomorrow.
4. **Montana Air Service Committee Quarterly Update** – Please see the attached quarterly update.
5. **TDS Fiber Installation Update** - TDS worked to complete outstanding restoration issues this fall and winter. They have caught up with the restoration for work that can be done before spring. One example is that they still have temporary asphalt in places because they are waiting for hot mix asphalt plants to start up next month. They have requested new permits. They are currently working on two areas in the Heights, but the restoration is keeping up with the boring crews.

They have hired restoration crews to follow closely behind the installation crews so the work should be cleaner than it’s been in the past. Also, the installation crews last year were split into fiber line installation and box installation which created some delay in completion of the work and some miscommunication with property owners. Their new plan is to have the crews do the full installation of the fiber line and the boxes so it will cut down on issues caused by the dual crew approach. The first areas they intend to work in are the alleys in neighborhoods around Beartooth School, Twin Oaks and Uinta Park Subdivision in the Heights, and the alleys between Grand and Broadwater from Division to 5th.



6. Registration for Summer Camps and Activities Opens April 1st -

The Summer Activity Guides are now available and were inserted in the March issue of Simply Local Magazine. In addition, they were mailed directly to nearly 10,000 loyal customers and delivered to all local elementary schools. To view the Summer Activity Guide online go to BillingsParks.org. The Recreation Staff is excited to offer the community many opportunities for all family members to be active and involved in a wide variety of quality recreation programs.

7. **City of Billings Grant Funding Update** – Please see the attached 25th Street Bridge Grant update.
8. **Park and Recreation News** - Please see the attached chart showing the status of all the Park projects across the city.
9. **Next Week's Meetings/Task Forces**
 - a. Westend Task Force, Tuesday, March 19th 7:00 PM, Connections Church.
 - b. Southside Task Force, Thursday, March 21st 6:30 PM Hope Center.
10. **2024 Council Meeting Schedule** – Please see the attached Council Meeting schedule for upcoming items on the agenda.
11. **New City Hall Update** –

5th Floor

Install plywood on radius wall in council chambers.
Finish paint on acoustic ceiling panels in council chambers.
Complete air handler install.
Heat exchanger work and piping to air handler.
Partitions and grab bars in main restroom group.
Install storefront frame at break room 503.
Install carpet on south end.

4th Floor

New air handler install.
Finished exterior wall painting.
Electrical trim out exterior walls.
Pull home run wire to room 486.
Install fire treated plywood in room 486.
Fur out framing on elevator door wall.

2nd Floor

Install light fixtures in ceiling grid.
Finish exterior wall insulation and vapor barrier.
Hang sheetrock on exterior walls.
Start taping exterior walls.
Acoustic hard lid taped in south courtroom.
Insulation completed above acoustic hard lid.
Tile setting and grouting in restrooms.
Install 1" plywood sills.
Install ceiling grid and border tile.
HVAC trim out in ceilings.

1st Floor

Acoustic hard lid framing.
Electrical overhead rough in.

Taping and sanding walls.
Prep, prime and paint hollow metal frames on north end.
Mullion caps and mullion mate corners installed.

Parking Garage

Install new condensers and line sets.
HVAC duct rough in.
Hydronic piping started.



12. City Communications –

Jaime Fender promoted to Fire Marshal, begins leading Fire Prevention Bureau for Billings Fire Dept

<https://www.billingsmt.gov/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=2597>

Public Works celebrates groundbreaking of new water treatment plant

<https://www.billingsmt.gov/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=2596>

Facebook LIVE: Water Treatment Plant groundbreaking ceremony

<https://fb.watch/qPfYNwZR-O/>

Join the Public Works water treatment team!

<https://www.facebook.com/billingsmtpublicworks/posts/pfbid02qNPBVTWKBm5jZVVP3hjNhwtkzdC3PCNDnfASHJ7M9RdLRbGok36oNQrmegcbgZ1CI>

Your City: Code Enforcement

https://youtu.be/ejfwmgdFJlM?si=xf_GivUtua8redYB

Billings PD weekly brief

<https://www.facebook.com/photo?fbid=799228572238923&set=a.226302889531497>

BPL at Lockwood Literacy Night

<https://www.facebook.com/BillingsPublicLibrary/posts/pfbid029C4KCvyKdtVsqajin6iUaRLSKK9F1J7UAyz23kFP1bmTrDC5gput1idit5iaot8QI>

BIL dedicates bench to Global Grannies

<https://www.facebook.com/flybillings/posts/pfbid02QPPDshKfRETRdhpKpvpEbvsSJrtkj8KP2ULcxreKXvm2F93QdyDjs9ZfLjzwGUanI>

PW

Billings starts construction of new water treatment plant and reservoirs

<https://www.ktvq.com/news/local-news/billings-starts-construction-of-new-water-treatment-plant-and-reservoirs>

Inner Belt Loop project months away from completion

https://www.kulr8.com/montana/inner-belt-loop-project-months-away-from-completion/article_2e5ba7e4-e0c8-11ee-b218-37a5c9ecf0dd.html

Council

Billings Chamber of Commerce hosted a public safety meeting to discuss concerns about overcrowded jail

https://www.kulr8.com/montana/billings-chamber-of-commerce-hosted-a-public-safety-meeting-to-discuss-concerns-about-overcrowded-jail/article_671207fe-e18b-11ee-bc44-137320ab1181.html

Councilwoman Owen on connection between public health and safety

https://billingsgazette.com/news/local/councilwoman-owen-on-connection-between-public-health-and-safety/video_8bd15a36-6bf6-522a-9cd9-3223f53907bb.html

Councilwoman Owen reviews work to improve efficiency of criminal justice system

https://billingsgazette.com/news/local/councilwoman-owen-reviews-work-to-improve-efficiency-of-criminal-justice-system/video_29db111e-055f-53a2-906e-b4eb9a4947aa.html

Billings City Council approves city hall sale, paves way for new hotel

<https://www.ktvq.com/news/local-news/billings-city-council-approves-city-hall-sale-paves-way-for-new-hotel>

BPD

Violent crime rate on the decline, but BPD chief warns of juvenile offenders

https://billingsgazette.com/news/local/crime-courts/violent-crime-rate-on-the-decline-but-bpd-chief-warns-of-juvenile-offenders/article_2da81366-dd92-11ee-b2d9-ffc16ec0dac9.html

City Hall sale

'Dynamic': Backers of downtown Billings hotel say it will spur economic growth

<https://www.ktvq.com/news/local-news/dynamic-backers-of-downtown-billings-hotel-say-it-will-spur-economic-growth>

Developers seeking City Hall property as part of a \$41M investment in downtown Billings

https://billingsgazette.com/localbusinesses/billings-city-hall-to-be-sold/article_c2aa7d48-dc14-11ee-8c91-3b0e70042e47.html

Billings approves \$2.8 million sale of City Hall property to developer Bill Honaker

https://billingsgazette.com/news/local/business/billings-city-hall-property-sold/article_aa49e0d6-e08d-11ee-b846-3bf14ed52e91.html

Downtown Billings Alliance's Mehmet Casey shares pictures of future development of City Hall and Rockman building

https://billingsgazette.com/news/local/downtown-billings-alliances-mehmet-casey-shares-pictures-of-future-development-of-city-hall-and-rockman/video_f4f9097d-58a3-53d7-9575-deccd8c30112.html

BIL/ARFF

Photo: Landing gear collapse at Billings airport

https://billingsgazette.com/news/local/billings-airport-runway/article_a5dd9a5e-e08a-11ee-bd16-679fe7b34856.html

Emergency landing at Billings airport causes flight delays Tuesday morning

<https://www.ktvq.com/news/local-news/emergency-landing-at-billings-airport-causes-flight-delays-tuesday-morning>

PRPL

If You See this Invasive Bug in Montana, Take Action

<https://billingsmix.com/invasive-ash-tree-killer-montana/>

In other news...

