



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
316 N. 26th St.

APRIL 14, 2025

5:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Cole

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Cole

INVOCATION: Councilmember Kennedy

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
Councilmember Daniel Tidswell, Ward IV (Joined via Zoom at 6:45 P.M.)
Councilmember Mike Boyett, Ward V
Councilmember Tom Rupsis, Ward V
Mayor William Cole

Absent/
Excused: Councilmember Scott Aspenlieder, Ward IV

Staff
Present: Chris Kukulski, City Administrator
Kevin Iffland, Assistant City Administrator
Gina Dahl, City Attorney
Toni Keehner, Deputy City Clerk
Cole McQuillan, Parks Superintendent
Tracy Scott, Parking Manager
Brenda Beckett, Community Development Manager
Tam Rodier, Community Development Program Coordinator
Wyeth Friday, Planning Director
Jeff Roach, Aviation and Transit Director
Rusty Logan, Transit Manager
Debi Meling, Public Works Director
Derek Yeager, 911 Communications Manager

MINUTES: March 24, 2025 - Pending

COURTESIES:

PROCLAMATIONS:

- April - Child Abuse Prevention Month
- April - Keep America Beautiful / Great American Cleanup Month
- Tim Harrington, Community 7 Television, 30 years of Service

COUNCIL REPORTS:

ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS - CHRIS KUKULSKI

PUBLIC COMMENT on "NON-PUBLIC HEARING" Agenda Items: 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8 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: 1A1

A. **Bid Awards:**

1. **Dehler Park Protective Netting.** (Opened 3/4/25) Recommend Wind and Sun. **APPROVED 9-0, ASPENLIEDER AND TIDSWELL ABSENT/EXCUSED**
2. **Overlook Drive Road Rehabilitation Project.** (Opened 3/18/25) Recommend Wharton Asphalt, LLC. **APPROVED 9-0, ASPENLIEDER AND TIDSWELL ABSENT/EXCUSED**
3. **W.O. 25-08: Rose Park Trail.** (Opened 3/4/25) Recommend Rimrock Dirtworks. **APPROVED 9-0, ASPENLIEDER AND TIDSWELL ABSENT/EXCUSED**
4. **W.O. 25-25: Annual Culvert Rehab Program.** (Opened 3/4/25) Recommend Earth Movers Excavation, Inc. **APPROVED 9-0, ASPENLIEDER AND TIDSWELL ABSENT/EXCUSED**

B. **West End Hangar Ground Lease** with TFES 1167, LLC. **APPROVED 9-0, ASPENLIEDER AND TIDSWELL ABSENT/EXCUSED**

C. **Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)** with Yellowstone County for Law Enforcement Data Processing. **APPROVED 9-0, ASPENLIEDER AND TIDSWELL ABSENT/EXCUSED**

D. **Recommendation of approval** to the Policy Coordinating Committee for the addition of Grand Avenue from 41st to 62nd Street West for Federal Funding Priority. **APPROVED 9-0, ASPENLIEDER AND TIDSWELL ABSENT/EXCUSED**

E. **Recommendation of approval** to the Policy Coordinating Committee for Amendment 2 of the 2024-2028 Transportation Improvement Program. **APPROVED 9-0, ASPENLIEDER AND TIDSWELL ABSENT/EXCUSED**

F. **Amendment No. 5** to the Purchase and Sale Agreement (PSA) for City Hall building at 210 N. 27th Street with Honaker Realty, LLC and JWT Capital, LLC. **APPROVED 9-0, ASPENLIEDER AND TIDSWELL ABSENT/EXCUSED**

G. **Donation** to Parks, Recreation, and Public Lands from TrailNet for Rose Park Trail. **APPROVED 9-0, ASPENLIEDER AND TIDSWELL ABSENT/EXCUSED**

H. **Donation** to Planning and Community Services from TrailNet for permanent bikeway counters. **APPROVED 9-0, ASPENLIEDER AND TIDSWELL ABSENT/EXCUSED**

I. **Donations** to Police Department from Hanser's Towing and Patricia Schmitt for Camp Blue and other departmental needs. **APPROVED 9-0, ASPENLIEDER AND TIDSWELL ABSENT/EXCUSED**

