



**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**

**JULY 8, 2024**

**5:30 P.M.**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Cole

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Mayor Cole

**INVOCATION:** Councilmember Shaw

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

Absent/  
Excused:

Staff

Present: Chris Kukulski, City Administrator  
Kevin Iffland, Assistant City Administrator  
Gina Dahl, City Attorney  
Toni Keehner, Deputy City Clerk  
Anna Vickers, Planning Division Manager  
Andy Zoeller, Finance Director  
Lora Mattox, Transportation Planning Coordinator  
Debi Meling, Public Works Director

**MINUTES:**

- May 28, 2024 **APPROVED 11-0**
- June 10, 2024 **APPROVED 11-0**

**COURTESIES:**

**PROCLAMATIONS:**

- Drug Abuse and Violence Prevention Week, July 8-13, 2024

## COUNCIL REPORTS:

### ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS - CHRIS KUKULSKI

**PUBLIC COMMENT on "NON-PUBLIC HEARING" Agenda Items: 1, 4, 5a and 5b 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: 1H2

##### A. **Bid Awards:**

1. **W.O. 23-12: Zone 4 Pump Station and Waterline Improvements.** (Opened 5/7/24) Recommend Grade A Civil, LLC. **APPROVED 11-0**

2. **W.O. 24-18: Central Avenue Water Main Extension.** (Opened 6/18/24) Recommend Earth Movers Excavation, Inc. **APPROVED 11-0**

3. **W.O. 25-03: Contract 1, City Overlay.** (Opened 6/18/24) Recommend Knife River. **APPROVED 11-0**

B. **Purchase** of 8 Public Works refuse trucks; SWS Equipment, LLC. **APPROVED 11-0**

C. **Agreement** with Community 7 Television. **APPROVED 11-0**

D. **Agreement** with YWCA for Northern Lights Family Justice Center. **APPROVED 11-0**

E. **Memorandums of Understanding** with Billings Public Schools and Billings Catholic Schools for School Resource Officer Program. **APPROVED 11-0**

F. **Donations** to the Anti-Graffiti Fund from Susan Lovely, and Diane and Scott Morledge. **APPROVED 11-0**

G. **Cancellation** of Checks and Warrants. **APPROVED 11-0**

##### H. **Bills for the Weeks of:**

1. June 3, 2024 **APPROVED 11-0**

2. June 11, 2024 **APPROVED 10-0, ASPENLIEDER ABSTAINED**

### **REGULAR AGENDA:**

2. **PUBLIC HEARING** regarding Low Income Rental Housing - Lucy's Lofts. No Council action required.

3. **PUBLIC HEARING AND RESOLUTION 24-11215** establishing and revising Planning and Engineering Divisions' fees. Staff recommends approval. **APPROVED 8-3, OWEN, KENNEDY AND ASPENLIEDER OPPOSED**

4. **TAX INCREMENT FINANCING ASSISTANCE** from the South Billings Boulevard Tax Increment Finance District to Billings Hotel and Convention Center, of up to \$463,085. South Billings Urban Renewal Association (SBURA) Board recommends approval. **APPROVED 10-1, NEESE OPPOSED**

5. **MITCHELL COURT:**
  - a. **HOME FUNDING** to Mitchell Court, LLLP for the new construction of Mitchell Court Project. Community Development (CD) Board recommends approval. **APPROVED 11-0**
  - b. **TAX INCREMENT FINANCING ASSISTANCE** from the South Billings Boulevard Tax Increment Finance District to GL Development, for Mitchell Court Apartments, a maximum of \$500,000. South Billings Urban Renewal Association (SBURA) Board recommends approval. **APPROVED 11-0**

**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:**

CM Kennedy directed staff to add a discussion to the July 22, 2024, Regular Business meeting regarding budget and employee pay.

Motion: I move to reconsider the failed resolution to adjust Municipal Court Judges salaries.

Moved by CM Boyett

Seconded by CM Aspenlieder

Mayor Cole suggested it be added to the July 22, 2024, Regular Business meeting.

**APPROVED 7-4, Gulick, Neese, Owen and Rupsis opposed**

**ADJOURN:** 8:40 P.M.