Homeless students to find help with district's new Family Resource Center

https://billingsgazette.com/news/local/education/bps-billings-public-schools-family-resource-center-homeless-students/article_d428f874-dcb9-11ee-908d-57f04b1b3ab8.html

Native American Development Corporation launches \$33M expansion project in Billings

https://billingsgazette.com/news/local/business/billings-eagle-seeker-community-center-expansion-shrine-native-americans/article_5ff33c94-d796-11ee-b67c-a7819a9ab503.html

Yellowstone County Commissioners ready to hire firm to help determine future jail needs

<https://www.ktvq.com/news/local-news/yellowstone-county-commissioners-ready-to-hire-firm-to-help-determine-future-jail-needs>

Detention Facility Working Group– Interim Report

March 14, 2024

Purpose

Concern over capacity at the Yellowstone County Detention Facility (“YCDF”) resulted in the formation of the detention working group to consider YCDF bedspace and criminal justice reform to ensure current and future detention operations are adequate and efficient. The group is seeking to recommend a jail expansion to address future capacity. The purpose of this work is to address efficiencies while seeking new construction at YCDF along with modification of existing facilities to support law enforcement and public safety for the next twenty years. Over the past six months, the group adjusted goals and recommendations.

Members

Mark Morse, Commissioner, Yellowstone County Commission
Jennifer Owen, Councilperson, Billings City Council
Colette Davies, District Judge, 13th Judicial District
David Carter, Justice of the Peace, Yellowstone County Justice Court
Barry Usher, Senator, Montana State Legislature
Katie Weston, Deputy Chief, Billings Region, Department of Corrections
Brittania Park, Court Administrator, Billings Municipal Court
Mandi Gould, Regional Deputy Public Defender, Office of the Public Defender
Robert Lester, Detention Facility Commander, Yellowstone County Sheriff’s Office
Melissa Williams, Chief Civil Attorney, Yellowstone County Attorney’s Office

Issues Identified

1. **Increased criminal activity** in Yellowstone County and surrounding areas due to:
 - a. Increased population in Yellowstone County;
 - b. Increased percentage of community placed inmates in Yellowstone County by the Department of Corrections (“DOC”) with a weighted average of increased violent crime, property crime and co-occurring difficulties with substance abuse;
 - c. Exhaustion of community-based resources coupled with understanding Yellowstone County has most of the regional services;
 - d. Challenges in enforcing criminal justice consequences;

- e. Influx of more serious offenders for a myriad of reasons;
 - f. Lack of family structure and/or parental involvement and
 - g. Increased nexus in criminal activity and mental health.
2. YCDF is **operating well over its capacity** of 435 inmates, routinely operating at 600+. Optimal facility capacity is 80%. Routinely operating above full capacity places public safety, officer safety and detention officer safety at risk.
- a. Jail overcrowding reduces proactive policing due to the actual and perceived inability to remand certain individuals. Strategic decision by law enforcement (all agencies) to not arrest, including on execution of known warrants, without capacity to hold remanded individuals for even 24 hours. Law enforcement loses one tool for immediate intervention.
 - b. Law enforcement is experiencing repeat interactions with individuals who are reoffending within a 24-to-48-hour period due to inability to remand, creating new victims and resulting in stacked criminal charges.
 - c. Loss of security and confidence by the public to enforce the law results in underreporting of crime and possible distrust of patrol officers.
 - d. Jail overcrowding creates a difficult working environment for detention officers which contributes to difficulty hiring and retaining officers at the detention facility. Operating overcapacity creates issues that impact employment environment including shifts with short staffing, leading to double shifts. Impacts work/life balance, especially for younger employees. This results in a workforce of 0-3 years and 15+ years of experience, no medium experience personnel which impacts front line supervisor pool.
 - e. Department of Corrections ("DOC"), Probation & Parole ("P&P") lost the ability to intervene with individuals on probation with sanction beds. This increases the length of pre-adjudication detention as more probation violations are ultimately filed without the tool of early intervention.
3. **Insufficient technology** and personnel to collect meaningful data exist to track inefficiencies in the criminal justice system and coordinate law enforcement, jail capacity and court procedures for intelligent decision making.
4. **Coordination between courts**- Billings Municipal Court ("BMC"), Justice of the Peace ("JP") and 13th Judicial District Court ("DC"), is difficult despite best efforts because State mandated case management software does not allow the viewer to see all individual specific information across all courts in real time - this software is too cumbersome and time consuming. There is no mechanism

that would trigger a court to review a case based on action/movement in another court. Courts cannot see the status of cases in other jurisdictions-BMC/JC/DC etc.

- a. A result in the inability for coordination with the current software results in scenarios that occur when YCDF is ready to transport an inmate. For example, an inmate will go to disposition in all district court cases, after pre-trial incarceration and then a warrant check will produce a misdemeanor warrant, keeping the inmate incarcerated until resolution. This means an individual who has been cleared for release by a Judge, instead is detained (not released) pending appearance in another court, which may take several weeks or months.
 - b. We lack the mechanism to grant individuals who are arrested with immediate release on bail across courts if they qualify for that bail and are currently unable to provide coordinated release orders across jurisdictions.
 - c. Failure to have unified court system causes delay and inefficiencies with the public defender's office. High caseloads combined with these inefficiencies and crowded trial dockets result in undue delay and an overlapping of cases and increased inmate population without timely resolution of pending cases.
5. YCDF serves as the **regional detention**/transit point for all inmate/prisoner movement in eastern Montana. YCDF is the hub for all spokes from any direction. There is a desire and need for state, federal and other county participation in YCDF but YCDF does not have the bedspace to contract sufficient beds based on need expressed by surrounding counties, federal system, DOC, etc. and funding is problematic due in part by state mandated rates.
 - a. Need from the State due to high population of DOC probationers and parolees in the Billings community to ensure there are minimal delays in transfer to available spaces in MWP, MSP, and other secured facilities.
6. Community **mental health crisis** impacts jail resources. Increased need for mental health services in the community has resulted in an underserved community that becomes incarcerated. YCDF has become a placement for the mentally ill in the community. Fitness to proceed cases are extremely slow, with delays at every phase in the process- from an initial evaluation to transport (due to capacity) at the state hospital. No relief in sight as MSH is also now struggling with reaching capacity.
7. Yellowstone County **lacks sufficient pre-trial** diversion programs and effective **transition** assistance from YCDF to the community.

