



VISION STATEMENT:

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**COUNCIL ACTION SUMMARY
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING**

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

AGENDA
April 28, 2025

5:30 5:40 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Cole

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Cole

INVOCATION: Councilmember Aspenlieder 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 TJ Rogers, Ward III
Councilmember Bill Kennedy, Ward III
Councilmember Scott Aspenlieder, Ward IV (via Zoom)
Councilmember Daniel Tidswell, Ward IV (via Zoom)
Councilmember Mike Boyett, Ward V
Councilmember Tom Rupsis, Ward V
Mayor William Cole

Staff

Present: Chris Kukulski, City Administrator (via Zoom)
Kevin Iffland, Assistant City Administrator
Gina Dahl, City Attorney
Denise Bohlman, City Clerk
Gavin Woltjer, Library Director
Wyeth Friday, Planning Director
Brenda Beckett, Community Development Manager
Anna Vickers, Planning Manager
Karen Husman, Planner
Lora Mattox, Transportation Planner
Elyse Monat, Active Transportation Planner
Debi Meling, Public Works Director
Mac Fogelsong, City Engineer
Sarah Plath, Staff Engineer
John Caterino, Facilities Manager

MINUTES:

- March 24, 2025 – **APPROVED 11-0** with following changes:
 - On Page 2, a motion to remove Items 1C and 1D from the agenda was voted upon and approved. No vote was taken as noted in the draft minutes.
 - On Page 5, after the motion that Councilmember Neese made that did not receive a second, there was voting information that did not occur.
- April 14, 2025 – **APPROVED 11-0**

COURTESIES:

- Recognition of the Billings All Stars Cheer Team, Royalty, won the Allstar World Cheerleading Championship Title in Orlando, FL. The girls range from 9 to 17 years of age. The award was the first ever to be won by a Montana cheer team.
- Those who are reading the Bible over the next 3-4 days in preparation for National Day of Prayer
- Police Chief St. John received Honorary Doctorate from Rocky Mountain College.
- Bright N Beautiful cleanup was Saturday.

PROCLAMATIONS:

- National Therapy Animal Day - April 30, 2025
- National Travel and Tourism Week - May 4-10, 2025

COUNCIL REPORTS: None

ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS - CHRIS KUKULSKI

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE AND POSSIBLE COUNCIL DIRECTION:

Motion: I move to remove Consent Agenda Items 1F and 1G and have them brought back to Work Session on May 5th. **FAILED 8-3, SHAW, GULICK AND RUPSI (9 votes were needed for approval)**

PUBLIC COMMENT on "NON-PUBLIC HEARING" Agenda Items: 1 - Consent Agenda; Regular Agenda Item 4; and Special Presentations 1 and 2 ONLY. Speaker sign-in required. (Comments are limited to three 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: 1B, 1C, 1F and 1G

A. Bid Awards:

1. **W.O. 25-26: Water Treatment Plant Sediment Hauling.** (Opened 4/7/25) Recommend K2 Civil, Inc. **APPROVED 11-0**

- B. **Amendment No. 1, Amend Park Recreation Campus; A&E Design. APPROVED 9-2, KENNEDY AND NEESE OPPOSED**
- C. ***Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) Amendment No. 1A for Amend Park Recreation Campus General Contractor / Construction Manager (GC/CM); Langlas & Associates. APPROVED 9-2, KENNEDY AND NEESE OPPOSED**
- D. **Amendment No. 27, expansion and remodel of the Airline Ticket Counters and installation of a new In-line Baggage Belt System, Morrison-Maierle, Inc. APPROVED 11-0**
- E. **Amendment No. 28, reconstruction and extension of Runway 7/25; Morrison-Maierle, Inc. APPROVED 11-0**
- F. **Contract with Pride of Montana for custodial services at New City Hall (316 N. 26th St.). APPROVED TO DELAY TO MAY 5th WORK SESSION - 7-4, SHAW, GULICK, RUPSID AND TIDSWELL OPPOSED**
- G. **Contract with ABM Industry Groups, LLC for custodial services at the Billings Operations Center (4810, 4845, 4848, 4850 Midland Rd.). APPROVED TO DELAY TO MAY 5th WORK SESSION - 7-4, SHAW, GULICK, RUPSID AND TIDSWELL OPPOSED**
- H. **Five-Year FY2025-2029 Consolidated Plan, FY2025-2026 Annual Action Plan, and the allocation of CDBG and HOME FY25-26 funding. APPROVED 11-0**
- I. **Grant to Fire Department from State Farm for CMC rope rescue class. APPROVED 11-0**
- J. **Petition to Renew Downtown Billings Business Improvement District (BID 0001). APPROVED 11-0**
- K. **Acknowledge Receipt of Petition to Vacate Block 31 of Annafeld Subdivision, Fifth Filing, and setting a Public Hearing for May 27, 2025. APPROVED 11-0**
- L. **Preliminary Plat of Annafeld Subdivision, 7th Filing. *Quasi-Judicial APPROVED 11-0**
- M. **Bills for the Weeks of:**
 - 1. March 31, 2025 APPROVED 11-0
 - 2. April 7, 2025 APPROVED 11-0

REGULAR AGENDA:

- 2. **PUBLIC HEARING** for land use contrary to zoning for Orchard School. No action necessary.
- 3. **PUBLIC HEARING AND FIRST READING ORDINANCE FOR ZONE CHANGE 1064:** generally located at 1115, 1116, 1121, 1122, 1126 and 1127 Buffalo Crossing Drive. Zoning Commission recommends approval and adoption of the 10 review criteria. ***Quasi-Judicial APPROVED 11-0**

4. **APPROVAL** to forward a Recommendation of Approval for Amendment No. 1, of the Billings Metropolitan Planning Organization's (MPO) FY25 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP), to the Policy Coordinating Committee (PCC). Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) recommends approval. **APPROVED 11-0**

Motion: I move to reorganize the remainder of the agenda to have the Public Comment on "Non-Agenda Items" be heard before the Special Presentations. **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.*)

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

1. **Section 6-1208, BMCC** - Curb Cut Ordinance Update and Discussion.

Motion: I move to direct staff to remove all references to private streets from this ordinance and address those separately in the Code. **APPROVED 11-0**

2. **Transportation Corridor Plan Update.**

COUNCIL INITIATIVES: None

ADJOURN: 9:02 PM