



VISION STATEMENT:
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COUNCIL ACTION SUMMARY
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING

NEW COUNCIL CHAMBERS
316 N. 26th St., 5th Floor

AGENDA
MARCH 24, 2025

5:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Cole

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Cole

INVOCATION: Councilmember Rogers

ROLL CALL:

Present: Councilmember Kendra Shaw, Ward I
Councilmember Ed Gulick, Ward I
Councilmember Roy Neese, Ward II
Councilmember Jennifer Owen, Ward II
Councilmember TJ Rogers, Ward III
Councilmember Bill Kennedy, Ward III (*Via Zoom*)
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
Gina Dahl, City Attorney
Daniela Pavek, Assistant City Attorney
Denise Bohlman, City Clerk
Gavin Woltjer, Library Director
Brandon Schmidt, Park/Cemetery Supervisor
Jeff Roach, Aviation and Transit Director
Rusty Logan, MET Transit Manager
Wyeth Friday, Planning Director
Anna Vickers, Planning Manager
Tate Johnson, Planner
Nicole Cromwell, Zoning Coordinator
Hunter Kelly, Planner

MINUTES: March 10, 2025 APPROVED 11-0

COURTESIES: Mayor Cole provided update of HB 231 and HB 155 impacts to the City should one or the other pass legislation. He noted that he, the Finance Director and the City Administrator had paid legislators visits in Helena to work on the details.

Mayor Cole acknowledged the members of Scouts Troop 52 were in attendance and welcomed them.

Councilmember Kennedy confirmed that a proclamation would be read by the Mayor in April declaring April as Child Abuse Prevention Month. He provided details of events that would occur throughout the month of April.

PROCLAMATIONS: None

COUNCIL REPORTS: Councilmember Neese noted that members of the Legislative and Local Affairs Subcommittee continued to meet on a regular basis and their most recent meeting was March 19, 2025 and they were reviewing proposed legislation.

Councilmember Boyett indicated he attended his first Beartooth RC&D board meeting in Hardin and invited members to come to a Council meeting and introduce themselves and their program.

ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS - CHRIS KUKULSKI

PUBLIC COMMENT on "NON-PUBLIC HEARING" Agenda Items: 1, 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.)

1. CONSENT AGENDA -- Separations:

A. Bid Awards:

1. Airport Runway 7/25 Reconstruction and Extension Project. (Opened 3/4/25) Recommend Askin Construction. **APPROVED 11-0**

2. W.O. 24-32: North 12th Street Gravel Street Improvements. (Opened 2/4/25) Recommend K2 Civil. **APPROVED 11-0**

B. Consultant Agreement with Kittleson & Associates to Address MDT/FHWA Review Findings -- Billings MPO 2023 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). **APPROVED 11-0**