- a. Post covid, there is a shortage of licensed professional service providers in every realm, involving the criminal justice universe.
 - b. When an inmate is not moving to another facility, transition between YCDF and community is difficult, resulting in delayed release and/or recidivism.
 - c. Need for increased handholding with release to community providers like mental health center and pretrial and probation service providers.
 - d. There is always a need for increased pre-trial monitoring subsidies at both the misdemeanor and felony level.
 - e. Lack of community programs that can assist the jail-based population due to capacity and funding restraints. There are numerous nonprofits working on programs in the criminal justice arena. These nonprofits all chase the same funding. Consolidation of these nonprofits will lead to efficiencies and economy of scale operations.
8. Need for resolution of backlog of cases, including reduction to misdemeanors with misdemeanor supervision, if the proposed settlement would involve community-based placement. Current system leads to a backup of pending cases stemming back 9 to 36 months with new matter filed on top of older cases. This backlog diverts resources in both the prosecution and the defense that hinders devotion to litigants incarcerated in YCDF leading to increased delay and the overlapping of litigation on an annual basis and jail overcrowding.
9. Unique high needs jail-based population-
- a. Mental health, medical, lack of housing and necessities. Long stays in YCDF dramatically increase the cost and nature of required services for mental health, medical and dental treatment.
 - b. This population is difficult to place in community programs. A large portion of incarcerated population has already exhausted community resources with multiple visits/requests for services.
 - c. There is very limited jail based or criminal justice resources or diversity funds targeting the Native American population at YCDF. Special challenges in establishing effective re-entry to a community which may be removed from home.
10. There is no existing space for expansion at YCDF as all constructed space at YCDF is being utilized and there is no existing facility to contract with for bedspace.
- a. Use of Two Rivers Correctional Facility in Hardin, MT was explored. Several issues: lack of insurability; transport of inmates to Billings for

Courts and medical services; Yellowstone County owning land/facilities in Big Horn County; sewer system and other deficiencies render this option moot.

Goals Established

1. **Goal #1: Make Intelligent Recommendations- Study the criminal justice system in Yellowstone County with community members and leaders, law enforcement and corrections to make intelligent decisions about operations at YCDF.**
2. **Goal #2: Jail Efficiency- 25% of all inmates' cases in all courts settled within 9 months (felony, misd and PV). We originally had a goal of 70% of all inmates' cases to be settled within 9 months. After study, the group understands we grossly underestimated the current delays in case resolution times and barriers to case resolution. We therefore developed a more realistic goal that would still be a vast improvement upon the status quo.**
3. **Goal #3: Fast Track Short Term Relief- Providing relief to the Billings population and public safety concerns by establishing at least 20 dedicated beds for immediate detention after arrest.**
 - a. Propose a short-term detention center without undue delay in construction by starting the process of engaging architects for design and construction and to answer questions about available space by December 2023 with an expediated MOU between City and County.
4. **Goal #4: Expand the Detention Facility-**
 - a. A Request for Qualifications (RFQ) has been published asking for firms to provide information how they would determine number/mix of beds for point in time as well as 5/10/15/20 years to include a study of staffing, operations, and associated costs. We must ensure there is an understanding that we are operating behind the curve- 435 is the current capacity at YCDF and we currently operate with 600+ inmates.

** Former goal: When we started meeting in September 2023, we had established a goal of reducing the jail population sustained to 540 within 6 months and a population at 485 in 9 months. This goal was not attainable while prioritizing public safety. This realization led to the recommendation for expansion of the current capacity at YCDF.*

Recommendations

1. Increase Jail Capacity

a. New Construction: Short term Detention Facility

- i. After discussions about potential structure of the program, placement, operations, and logistics, it is recommended that a minimum of twenty beds be established for use by BPD to reinstate the tool of immediate remand and return proactive policing.

b. Expansion or new construction of Adult Facility

- i. After this study, the group made recommendations in public meetings, DOC has moved the maximum number of inmates possible, and judges were encouraged to complete bond reductions for inmates with a bond under 10,000. This resulted in some initial population reductions- with a low of 565- but DOC cannot shift anyone else as there is not space in DOC facilities and we are seeing higher bonds in district court which negates early successes.
- ii. To intelligently design a new or expanded facility the County must issue a RFQ to get a firm recommendation for the number of beds, classification and gender of beds, special needs assessment, to include a staffing and operations recommendation.

1. RFQ must request future projections to ensure expansion is a long-term solution. This will provide the appropriate study to determine if an expansion of the existing facility is feasible. Irrespective of whether a new facility must be built or if we expand the current facility, we recommend we add at least 600 beds to the current capacity of 435 for a total of approximately 1035 beds available with space for any recommended future expansion beyond the projection of 20 years, and with the existing YCDF modified for female and juvenile populations if needed. We are currently operating at approximately 175 beds over capacity, and this must be considered.

- iii. Based on the projected size of the facility we will need a bond question to public. We recommend BOCC work with the elections department to develop this timeline and measure. The working

group anticipates that a significant campaign over a 9- to 16-month period will be necessary to ensure a robust discussion in the community regarding the benefits and costs of such a facility. To ensure compliance with all lobbying laws/regulations, a private-public partnership with dedicated staff and/or volunteers will be needed. The working group believes that upwards of 70 listening sessions, combined with a social and traditional media presence, will be needed to explain the details of any proposal and its projected impact on public safety.

- iv. Increase pre-trial and transitional services at YCDF by increasing presence of pre-trial providers at new facility to facilitate efficient pretrial monitoring through arraignment court and coordinating release. We currently have approximately 30% failure rate on pretrial monitoring and high recidivism rates.
- v. Encourage efforts for a smooth community handoff from YCDF to partnerships in the community- mental health center, etc.
- vi. Funding for operations-
 - 1. Recommend utilization of grants like the HEART grant to subsidize pretrial and transitional services.
 - 2. Pursue State funding for regional facilities in next session.
 - 3. Encourage shared financial responsibility with stakeholders. Surrounding counties should be offered the opportunity to contribute construction funding and an increased daily rate, to cover operations and management, if they plan to utilize YCDF as their jail facility.
- vii. Return functional inmate labor in new facility.
- viii. We recommend that future contracts with other communities to focus on transition from the facility to ensure inmates are not released back into Yellowstone County with a plan that they cannot follow. Ensure Court does not sentence to services only provided in Billings when the inmate has a home community. Will focus on finances and logistics of transport services to origin community and communication with PDO.
- c. **Youth Facility** – has been operational approximately 40 years. Will require additional study to make intelligent recommendations. Recommended areas of study: continue/terminate shelter care utilization, county of origin bedspace (consider potential Eastern MT Regional facility) and for

funding, remain a separate facility versus incorporation into jail expansion. We also need to study transition between Pine Hills and the community to improve youth diversion.

2. Improve Technology and Data Tracking-

- a. A County wide login for FCE or another program would be helpful in coordinating cases across courts. A statewide system would be preferred to address out of county cases. Must acquire appropriate technology that will track trends, demographic and trigger courts to action on cases beyond the scope of one court.

3. Jail and Criminal Justice Efficiency-

- a. We need better data to make more targeted recommendations. We do have limited comparisons that highlight the significance of delays in process and capacity correlations. For example, in 2012, 10,169 inmates were booked into YCDF. In 2023, 6,146 inmates were booked into YCDF.
- b. Contracts- we recommend a study and continued analysis to ensure we are operating at a level that serves our community and that the discussion of a regional facility continue with financial responsibility to Yellowstone County taxpayers in mind.
- c. Pretrial Population- Recommendations
 - i. Arraignment court- dedicated to conducting daily initial appearances with periodic pre-trial monitoring reviews.
 - 1. Recommend a dedicated group of people together to fully develop the logistics of an arraignment court. Developing a consistent workflow, shared forms, and aligned processes, as well as making sure that we are working collaboratively across jurisdictions on a practical level, likely needs some input from the people who will do the work day-to-day. A Technical Working Group to work purely on logistics and process was established and is meeting.
 - ii. PDO intake- The public defender's office investigators will be meeting with clients shortly after incarceration to ensure bond is appropriate and meaningful and so attorneys have good, prompt information about clients.
 - iii. Continue evaluation of criminal trials weeks and jury trials. Continue to study increasing the number of trials and decreasing pretrial delays.

