

COUNCIL ACTION SUMMARY
CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING

COUNCIL CHAMBERS
316 N. 26th Street, 5th Floor

AGENDA
DECEMBER 8, 2025

5:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Cole

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Cole

INVOCATION: Mayor Cole

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
Councilmember Daniel Tidswell, 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
Brandon Schmidt, Cemetery Supervisor
Brandan Wooley, Police Captain
Wyeth Friday, Planning and Community Development Director (Via Zoom)
Andy Zoeller, Finance Director
Debi Meling, Public Works Director

MINUTES: November 24, 2025 - Pending

COURTESIES:

PROCLAMATIONS:

COUNCIL REPORTS:

ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS - CHRIS KUKULSKI

PUBLIC COMMENT on "NON-PUBLIC HEARING" Agenda Items: 1, 2 and 3 ONLY. Speaker sign-in required. (Comments are limited to three (3) minutes or as set by the Mayor. Please sign the roster at the counter located at the entrance of Council chambers. 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, 1E, 1N, 1O1 and 1O2

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

1. APPOINTMENTS 21-27 DELAYED TO JANUARY WORK SESSION

APPROVED 7-4, SHAW, GULICK, RUPSIS AND MAYOR COLE OPPOSED

	Name	Board/Commission	Term	
			Begins	Ends
1	Jill Paul	Animal Control Board	01/01/26	12/31/29
2	No Applications	Animal Control Board	01/01/26	12/31/29
3	No Applications	Animal Control Board	01/01/26	12/31/29
4	No Applications	Animal Control Board*	01/01/26	12/31/29
5	Anna O'Donnell	Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee	01/01/26	12/31/28
6	Blake Wahrlich	Billings BID	01/01/26	12/31/29
7	Randy Stone	Billings BID	01/01/26	12/31/29
8	Peter Sanderson	Billings Parking Board	01/01/26	12/31/29
9	Jennifer Webber	Billings Parking Board	01/01/26	12/31/29
10	Brian Kesarich	Billings Parking Board	01/01/26	12/31/29
11	No Applications	Billings Parking Board	01/01/26	12/31/29
12	George Warmer	Board of Adjustment	01/01/26	12/31/29
13	Michael Bruschwein	Board of Adjustment	01/01/26	12/31/29
14	Chris Hayes	Board of Adjustment	01/01/26	12/31/29
15	Josh Sayer	Board of Adjustment	01/01/26	12/31/29
16	Elizabeth Shumaker	Board of Adjustment	01/01/26	12/31/29
17	No Applications	Board of Adjustment	01/01/26	12/31/29
18	No Applications	Board of Adjustment	01/01/26	12/31/29
19	Josh Sayer	Board of Appeals	01/01/26	12/31/29
20	No Applications	Board of Appeals	01/01/26	12/31/29
21	Denise Boggie	Citizens Police Advisory Board	01/01/26	12/31/29
22	Jordan Webber	Citizens Police Advisory Board	01/01/26	12/31/29
23	No Applications	Citizens Police Advisory Board	01/01/26	12/31/29
24	Joseph Stout	Citizens Police Advisory Board	01/01/26	12/31/29
25	Kari Boiter	Citizens Police Advisory Board	01/01/26	12/31/29
26	Michael Fuss	Citizens Police Advisory Board	01/01/26	12/31/29
27	Derek Grimmell	Citizens Police Advisory Board	01/01/26	12/31/29
28	No Applications	Community Development Board - Low-Mod	01/01/26	12/31/29
29	Andy Zoeller	Downtown Revolving Loan Committee	01/01/26	12/31/29
30	Lucy Aspinwall	Downtown Revolving Loan Committee	01/01/26	12/31/29
31	Zachary Dunn	Downtown Revolving Loan Committee	01/01/26	12/31/29
32	Kim Olsen	Downtown Revolving Loan Committee	01/01/26	12/31/29
33	Heather Kirpach	Downtown Revolving Loan Committee	01/01/26	12/31/29
34	Mark Hutchinson	Exchange City Golf Corp	01/01/26	12/31/29
35	Zach Audet	Housing Authority	01/01/26	12/31/30
36	Tara Williamson	Human Relations Commission*	01/01/26	12/31/28
37	Erin Tate	Human Relations Commission	01/01/26	12/31/29
38	Staci Samuelson	Library Board	01/01/26	12/31/29
39	Trudi Paulson	Library Board	01/01/26	12/31/29
40	Jennifer Smith	Library Board	01/01/26	12/31/29
41	Lawrence Klee	Library Board	01/01/26	12/31/29
42	Jim Rott	Parks, Recreation & Cemetery Board	01/01/26	12/31/29
43	Laura Drager	Parks, Recreation & Cemetery Board	01/01/26	12/31/29
44	Jon Thompson	Parks, Recreation & Cemetery Board	01/01/26	12/31/29
45	Aaron Redland	Public Works Board	01/01/26	12/31/29
46	Morgan Sevier	Public Works Board	01/01/26	12/31/29
47	Hanna Teti	EBURD Advisory Committee	01/01/26	TBD*

