



**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**

**MAY 28, 2024**

**5:30 P.M.**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Cole

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Mayor Cole

**INVOCATION:** Councilmember Boyett

**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  
Gina Dahl, City Attorney  
Denise Bohlman, City Clerk  
Debi Meling, Public Works Director  
Jennifer Duray, Deputy Public Works Director  
Louis Engels, Water Quality Superintendent  
Nicole Cromwell, Zoning Coordinator  
Tina Hoeger, Code Enforcement Manager  
Lora Mattox, Transportation Planning Coordinator  
Tracy Scott, Parking Manager  
Gavin Woltjer, Library Director  
Jamie Bratlie, Library and Facility Coordinator

**MINUTES:** May 13, 2024 **APPROVED 11-0**

**COURTESIES:** Special Awards were given to Steven McConnell and Chris Glenn by

**PROCLAMATIONS:** Scleroderma Awareness Month - June

**COUNCIL REPORTS:** None

**ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS - CHRIS KUKULSKI**

**PUBLIC COMMENT on "NON-PUBLIC HEARING" Agenda Items: 1, 5 and 6 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.)

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION:** Thorne Run

**1. CONSENT AGENDA -- Separations:**

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

1. Tourism BID Board - Billings Hotel and Convention Center (BHCC). **APPROVED 11-0**

**B. Bid Awards:**

1. **W.O. 20-13: King Avenue West and 36th Street West Traffic Signal Improvements.** (Opened 5/7/24) Recommend Montana Lines, Inc. **APPROVED 11-0**

2. **W.O. 24-24: Voelker Pump Station Pressure Reducing Valve.** (Opened 5/7/24) Recommend COP Construction, LLC. **APPROVED 11-0**

**C. Amendment No. 1, W.O. 24-01, Contract 2: 2024 Sewer Main Replacement; Morrison-Maierle, Inc. **APPROVED 11-0****

**D. Contract with Signal of Montana for Library Security Services. **APPROVED 11-0****

**E. Purchase of FY25 Solid Waste Refuse Trucks from SWS Equipment, LLC. **APPROVED 11-0****

**F. Declaring Surplus Property and authorizing the sale of 300-gallon waste containers to the City of Powell, Wyoming. **APPROVED 11-0****

**G. 2024 High Intensity Drug Traffic Area (HIDTA) award from the Executive Office of the President, Office of National Drug Control Policy. **APPROVED 11-0****

**H. Donations to Code Enforcement for Graffiti Reward Fund from various donors. **APPROVED 10-0, MAYOR COLE ABSTAINED****

**I. Donations in support of the "Mobilize the MAGIC City" project from various donors. **APPROVED 11-0****

**J. Easement from Billings Public Schools for the Rose Park Trail. **APPROVED 11-0****

**K. Preliminary Minor Plat of Broso Valley Park Subdivision, 2nd Filing. \*Quasi-Judicial **APPROVED 10-0, ASPELIEDER ABSTAINED****

**L. Preliminary Minor Subsequent Plat of Les Schwab Subdivision. \*Quasi-Judicial **APPROVED 11-0****

**M. Final Plat of Annafeld Subdivision, 5th Filing. \*Quasi-Judicial **APPROVED 11-0****

**N. Resolution 24-11201 authorizing the sale and prescribing the form and terms for the Expanded North 27th Street Refunding Bonds. **APPROVED 11-0****

0. **Second/Final Reading Ordinance 24-5884** amending BMCC, Sec. 24-426 Permit for Loading and Unloading by Backing to Curb and Sec. 24-431 Permit for Curb Loading Zones. **APPROVED 10-1, JOY OPPOSED**
- P. **Bills for the Weeks of:**
1. April 22, 2024 **APPROVED 11-0**
  2. April 29, 2024 **APPROVED 11-0**

**REGULAR AGENDA:**

2. **PUBLIC HEARING AND RESOLUTION 24-11202** adopting Solid Waste Collection, Disposal, and Landfill Fees for Fiscal Year 2025. Staff recommends approval. **APPROVED 10-1, KENNEDY OPPOSED**
3. **PUBLIC HEARING AND FIRST READING ORDINANCE FOR ZONE CHANGE 1041:** text amendments to the zoning regulations to comply with the elements of SB 245, and adoption of the findings of the 10 review criteria. Zoning Commission recommends approval. **APPROVED 10-1, NEESE OPPOSED**
4. **PUBLIC HEARING AND FIRST READING ORDINANCE FOR ZONE CHANGE 1047:** located on the west end of Rimrock Road in Copper Ridge Subdivision, 7th and 8th Filings. Zoning Commission recommends approval and adoption of the 10 review criteria. **\*Quasi-Judicial APPROVED 9-2, TIDSWELL AND BOYETT OPPOSED**
5. **BID AWARD: W.O. 23-11: DOWNTOWN TWO-WAY STREET CONVERSION**, including all Schedules with Alternate Bs to Montana Lines Inc. Staff recommends approval. **BID AWARD APPROVED. NEESE MADE A MOTION DIRECTING STAFF TO RETURN TO COUNCIL FOR DISCUSSION AND DECISION ON BACK-IN OR FORWARD PARKING IN THE CONVERSION APPROVED 9-2, JOY AND KENNEDY OPPOSED.**
6. **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING** with Yellowstone County for Short Term Detention Facility. Staff recommends approval. **APPROVED 10-1, JOY OPPOSED**

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**COUNCIL INITIATIVES:** None

**ADJOURN: 9:38 PM**