- iv. Bond reductions - bond reduction evaluations should be done every 90 days for every incarcerated defendant by every district court, 45 days for misdemeanor court.
- v. Sentence review – misdemeanor sentences be set for a status hearing after they have been incarcerated over 80% of their sentenced time, this shall exclude 30-day statutory sentences.
- vi. Pretrial services program will need to increase capacity as population increases. Will have an increased need for subsidies.
- vii. Review low risk offenders with drug cases or crimes without identifiable victims and settle these cases with innovative probation in Justice Court in an effort to free up prosecution, defense and court time and space at YCDF to focus on individuals of consequence to public safety.

d. DOC population

- i. Bring back sanction beds for DOC, starting with three, with the goal of reducing preventable long term stays through PVs while acknowledging that DOC needs far more than three sanction beds and space should be designated to DOC for sanction beds as space becomes available through population reduction and jail expansion.
- ii. Continue expedited DOC transfers, if/when state prison capacity exists and continue triage of high needs medical and mental health inmates.
- iii. Increase the allowed daily State rate and include an annual inflation adjustment.

4. Increase Access, Diversity and Capacity of Community Based Resources

- a. Encourage alternatives such as home visiting programs. Other options church home visits, etc.
- b. Community based programming diversion model- Our group toured the detention/pre-trial model used by Rapid City. This model incorporates social services, mental health and drug addiction services into their detention center, i.e. Sheriff's Office. Yellowstone County would have to increase our Sheriff's Office by double or triple the number of employees. The week after our visit, the Pennington County SO proposed a 150 bed jail expansion to their Board of County Commissioners. They also were unsure how they will continue to fund this model. Recommend continued partnerships with community service leaders such as mental health center

and the community crisis center to determine if some of the services we observed in Rapid City could be incorporated into the programming of the expanded detention or short-term detention facility and discuss the level of community program participation through the RFQ for the adult facility analysis.

5. **Campaign-** a successful expansion and efficiency measures will be dependent on a successful campaign to stakeholders and the public.

2024 City Council and Leadership Team Retreat Agenda

Friday, March 15, 2024

12:00 Lunch and get to know each other.

12:30 Welcome followed by public comment.

12:45 Kick off the meeting with an overview of the DRAFT Strategic Plan – Vision, Mission, Values

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

Core Values:

- ❖ Collaboration: We commit to provide opportunities to achieve common goals through positive communications and interaction with individuals, and with public and private organizations.
- ❖ Integrity: Through accessibility and transparency, we earn the trust of the community to which we are responsible.
- ❖ Service: We deliver services with courtesy and respect while meeting our customers' needs.
- ❖ Stewardship: We plan and manage resources effectively, responsibly, and efficiently.

Mission: To deliver cost effective public services that enhance our community's quality of life.

Policy Discussion – Are we agreeable to setting aside time and resources in 2024 to develop a “vision” for our organization and community?

1:15 City Council adopted goals:

- **Improve the health and safety of Billings for all citizens.**
- **Sustain and upgrade critical infrastructure.**
- **Foster economic vibrancy through quality designed neighborhoods and business districts.**
- **Offer outstanding library, parks, recreation, trails, and cultural amenities.**
- **Cultivate a high-performance organization principled in our core values of integrity, service, stewardship and collaboration.**

Strategic Goal - Sustain and Upgrade Critical Infrastructure.

Objective 1 – Expand the capacity and improve resiliency of the water system.

Objective 2 – Increase the number of airport passengers using BIL by 15%.

Objective 3 - Increase BIL's air cargo nationwide position by two places (to 61).

Objective 4 – Optimize the efficiency of the transportation system to strengthen the economy and livability of neighborhoods and business districts. (tightly linked to next goal objective 2)

Objective 5 – Maximize the capacity of our waste-water treatment plant.

Objective 6 – Build and upgrade an effective storm sewer system.

Objective 7 – Analyze and determine land use and infrastructure policies to serve the Skyway Drive and Billings bypass (Mary St and 5 mile Rd).

Objective 8 – Complete new city hall and sell the current city hall by November 2024

Policy Discussion - Conversations on land use will be limited without our director and planning manager positions available to participate: therefore, we want to focus discussions by defining the issues and consider supporting a city administrator appointed committee with 3-5 council members and staff to tackle policy approaches to this strategic goal.

1. Do you agree with this strategic goal? If not, what would you change?
2. Do you agree that staff has identified the correct objectives? If not, what modifications are needed?
3. Define and discuss the policy issues associated with objective 4.
4. Define and discuss the policy issues associated with objective 7.
5. Other items identified during the meeting.

2:15 Strategic Goal - Foster economic vibrancy through quality designed neighborhoods and business districts.

Objective 1 - Stimulate infill and redevelopment throughout the city's business and residential districts by 2026.

Objective 2 - Improve multi-modal transportation system to foster investment and redevelopment - auto, transit, bike, pedestrian (tightly linked to the prior goal objective 4)

Objective 3 - Update subdivision regulations in 2024.

Objective 4 - Update 2016 growth policy to comply with the MT Land Use Planning Act.

Objective 5 - Develop housing strategies to strengthen and stabilize neighborhoods.

Objective 6 - Update neighborhood plans over the next decade.

Objective 7 – Complete cost of services study and determine its impact on regulations and fee structures.

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3. Define and discuss the policy issues associated with objective 1.
4. Define and discuss the policy issues associated with objective 2.
5. Define the process to complete the cost of services analysis associated with objective 7.
6. Other items identified during the meeting.

3:15 Break

3:30 **Strategic Goal - Offer Outstanding Library, Parks, Recreation, Trails, and Cultural Amenities.**

Objective 1 – Activate parks and public spaces to improve a sense of community, improve health and reduce crime.

Objective 2 - Maximize the useful life of parks, recreation, and trails assets.

Objective 3 - Increase trail network through complete streets implementation and recreational trails construction.

Objective 4 - Increase recreation participation by 10%.

Objective 5 – Create opportunities for dual purpose public spaces for parks and PW (storm water, reservoir etc.)

Objective 6 - Install two (2) additional Library Express Lockers by FY26.

Policy Discussion

1. Do you agree with this strategic goal? If not, what would you change?
2. Do you agree that staff has identified the correct objectives? If not, what modifications are needed?
3. How should the City fund maintenance and operations of our parks, recreation, and trail system? (objective 2)
4. Discuss the policy issues associated with objective 3.
5. Discuss the policy issues associated with objective 4.
6. Should PD1 be extended to fund the capital replacement of South Park Pool, Zimmerman Center and North Park Center? (objective 4)
7. Other items identified during the meeting.

Conversation continues into Saturday if needed.