48	Allen Hodges	EBURD Advisory Committee	01/01/26	TBD*
49	Stefan Cattarin	SBBURD Advisory Committee	10/01/26	TBD*

4* - Unexpired term of John Scheuering

36* - Unexpired term of Jeanelle Wassmer

- B. Bid Awards:** None
- C. Cooperative Purchasing Agreement** with Axon Enterprise for Police Department equipment and software. **APPROVED 11-0**
- D. 2026 City-County Special Investigations Unit (CCSIU)** agreement. **APPROVED 11-0**
- E. Memorandum of Agreement** with Beartooth Resource Conservation and Development Area, Inc. (Beartooth RC&D). **APPROVED 9-2, KENNEDY AND ASPENLIEDER OPPOSED**
- F. Purchase** of eight (8) Paratransit small buses; Northwest Bus, Inc. **APPROVED 11-0**
- G. 2026 Domestic Violence Grant Award** for Police Department. **APPROVED 11-0**
- H. First Interstate Bank Grant** to the Fire Department. **APPROVED 11-0**
- I. Donations** to the Billings Public Library from Montana Arts for Senior Art; Brooklyn Public Library; and Friends of the Library. **APPROVED 11-0**
- J. Donation** to Parks and Recreation from Partners for Parks. **APPROVED 11-0**
- K. Annexation Agreement** with Kenneth Kramer, Jack Kramer, Gerald Kramer, Larry Kramer, and Carolyn Gerondale. **APPROVED 11-0**
- L. Resolution 25-11309** approving the FY2027 Equipment Replacement Plan (ERP). **APPROVED 11-0**
- M. Resolution 25-11310** approving the FY2027 Technology Replacement Plan (TRP). **APPROVED 11-0**
- N. Second/Final Reading Ordinance 25-5925** expanding the boundaries of Ward IV - Annexation 25-05. **APPROVED 10-0, ASPENLIEDER ABSTAINED**
- O. Bills for the Weeks of:**
 - 1. November 3, 2025 **APPROVED 10-0, ASPENLIEDER ABSTAINED**
 - 2. November 10, 2025 **APPROVED 10-0, RUP SIS ABSTAINED**

REGULAR AGENDA:

- 2. TAX INCREMENT FINANCING ASSISTANCE** from the Downtown Urban Renewal TIF District for Frontier Law Firm for building facade improvements at 2923 Montana Avenue, up to \$14,194.64. Downtown Billings Partnership (DBP) Board recommends approval. **APPROVED 11-0**
- 3. RESOLUTION 25-11311** approving the FY2027-FY2031 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). Staff recommends approval. **APPROVED AS AMENDED 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:

ADJOURN: 8:03 PM