C. Contract with ABM Industry Groups, LLC, for custodial services at Billings Operations Center. **APPROVED 11-0**

D. Contract with Pride of Montana, Inc. for custodial services at City Hall. **APPROVED 11-0**

E. Purchase and Sale Agreement with TD Properties for Park 1 ground retail space. **APPROVED 11-0**

F. Ground Lease with Yellowstone Ice Foundation to build an ice facility at Amend Park. **APPROVED 11-0**

G. West End Hangar Ground Leases with Beacon Air Group, LLC. **APPROVED 11-0**

- H. **Airport Concession Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (ACDBE) Program. APPROVED 11-0**
- I. **MET Transit Public Participation and Title VI Plan. APPROVED 11-0**
- J. **Donation** from the Friends of the Library for the Billings Public Library. **APPROVED 11-0**
- K. **Donation** from Partners for Parks to Parks and Recreation for basketball court resurfacing and paint at South Park. **APPROVED 11-0**
- L. **Donation** from Partners for Parks to Parks and Recreation for North Park benches. **APPROVED 11-0**
- M. **Donation** from WC Commercial, LLC for two parking spaces in the Stillwater Parking Garage for Billings Police Crime Prevention Center. **APPROVED 11-0**
- N. **Relocated Irrigation Ditch Easement** with the Suburban Ditch Company. **APPROVED 11-0**
- O. **Final Plat** of Grove Ventures Subdivision. ***Quasi-Judicial APPROVED 11-0**
- P. **Second/Final Reading Ordinance 25-5909** expanding the boundaries of Ward I - Annexation 25-02. **APPROVED 11-0**
- Q. **Bills for the Weeks of:**
 - 1. February 10, 2025 **APPROVED 11-0**
 - 2. February 18, 2025 **APPROVED 10-0, ASPENLIEDER ABSTAINED**
 - 3. February 24, 2025 **APPROVED 10-0, ASPENLIEDER ABSTAINED**
 - 4. March 3, 2025 **APPROVED 11-0**
- R. *** Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) Amendment No. 1** for Amend Park Recreation Campus General Contractor / Construction Manager (GC/CM); Langlas & Associates. **APPROVED 11-0**

REGULAR AGENDA:

- ~~2.~~ **5. PUBLIC HEARING AND FIRST READING ORDINANCES FOR ZONE CHANGE 1060:** housekeeping amendments to the following sections of the Zoning Code:
 - a. Sections 27-300, 27-400, 27-500, 27-600, 27-800, 27-900, 27-1000, and 27-1800, general cleanup to correct errors, cross-references, omissions and numerical mistakes. **APPROVED 11-0**
 - b. Section 27-309, Table 27-1000.1, Sec. 27-1003, and 27-1803, related to the definition of a manufactured home. **APPROVED 11-0**
 - c. Section 27-1704, options for enforcement of violations of the zoning code. **APPROVED 11-0**
 - d. Table 27-1000.1 to allow vehicle sales as a special review use within the Corridor Mixed Use 1 (CMU1) zone district. **APPROVED 11-0**

- ~~3.~~ **2. PUBLIC HEARING AND FIRST READING ORDINANCE FOR ZONE CHANGE 1062:** generally located at the southwest corner of Sierra Granda Blvd and High Sierra Blvd. Zoning Commission recommends approval and adoption of the 10 review criteria. ***Quasi-Judicial APPROVED 10-0, ASPENLIEDER ABSTAINED**
- ~~4.~~ **3. PUBLIC HEARING AND FIRST READING ORDINANCE FOR ZONE CHANGE 1063:** generally located on King Avenue West and 46th Street West. Zoning Commission recommends approval and adoption of the 10 review criteria. ***Quasi-Judicial APPROVED 10-0, ASPENLIEDER ABSTAINED**
- ~~5.~~ **4. JOINT PUBLIC HEARING FOR ANNEXATION 25-01 AND ZONE CHANGE 1061: WILSON PARK - 441 Riverside Road**
- a. **RESOLUTION 25-11262 APPROVING ANNEXATION 25-01:** generally located east of Riverside Road and north of Hannon Road, Wilson Park. Staff recommends conditional approval. ***Quasi-Judicial APPROVED 10-0, ASPENLIEDER ABSTAINED**
- b. **FIRST READING ORDINANCE FOR ZONE CHANGE 1061:** located at a 14.98 acre parcel of land known as Wilson Park. Zoning Commission recommends approval and adoption of the 10 review criteria. ***Quasi-Judicial APPROVED 10-0, ASPENLIEDER ABSTAINED**
- c. **PUBLIC HEARING AND FIRST READING ORDINANCE** expanding the boundaries of Ward I to include recently annexed property in Annexation 25-01: a parcel generally located east of Riverside Road and north of Hannon Road, Wilson Park. Staff recommends approval. **APPROVED 10-0, ASPENLIEDER ABSTAINED**

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.)*

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- 6. TABLED - Pedestrian Bicycle Master Plan.** (3/10/2025 Regular Business Meeting)
REMAINS TABLED – MOTION TO TAKE IT OFF THE TABLE FAILED 7-4,
KENNEDY, ASPENLIEDER, TIDSWELL, BOYETT, ROGERS, OWEN, AND NEESE
OPPOSED

COUNCIL INITIATIVES: None

ADJOURN: 9:19 P.M.