5:15 Public Comment

5:30 Dinner at Bin 119

Saturday, March 16, 2024

8:00 Welcome back and public comment

8:15 **Strategic Goal - Improve the health and safety of Billings for all citizens.**

Objective 1 – Reduce family violence by at least 10%.

Objective 2 – Reduce violent crime rates by 10%.

Objective 3 – Improve downtown safety through quality design, education, and enforcement.

Objective 4 – Enhance traffic safety by increasing traffic law compliance resulting in a reduction of accidents by 10%.

Objective 5 – Reduce property crime by 10%.

Objective 6 – Reduce fire department emergency response times by 10%.

Objective 7 – Improve quality and resilience of ambulance response services.

Objective 8 – Maintain a high code enforcement compliance rate of 90% or better.

Objective 9 – Invest crime prevention dollars to catalyze evidence-based programs to improve opportunities for our children.

Policy Discussions:

1. Do you agree with this strategic goal? If not, what would you change?
2. Do you agree that staff has identified the correct objectives? If not, what modifications are needed?
3. Do you support a staffing analysis to guide decisions related to objectives 1-5?
4. Does the council support the legislative committee focusing on legislation to expand the use of technology to improve traffic safety?
5. Discuss the policy issues associated with objective 6.
6. Discuss the policy issues associated with objective 7 -
7. How does Council want to invest our crime prevention fund? (object 9)
8. Other items identified during the meeting.

10:00 Break

10:15 **Strategic Goal - Cultivate a High-Performance Organization Principled in our Core Values of Integrity, Service, Stewardship & Collaboration.**

Objective 1 - Refine the City's vision, mission, and core values in 2025.

Objective 2 – Strengthen citizen trust through effective communication and transparency.

Objective 3 – Digitize all essential records for proper storage and access by citizens and staff.

Objective 4 - Adopt legislative priorities for the 2025 session focused on improving the safety and economic stability of Billings.

Objective 5 – Establish a market based competitive compensation system to retain and recruit excellent workforce (pay and benefits).

Objective 6 - Increase the City's general fund reserves by approx. \$400,000 to 500,000/year.

Policy Discussions:

1. Do you agree with this strategic goal? If not, what would you change?
2. Do you agree that staff has identified the correct objectives? If not, what modifications are needed?
3. When would Council like establish a new vision statement for the City?
4. What are the impacts of increasing the reserves? (objective 6)
5. Other items identified during the meeting.

10:45 Restate and affirm guidance provided on strategic plan/priority setting.

11:15 Next Steps

11:45 Public Comment

Adjourn at noonish.

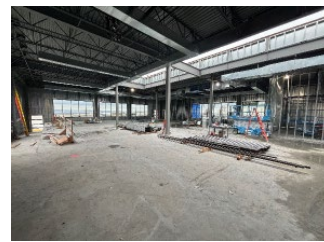
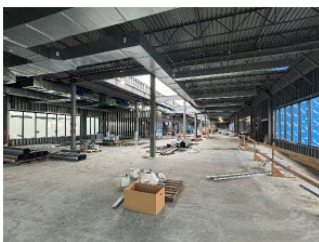


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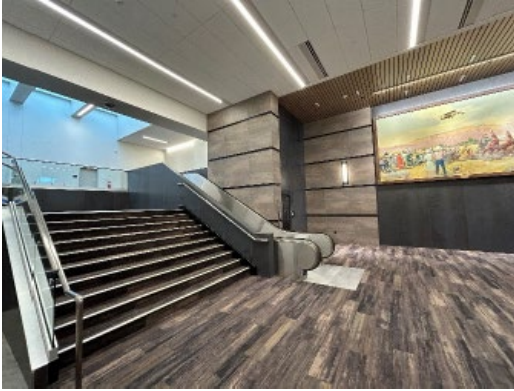
Interior construction on the new concourse B

The interior work on Concourse B is moving along with many things taking place. It's exciting to see things taking shape into what will be spacious hold rooms, walkways, and display areas with large windows for natural light and great views. The Metal siding and blue skin underlayment is completed as well as window installation. Mechanical, electrical, and plumbing installation continues with the construction of internal walls.



Main lobby area by TSA passenger screening area constructed

The Main Lobby area where passengers will be able to say goodbye to their loved ones before going through the TSA Passenger Screening area is completed. The elevator, escalator, and restrooms are all installed and were opened to the public in March of 2024.



[Explore all airport construction projects](#)

FEATURED ARTIST

At BIL

We're thrilled to showcase the incredible work of Billings artist Claudia Joyce at BIL. Her masterpiece "Big Sky Roundup" is now a prominent part of our airport. Claudia's piece was first created for the White Sulphur Springs ranger, Bill Galt, and inspired by his use of a Bell helicopter to guide cattle against Montana's breathtaking backdrop. The piece hanging at BIL is now the second recreation of this commissioned piece.

What makes this piece truly remarkable is Claudia's unconventional approach, blending stained glass and sculpture. This project was a summer-long exploration, pushing the boundaries of her creativity. We're honored to have Claudia's local artistry grace our walls.



FEATURED STORIES

United Airlines Headquarters Visit

February 2024 in Chicago

[Airport Director](#) Jeff Roach, along with Aly Eggart of Visit Billing/[Billings Chamber](#), and Steve Arveschoug of [Big Sky Economic Development](#), traveled to Chicago in mid-February to visit the United Airlines headquarters in Chicago. Billings and United Airlines have had a strong partnership over the years.



Mead & Hunt

2024 recap

[Airport Director](#) Jeff Roach, along with John Brewer of the [Billings Chamber](#), and Ashley Kavanagh of [Big Sky Economic Development](#), traveled to the Mead and Hunt Conference in late February. This conference included meetings with 11 airlines, industry updates, and time to build relationships and amplify why Billings is a great destination for air service investment. Meetings included one-on-one discussions with existing partners like Alaska Airlines, Sun Country, Delta, and potential new partners like Southwest, Spirit, JetBlue and Breeze.



Ashley, John, and Jeff at air service meetings at Mead & Hunt Conference.



Ashley & Jeff join Chicago Cubs mascot Clark during the first day.



Southwest Airlines team members Kyle and Hudson enjoying a trio of desserts at the final dinner of the conference, which included fun conversation and time together.

MORE TO EXPLORE

Book your tickets!

New & increased service coming to BIL this spring!

BIL and the Air Service Committee are thrilled to share that we have **seven** opportunities for our region to take advantage of new flight offerings right here at the Billings airport.



Direct, seasonal service from BIL to MSP will begin June 2024.

Flights will be Wednesdays
& Saturdays each week.

Book Now: suncountry.com





United has announced the expansion of their daily, direct service from BIL to DEN from 3x daily to 5x daily. **Expanded** service will be in full effect on May 23rd, respectively, with the fourth flight being added as early as March 31st of 2024.



Book Now: Direct, seasonal service from BIL to MSP will begin June 2024.



Delta announced that they are **increasing seats** on their flights to and from Minneapolis, beginning in May. This increased capacity will allow for more travelers to take advantage of flights to and from Billings and the Midwest.





Summer: Residents can take advantage of seasonal, non-stop service from BIL to LAX beginning May 16th, 2024.

This flight was initially offered pre-pandemic, and is now back on Allegiant's local roster at BIL.

Fall: Mesa, AZ (IWA) – Allegiant increased flights from BIL to Phoenix–Mesa Gateway to 4x per week in January 2024. Year-over-year, it is an increase from generally 2x to 3x per week. This opportunity will extend into Allegiant's fall schedule, which runs through November 6th, 2024.

