

**COUNCIL ACTION SUMMARY  
CITY OF BILLINGS**

**CITY OF BILLINGS VISION STATEMENT:**

**“THE MAGIC CITY – A VIBRANT, WELCOMING PLACE WHERE  
PEOPLE FLOURISH AND BUSINESS THRIVES.”**

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**SPECIAL SESSION  
AGENDA**

**COUNCIL CHAMBERS**      **January 3, 2012**      **5:30 P.M.**

**CALL TO ORDER** – Mayor Hanel

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Mayor Hanel

**INVOCATION** – Mayor Hanel

**ROLL CALL** – Councilmembers present on roll call were: Ronquillo, Pitman, Cimmino, McFadden, Bird, McCall, Ulledalen, Astle, and Crouch. Councilmember Cromley was excused.

**ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS - TINA VOLEK**

Ms. Volek advised she had no Administrator's Report, and no items were filed in the ex parte notebook.

**PUBLIC COMMENT on “NON-PUBLIC HEARING” Agenda Items: 1 & 2 ONLY.**

**Speaker sign-in required.** (Comments offered here are limited to one (1) minute. Please sign up on the clipboard located at the podium. Comment 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. Please sign up on the clipboard located at the podium.)

The public comment period was opened. There were no speakers, and the public comment period was closed.

**SPECIAL AGENDA:**

1. **Oath of Office** for Municipal Court Judge Sheila Kolar. **Oath was administered by Mayor Hanel.**
  
2. **Oaths of Office** for Councilmembers Becky Bird, Ken Crouch, Jani McCall, and Denis Pitman. **Oaths were administered by Municipal Court Judge Sheila Kolar.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT** on Non-Agenda Items -- Speaker Sign-in required. (*Restricted to ONLY items not on this printed agenda; comments limited to three (3) minutes per speaker. Please sign up on the clipboard located at the podium.*)

The public comment period was opened.

- **Spencer Stone, 1101 N. 22<sup>nd</sup> Street, Billings, MT**, thanked the Council for approving the resolution creating the park district at their meeting on December 19, 2011. He said as a cyclist and a user of the multi-use trails, he felt the parks and trails were in need of repair.

There were no other speakers, and the public comment period was closed.

## **COUNCIL INITIATIVES**

- **Ulledalen:** Said there were realtors talking about pursuing changes in state laws in the next legislature. Councilmember Ulledalen MOVED that (1) staff and the realtors work together to get some guidance so they were on the same page; and (2) staff look at specific city policies relative to park dedication for things that worked, did not work, and if there were things that needed addressed. He said a lot of the park policies did not make sense and it would be an opportunity to fix the whole thing collectively. The motion was seconded by Mayor Hanel. On a voice vote, the motion was unanimously approved.
- **Ronquillo:** Asked for an explanation on the sheriff's auction for the Field of Dreams property since the City owned it. City Administrator Volek advised the City owned a portion of the property, which they leased to Field of Dreams in return for the provision of some trees on an annual basis. She said she believed Field of Dreams owned the rest of the land, and she had asked the legal staff to make sure the people conducting the sale were made aware that the City was a partial property owner and that the city's land should not be disposed of with the rest of the property. City Attorney Brooks said they were preparing a letter to send to the individual doing the foreclosure so they would know not all land involved was owned by Field of Dreams. He said the letter would have a property description to distinguish which part of the property was owned by the City. He said he was confident the person conducting the foreclosure was already aware of it, but they were sending the letter as a precautionary measure.

**ADJOURN:** 5:50 p.m.

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