- J. **Final Plat** for Ridgeview Subdivision. ***Quasi-Judicial** **APPROVED 9-0, ASPENLIEDER AND TIDSWELL ABSENT/EXCUSED**
- K. **Resolution 25-11263** notifying Election Administrator of mail ballot. **APPROVED 9-0, ASPENLIEDER AND TIDSWELL ABSENT/EXCUSED**
- L. **Resolution 25-11264** authorizing the sale and prescribing the form and terms for the Tax Increment bonds for the South Billings Boulevard UrbanRenewal District. **APPROVED 9-0, ASPENLIEDER AND TIDSWELL ABSENT/EXCUSED**
- M. **Second/Final Reading Ordinance 25-5906** expanding the boundaries of Ward I - Annexation 25-01. **APPROVED 9-0, ASPENLIEDER AND TIDSWELL ABSENT/EXCUSED**
- N. **Second/Final Reading Ordinances** for Zone Change 1060, Text Amendments:
 - a. Sections 27-300, 27-400, 27-500, 27-600, 27-800, 27-900, 27-1000, and 27-1800 **ORD 25-5907 APPROVED 9-0, ASPENLIEDER AND TIDSWELL ABSENT/EXCUSED**
 - b. Section 27-309, Table 27-1000.1, Sec. 27-1003, and 27-1803 **ORD 25-5908 APPROVED 9-0, ASPENLIEDER AND TIDSWELL ABSENT/EXCUSED**
 - c. Section 27-1704 **ORD 25-5909 APPROVED 9-0, ASPENLIEDER AND TIDSWELL ABSENT/EXCUSED**
 - d. Table 27-1000.1 **ORD 25-5910 APPROVED 9-0, ASPENLIEDER AND TIDSWELL ABSENT/EXCUSED**
- O. **Second/Final Reading Ordinance 25-5911** for Zone Change 1061: 441 Riverside Rd, Wilson Park. ***Quasi- Judicial** **APPROVED 9-0, ASPENLIEDER AND TIDSWELL ABSENT/EXCUSED**
- P. **Second/Final Reading Ordinance 25-5912** for Zone Change 1062: southwest corner of Sierra Granda Blvd and High Sierra Blvd. ***Quasi-Judicial** **APPROVED 9-0, ASPENLIEDER AND TIDSWELL ABSENT/EXCUSED**
- Q. **Second/Final Reading Ordinance 25-5913** for Zone Change 1063: 4500 block of King Ave. W. ***Quasi-Judicial** **APPROVED 9-0, ASPENLIEDER AND TIDSWELL ABSENT/EXCUSED**
- R. **North Parking Lot Lease** with Honaker Realty, LLC. **APPROVED 9-0, ASPENLIEDER AND TIDSWELL ABSENT/EXCUSED**
- S. **Bills for the Weeks of:**
 - 1. March 10, 2025 **APPROVED 9-0, ASPENLIEDER AND TIDSWELL ABSENT/EXCUSED**
 - 2. March 17, 2025 **APPROVED 9-0, ASPENLIEDER AND TIDSWELL ABSENT/EXCUSED**
 - 3. March 24, 2025 **APPROVED 9-0, ASPENLIEDER AND TIDSWELL ABSENT/EXCUSED**

REGULAR AGENDA:

- 2. **PUBLIC HEARING** for FY2025-2029 Consolidated Plan, FY2025-2026 Annual Action Plan, and Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) funding allocations. No action necessary.
- 3. **PUBLIC HEARING AND RESOLUTION 25-11265 approving** a property tax abatement for Rocky Vista University, LLC. Staff recommends approval. **APPROVED 10-0, ASPENLIEDER ABSENT/EXCUSED**
- 4. **RESOLUTION 25-11266** adopting the Eastern Montana Region Hazard Mitigation Plan and Yellowstone County Annex. Staff recommends approval. **APPROVED 10-0, ASPENLIEDER ABSENT/EXCUSED**

5. **TAX INCREMENT FINANCING ASSISTANCE** from the East Billings Urban Renewal District (EBURD) to Air Controls Billings, Inc. for remodeling at 2102 2nd Ave. N., up to a maximum reimbursement of \$56,699, Billings Industrial Revitalization District (BIRD) Board recommends conditional approval. **APPROVED 9-0, RUPSIS OPPOSED, ASPENLIEDER ABSENT/EXCUSED**
6. **TAX INCREMENT FINANCING ASSISTANCE** from the South Billings Boulevard Urban Renewal District (SBBURD) to Yellowstone Ice Foundation for pad site improvements of a new ice skating facility at the recreation facility at Amend Park, up to a maximum reimbursement of ~~\$783,510~~, \$784,510, South Billings Urban Renewal Association (SBURA) Board recommends conditional approval. **APPROVED 10-0, ASPENLIEDER ABSENT/EXCUSED**
7. **TAX INCREMENT FINANCING ASSISTANCE** from the South Billings Boulevard Urban Renewal District (SBBURD) to Torgerson's, LLC for development of a new heavy equipment dealership at 3508 South Frontage Road, up to a maximum reimbursement of \$843,502.05, South Billings Urban Renewal Association (SBURA) Board recommends conditional approval. **APPROVED 10-0, ASPENLIEDER ABSENT/EXCUSED**
8. **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE AND DISCUSSION.** Council to provide staff direction, if necessary. City's position in order of preference - option #1: do nothing to reduce mills; option #2: compensate city by increasing entitlement share: **APPROVED 10-0, ASPENLIEDER ABSENT/EXCUSED**
Option #3: oppose any effort to remove mill levy cap **APPROVED 9-1, MAYOR OPPOSED, ASPENLIEDER ABSENT/EXCUSED**

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COUNCIL INITIATIVES:

ADJOURN: 9:26 P.M.