Las Vegas (LAS) – Allegiant announced they are **increasing** service to Las Vegas through fall (Nov. 6) to 2x per week. For the weeks of October 2nd, 9th, 16th, and 23rd, that number will jump to 4x a week.





Alaska Airlines has **extended** their service from BIL to PDX from seasonal to daily, direct year-round service. Flights from BIL to SEA will increase to 3x daily beginning in May.



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Update on Grant Funding Sought by the City of Billings March 2024

25th Street Pedestrian Bridge Project



The former Rock Creek Bridge, currently stored in Joliet, will need to wait a little while longer to be put back into public use.

The City of Billings learned on March 13 that the 25th Street Pedestrian Bridge project had not been selected by the Federal Department of Transportation for its most recent round of Reconnecting Communities/Neighborhood Access & Equity grant.

More About This Project

- The City continues to include the project on its Capital Improvement Project (CIP) list, and will pursue other grant opportunities as they arise.
- There is not currently a plan to fund the project with city funds.

Notes about the federal award announcement:

- \$3.33 billion in funds awarded
- 686 applications submitted
- 132 projects funded
 - \$2.94 billion for 52 construction projects
 - \$56.5 million average construction award
 - \$108.5 million for 72 planning projects
 - \$284.6 million for 8 regional partnership projects
- 3 Montana projects funded
 - Missoula County, City of Missoula, MMPO, and MDT joint application for reconnecting East Missoula via a rebuild of HWY 200 (\$24,000,000)
 - Gallatin County Manhattan Trail System Feasibility Study connecting Manhattan, Logan, and Three Forks via a multi-modal pathway (\$122,671)
 - Confederated Salish & Kootenai Tribes (Flathead Reservation) US 93 North Ninepipe Corridor Reconstruction (\$74,872,287)
- Our request was \$5.49 million to connect 25th Street North and 25th Street South with a bridge over the downtown BNSF railroad yard.

To learn more about this grant-funded project, contact:

Ted Wilson
City of Billings Grants Administrator
406-869-3997
wilson@billingsmt.gov

March 13, 2024 progress report

Park	Progress	Project	Status	*updated information for this week
	Started -----> Completed			
Arrowhead playground replacement	<div></div>		Project complete	final payment invoice submitted
Castle Rock playground addition	<div></div>		Waiting for warranty	replacement parts for zipline
*Castle Rock parking lot & restroom	<div></div>		*Documents scheduled to be complete by 3/15 to be advertised for bids on 3/22	
Central tennis courts replacement	<div></div>		Submitting LWCF paperwork for project reimbursement	
Comanche playground replacement	<div></div>		Playground complete and open to the public	
Cottonwood Park masterplan	<div></div>		Presented at November 8th Park Board meeting and approved for recommendation to City Council	
Coulson Park South Improvements	<div></div>		Received approval from US Army Corps of Engineers, proceeding with design	
Gorham irrigation automation	<div></div>		Pump station being shipped by manufacture for installation	
*Grandview irrigation automation	<div></div>		*Advertised by engineering for bid on 2/22, bids will be opened on 3/19	
Highland playground replacement	<div></div>		Playground equipment was delivered, installer under contract for Fall completion	
Millice irrigation automation	<div></div>		Sealed bids opened, project over budget, rebid at a later date	
*North Park adult exercise & shelter	<div></div>		*Building permit approved March 1	
*North Park playground replacement	<div></div>		*Contractor began install of new playground	
North Park restroom replacement	<div></div>		Concrete pathway for access to restrooms poured on 1/31/24	
*Pioneer Park tennis courts replacement	<div></div>		*Pre bid meeting conducted March 5, bids close March 19.	
*Poly Vista inclusive playground and parking lot	<div></div>		*Pre-con meeting held 3/12, tentative start date of 3/25	
Ponderosa irrigation automation	<div></div>		Final walkthrough complete, system fully operational	
*Rose Park pool spray equipment replacement	<div></div>		*Per Park scheduling pool spray ground replacement delayed till the fall of 2024.	
Skypoint sail replacement	<div></div>		Structural Engineer's report completed, proceeding with recommended repairs prior to painting	
Aquatic Facility Assessment	<div></div>		Consultant performed on site visits and are compiling information for assessment	
*North Park Dog Park	<div></div>		*Meeting week of 03-11-24 to discuss park layout changes and pricing. Expecting to begin work by next week.	
*Dehler Park	<div></div>		*In process of selecting a paint company to refresh paint around stadium. Working on a scope of work bid package to send out for bids on protective net system.	
*Castle rock bathroom	<div></div>		* Contract with Second Nature is complete. Hope to have first round of design done by end of March 2024.	
*Optimist Park Light Study	<div></div>		*Light study has been received. Moving forward with a design with Border States. Waiting on an estimate for design costs.	

2024 COUNCIL MEETINGS SCHEDULE
(Year to date listing appears at the end of this schedule)

March 15, 2024 - Council Retreat at Rock 31 (Noon – 6:30 PM)

March 16, 2024 - Council Retreat at Rock 31 (8:00 AM – 1:00 PM)

March 18, 2024 – WORK SESSION

CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION 4:30 – 5:30 PM

1. Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Annual
2. Permanent Supportive Housing Discussion (Dean Wells from United Way and CoC) 45 min.
3. Art House / Babcock Theater Discussion
4. Zoom – Public Comment Discussion
5. Council Discussion

March 25, 2024 - REGULAR BUSINESS

CONSENT:

1. BID AWARD: Airport Cargo Ramp Slot 5
2. Amendment No. 5, W.O. 19-42: West End Water Treatment Plant Project
3. W.O. 24-28: Water Treatment Plant Sediment Hauling
4. Non-Commercial Aviation Ground Lease with Agri-Systems
5. Lease Purchase Agreement with MT Board of Investments to finance New City Hall Improvements
6. Commercial and Roll-off Container Purchases
7. Purchase 95-gallon Residential Refuse Carts for SW
8. Donations to Billings Public Library
9. Donation to Parks from Addie Allen
10. Donation to Parks from United States Tennis Association of Montana
11. Donation from Scheels for K9 Operations
12. Fire - Plains Pipeline Grant
13. Fire - Phillips 66 Grant
14. Preliminary Major Plat – Skyview Ridge, 2nd Filing
15. Resolution of Intent to Create SID 1425 Broso Park and Gabel Traffic Signal
16. 2nd Reading Ordinance Amending BMCC, Art. 22-800, Storm Sewers

REGULAR:

2. PH - MT Dept. of Commerce Infrastructure Grant Application
3. PH and 1st Reading - ZC 1043 – 4190 S. Frontage Rd.
4. Joint PH
 - a. RES Annexation 24-01
 - b. 1st Reading ZC 1044 – 5900 Block of Grand Ave.
 - c. Annexation Agreement – George Jurovich
 - d. PH and 1st Reading – Ward Boundary Expansion – Annexation 24-01
5. Joint PH
 - a. RES Annexation 24-02
 - b. 1st Reading ZC 1045 – 4524 Central Avenue
 - c. Annexation Agreement – Brown Builders, LLC
 - d. PH and 1st Reading – Ward Boundary Expansion – Annexation
6. PH – 1st Reading – ZC 1046 – 1202 West Wicks Lane

April 1, 2024 – WORK SESSION

1. Chase Hawks and Visit Billings (Alex Tyson) - economic impact study (Burn the Point event) **Scott Aspenlieder will have info for Staff memo and Agenda Packet**
2. Joint Drone Program (Mark Solberg/FD)
3. Safe Routes to School (Elyse Monat)
4. Parks Recreation update for 2024 programs
5. Billings Mustangs?? **Chris will check**
6. Council Discussion

April 8, 2024 - REGULAR BUSINESS

CONSENT:

1. Adoption of Council Goals and Strategies
2. BID AWARD: Aviation Place
3. New City Hall Audio Visual Systems
4. Recommendation to PCC for Safe Routes to School Plan Update
5. AMR Neptune/AMI Software Hosting - Three (3) Year Contract with Northwest Pipe Fittings. Inc.
6. **TIF MOUs – All are due in May**
7. 2nd Reading Ord. Ward Boundary Expansion – Annexation 24-01
8. 2nd Reading Ord. Ward Boundary Expansion – Annexation 24-02
9. 2nd Reading ZC 1043
10. 2nd Reading ZC 1044
11. 2nd Reading ZC 1045
12. 2nd Reading ZC 1046

REGULAR:

2. Mitchell Court Affordable Housing Project
3. PH and 1st Reading - City Ordinance Amendments – Code Enforcement
4. Babcock Theater Marquee Rehabilitation
- 5.

April 15, 2024 – WORK SESSION

1. CGL – Efficiency Study – Court and Legal
2. DES Briefing on Maui (KC Williams)
3. Yellowstone River Parks Association (YRPA) Presentation – Mike Pigg
4. Tax Abatement Policy (Dianne, BSEDA/Chris)??
5. SIDs – Gravel Roads
6. Proposed City Subdivision Regulation Amendments
7. Zoning Code Update to Comply with SB 245 (2023)
8. Council Discussion

April 22, 2024 - REGULAR BUSINESS CHRIS OUT

CONSENT:

1. Receiving of CRU backup vehicle
2. 2nd Reading ORD – Code Enforcement Amendments

Special Presentation: CGL – Efficiency Study – Court and Legal

REGULAR:

2. PH & RES. rescinding Resolution 90-16317, Hogan Homestead (Continued from 3.11.24)
3. PH and RES. SID 1425, Broso Park and Gabel Traffic Signal
 - a. Bid Award: SID 1425 - Broso Park and Gabel Traffic Signal
4. PH and 1st Rdg. ORD. ZC 1049 – 1911 & 1915 8th Ave. N.
5. PH and 1st Rdg. ORD. ZC 1050 – Hawk Creek Ave.

****Judge Kolar would like to be first during budget meetings**

May 6, 2024 (BUDGET) – WORK SESSION

1. CGL final report - Municipal Court and Justice System Operational Review
2. Council Discussion

May 13, 2024 - REGULAR BUSINESS

CONSENT:

1. Second/Final Rdg. ORD ZC 1049 – 1911 & 1915 8th Ave. N.
2. Second/Final Rdg. ORD ZC 1050 – Hawk Creek Ave.

REGULAR:

- 1.

May 20, 2024 (BUDGET) – WORK SESSION

- 1.
2. Council Discussion

May 28, 2024 (Tues.)- REGULAR BUSINESS

CONSENT:

1. MOU with Yellowstone County MetraPark Water Line Replacement

REGULAR:

1. PH and 1st Reading ORD for Zone Change 1047 - Copper Ridge 7th & 8th Filing

June 3, 2024 – WORK SESSION

CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION 4:30 – 5:30 PM

- 1.
2. Council Discussion

June 10, 2024 - REGULAR BUSINESS

CONSENT:

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REGULAR:

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June 17, 2024 – WORK SESSION

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2. Council Discussion

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June 24, 2024 - REGULAR BUSINESS

CONSENT:

1.

REGULAR:

1.

July 1, 2024 – WORK SESSION

1.

2. Council Discussion

July 8, 2024 - REGULAR BUSINESS

CONSENT:

1.

REGULAR:

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July 15, 2024 – WORK SESSION

1.

2. Council Discussion

July 22, 2024 - REGULAR BUSINESS CHRIS OUT

CONSENT:

1.

REGULAR:

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August 5, 2024 – WORK SESSION

1.

2. Council Discussion

August 12, 2024 - REGULAR BUSINESS

CONSENT:

1.

REGULAR:

1.

August 19, 2024 – WORK SESSION

1.

2. Council Discussion

August 26, 2024 - REGULAR BUSINESS

CONSENT:

- 1.

REGULAR:

- 1.

September 3, 2024 (Tues.) – WORK SESSION

CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION 4:30 – 5:30 PM

- 1.
2. Council Discussion

September 9, 2024 - REGULAR BUSINESS

CONSENT:

- 1.

REGULAR:

- 1.

September 16, 2024 – WORK SESSION

- 1.
2. Council Discussion

September 23, 2024 - REGULAR BUSINESS

CONSENT:

- 1.

REGULAR:

- 1.

October 7, 2024 – WORK SESSION

CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION 4:30 – 5:30 PM CA Annual Review

1. Council Discussion

October 15, 2024 - REGULAR BUSINESS

CONSENT:

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REGULAR:

1.

October 21, 2024 – WORK SESSION

1.

2. Council Discussion

October 28, 2024 - REGULAR BUSINESS

CONSENT:

1.

REGULAR:

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November 4, 2024 – WORK SESSION

1.

2. Council Discussion

November 12, 2024 (Tues.) - REGULAR BUSINESS

CONSENT:

1.

REGULAR:

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November 18, 2024 – WORK SESSION

1.

2. Council Discussion

November 25, 2024 - REGULAR BUSINESS

CONSENT:

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REGULAR:

1.

December 2, 2024 – WORK SESSION

CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION 4:30 – 5:30 PM

- 1.
2. Council Discussion

December 9, 2024 - REGULAR BUSINESS

CONSENT:

1. Beartooth RC&D MOU

REGULAR:

- 1.

December 16, 2024 – WORK SESSION (Vacate?)

- 1.
2. Council Discussion

December 23, 2024 - REGULAR BUSINESS

CONSENT:

- 1.

REGULAR:

- 1.

January 2, 2024 (Tues.) – WORK SESSION

1. Administration of Oaths and Affirmations of Office for reelected Councilmembers
2. DES Emergency Management Update (K.C. Williams)
3. Ordinance Amendments to Water and Wastewater Utilities
4. Stormwater Billing
5. Council Discussion

January 8, 2024 - REGULAR BUSINESS

CONSENT:

- A. Bid Award: W.O. 24-03: Contract 2 Chip Seal / Scrub Seal
- B. Bid Award: W.O. 23-46: Compost Facility Waterline
- C. Purchase Water Reclamation Facility Equipment – Disinfection parts
- D. City-County Special Investigations Unit (CCSIU) Agreement for 2024
- E. W.O. 19-42: WE Water Treatment contract - Dick Anderson
- F. Bureau of Reclamation WaterSMART Small-Scale Water Efficiency Projects
- G. Donations to Library
- H. MT FWP trail stewardship grant application
- I. Northwestern Energy easement for Mountview Cemetery
- J. ~~Easements North 28th Street~~

REGULAR:

2. PH and 1st reading ORD – Cemetery Code changes
3. PH and 1st reading ORD – ZC 1040 - 1404 and 1406 Avenue B
4. PH and 1st reading ORD – Special Review 998 – 1406 Avenue B
5. Nomination and Election of Deputy Mayor Pro Tempore

January 16, 2024 (Tues.) – WORK SESSION at the Library!

1. Crime Prevention Round Table Discussion – focused on Crime Prevention
2. Council Discussion

January 22, 2024 - REGULAR BUSINESS

CONSENT:

1. Change Order 1 – New City Hall Access Control and Camera System
2. Contract for Airport Master Plan update
3. Memorandum of Understanding with Yellowstone County - West End Neighborhood Plan Update
4. Amendment to Memorandum of Understanding with the Yellowstone Conservation District for West End Reservoir Master Plan
5. Amend Park Development Council 2024 Proposed Budget
6. Federal Aviation Administration Airport Improvement Program Grants
7. Montana Community Reinvestment Plan Act Planning Grant (SB 382) growth policy
8. Donation to Parks from Billings Go Kickball to Youth Scholarship Fund
9. Donation to Parks from Scheels for Youth Scholarship Fund
10. Release of Perpetual ROW Easements - North 28th Street
11. Preliminary plat extension request for Annafeld North Subdivision, 2nd Filing
12. Resolution Authorizing the Filing and Acceptance of Transit Grant Funds and Related Documents
13. Resolution Authorizing the Issuance and Private Negotiated Sale of Expanded North 27th Street Tax Increment Bonds
14. Resolution of Intent to Create District and Set a Public Hearing-SID 1427
15. Resolution of Intent to Create District and Set a Public Hearing-SID 1426
16. 2nd/ Final Reading ORD. – ZC 1040 – 1404 and 1406 Avenue B
17. 2nd/ Final Reading ORD amending Cemetery Rules and Regulations and Repealing ORD 03-5240

REGULAR:

2. PH - MT Dept. of Commerce Infrastructure Grant Application
3. PH and 1st reading ORD - BMCC Chapter 26 Water and Wastewater First Reading and Public Hearing
4. Appointments to Council Subcommittees and Boards and Commissions

February 5, 2024 – WORK SESSION

1. YC Short Term Jail Request
2. MRM update – Matt Lundgren
3. CRU and MRT Updates (Pepper and Banfield)
4. Family Violence Response Unit Update (St. John per Owen's Initiative)
5. CPTED (John Caterino, Mike Pigg and Wyeth Friday)
6. Council Discussion

February 12, 2024 - REGULAR BUSINESS**CONSENT:**

1. Bid Award: Landon's Inclusive Playground and Phase II Parking Lot Poly Vista Park
2. Bid Award: W.O. 24-07: Safe Routes to School
3. Bid Award: W.O. 24-19: Arnold Drain Intake Structure
4. Purchase 8 Police Utility Vehicles from Duval Ford
5. Purchase Night Vision Systems for Police S.W.A.T. Team
6. Contract for Uniform Rental / Purchase and Laundry Services for Public Works
7. Contract for scanning services with DIS Technologies
8. Contract for New City Hall Elevator Modernization
9. Amendment 15 with Morrison-Maierle, Inc. for Engineering Services to Construct Cargo Ramp Slot 5
10. Amendment 16 with Morrison-Maierle, Inc. for Engineering Services to Rehabilitate Aviation Place Access Road
11. Fire grant from State Farm
12. Annual Certified Local Government Grant Program for Historic Preservation
13. Second Reading BMCC Water and Wastewater

REGULAR:

2. PH and RES Creating SID 1426, Arvin Lane
 - a. Bid Award: SID 1426, Arvin Lane
3. PH and RES Creating SID 1427, Hancock Drive
 - a. Bid Award: SID 1427, Hancock Drive
4. New City Hall Security and additional updates (Kevin)
5. Gifting land to YVAS Discussion (Chris)

COUNCIL INITIATIVE - BUILT Environment - CM Rupsis**February 20, 2024 (Tues.) – WORK SESSION**

1. City Ordinance Amendments – Code Enforcement (Tina Hoeger)
2. Montana Land Use Planning Act (SB 382) Wyeth
3. PMD Assessment Approval Discussion (Per Rupsis's question)
4. Short Term Detention Center Discussion
5. Retreat Prep Discussion
6. Council Discussion

February 26, 2024 - REGULAR BUSINESS**CONSENT:**

1. Boards and Commissions
2. BID AWARD: W.O. 24-01: Contract 1: 2024 Billings Water Main Replacement
3. BID AWARD: W.O. 24-03: Contract No 2 City Chip/Scrub Seal
4. BID AWARD: W.O. 24-11: WRF Solids Process Building Roof Replacement
5. Purchase of 2024 Asphalt Roller – Public Works
6. Purchase of 3 New Vehicles - Public Works - Engineering
7. Contract W.O. 24-21: 1st Ave N Two-Way Conversion Feasibility Study – Sanderson Stewart
8. Funding, Maintenance, Construction and Local Agency Guidelines MDT Agreement - Stagecoach Trail
9. West End Hangar Ground Leases with Beacon Air Group, LLC
10. Donation from the Yellowstone County DUI Task Force to Police Dept.
11. Donation from Streeter Brothers Insurance to Senior Scholarship Fund to Parks
12. Preliminary Plat Extension for Hunters Point Sub
13. Resolution – June Ballot - Local Government Review
14. Letter to County Re Jail discussion re: short-term holding

REGULAR:

2. PH – Low-income Multi-family rental housing (No Action) (Bjornson Jones Mungas Law office)
3. PH & RES for Nuisance Property Abatement Assessments
4. PH & RES for Weed Assessments
5. PH and 1st Reading ORD – ZC 1042, 655 West Wicks Lane

March 4, 2024 – WORK SESSION (Mayor out of town this week)

1. SBURA Update – Recreation Center Next Steps (Dick Zier, SBURA)
2. 2024-2028 Transportation Improvement Program Review (Lora Mattox)
3. Update on upcoming Council retreat - Chris
4. Council Discussion

March 11, 2024 - REGULAR BUSINESS

CONSENT:

1. BID AWARD: W.O. 24-02: Missing Sidewalk Project
2. BID AWARD: 1709 St. Johns Ave. – Housing Rehab Project
3. Agreement with United Diagnostic Services for Medical Evaluation /Diagnostic – Fire
4. MOU with Little League Baseball and Softball
5. MOU with Annafeld Homeowners Association
6. 2024-2028 Transportation Improvement Program
7. AmeriCorps Vista Project Grant Application Submittal
8. Inflation Reduction Act Forest Grant
9. Preliminary Minor Plat - Zimmerman Home Place Subdivision, 4th Filing
10. Resolution Ordering Improvements - W.O. 24-02: Missing Sidewalk Program
11. 2nd/Final Reading ORD – ZC 1042 – 655 West Wicks Lane

REGULAR:

2. PH & RES. rescinding Resolution 90-16317, Hogan Homestead (Continued)
3. PH & 1st Rdg. ORD. - Stormwater Billing
4. PH for Sale of City Hall, South Parking Lot, and North Parking Lot
5. Downtown Billings Partnership - Tax Increment Assistance - Rockman Hotel Project
6. EBURD - Tax Increment Assistance – 320 North 17th Street