

City Council Work Session

5:30 PM
Council Chambers
Date: December 1, 2014

ATTENDANCE:

Mayor/Council (please check) Hanel, Cromley, Yakawich, Cimmino, Pitman, McFadden, Bird, Swanson, McCall, Crouch, Brown(at 6:40)

Recorder was not turned on until 6:05.

Agenda

TOPIC #1: City Healthcare Provider

- Tina Volek: Introduction of topics and speakers.
- Karla Stanton, Human Resources Director: Plan history. Health plan committee history and progress.

Opening Remarks

- Employee benefits environment
 - Competitive to attract, retain
 - Costs – employees, tax payers
 - Collective bargaining
 - Insurance Committee

Health Insurance Committee Collective Bargaining Agreement

9.2 HEALTH AND LIFE INSURANCE

A. The following language will apply to health insurance:

1. Future contribution changes to the City's Health Insurance Plan shall be shared equally (50%/50%) between the employees and the City. Contribution changes can be either increases or decreases. Contribution adjustments can be either in dollars contributed or in modifications to the plan benefits. All modifications shall be with the approval of the Insurance Committee. It is the intent of the Committee to reach the consultant recommended reserve level over a period of time.

2. Billings Health Insurance Committee: The City of Billings shall establish a City of Billings Health Insurance Committee to maintain a group health insurance plan for employees of the City of Billings and their dependents. The committee shall consist of 15 member appointed as follows:

- a. Three (3) members of each employee union appointed by each union.
- b. Six (6) members appointed by the City Administrator. One (1) member shall be a retired City employee currently covered by the City health insurance plan.

The Committee will manage the City Health Insurance Plan and report directly to the City Administrator. The committee shall meet at least quarterly to:

- 1). Review the existing City group health insurance plan;
- 2). Review the claims experience, projections and plan problems;
- 3). Maintain the plan on a sound actuarial basis;
- 4). Be responsible for all changes in plan design, administrators or carriers;
- 5). Establish plan premium rates and cost sharing by both the City and the employees.
- 6). Advise the City Administrator on all other group insurance matters;
- 7). Decisions will be made by a simple majority vote where all members have one vote and can vote by absentee ballot.

- Don Heilman – Area Senior Vice President of Gallagher Benefit Services Inc.: Health Plan Evolution from 2000 to date.

Medical Plan Evolution

- Progression and highlights:
 - Initially went from one plan to three plans, with design and pricing, predicted by driving principles.
 - Subsequent increases continually evaluated:
 - Eliminated implicit subsidy and phased out Medicare-eligible retiree coverage (prophetic – GASB 45).
 - Moved to more rational employer support for employees versus dependents.
 - Incremental plan design changes – went to two plans in 2012, one of which is a high deductible health plan, now at roughly 25% penetration.
- Total effective employee cost share (premiums & plan cost sharing) had gradually and pragmatically increased, and represented defensible, competitive value.

Network Considerations

- Initial direct provider contracting, through innovation “dual PPO” approach.
- Positioned at complete parity, but with notion of incorporating value-based contribution approach.

2010, 2011 Plan Financial Deterioration

- Through focused education, achieved more migration to the high deductible health plan than anticipated – fine longer term, but causing additional short term stress on revenues.
- **Significant** number of large claims, many chronic.
 - Depleted reserves
 - Need for significant increases in funding and/or plan design to meet requirement for “actuarial soundness”.

Exploration of Alternatives

- Variety of plan design and contribution changes modeled to demonstrate requirements to fund expenses and make progress in replenishing reserves.

- Variations of value based approach revisited, including having one health system as sole in-network option.
 - Predicated on leverage of reduced choice/increased volume.
- Resulted in working with EBMS, through its existing network management role, to request proposals from two health systems as sole in-network provider.

Key Proposal Criteria

- Pricing concessions
- As much movement away from discounts as basis for reimbursement as possible.
 - DRGs – inpatient hospital
 - RV RBS – professional
 - Global fees – select high cost procedures
- Multiple year assurances

Employee Education

- Committee members reached out to their respective employee groups to receive feedback regarding the exclusive in-network arrangement.
- Human Resources conducted presentations to employees summarizing the status of the Health Plan, as well as, the scenarios facing the Committee.
- Human Resources sent letters to all employees on the Health Plan depicting 2 scenarios being considered by the Health Insurance Committee.

Findings

- SVH/RMHN submitted a compelling proposal.
- Billings Clinic essentially proposed “status quo”.
- Modeling suggested that additional savings, based on various assumptions, along with previously agreed upon plan design changes, would meet the Plan’s financial objectives and requirements, with NO year-over-year change in employee contributions.

Actions

- The Health Insurance Committee voted 13 – 1 for an Exclusive In-Network arrangement.
- Employees
 - While certainly some concerns, mitigated by extensive employee education demonstrating the process and supporting the decision.
 - Died down to virtually non-existent concerns within 4-6 weeks of decision.
 - Employee concerns actually far greater as a result of mandatory miRx prescription drug usage for maintenance drugs, also implemented to achieve cost savings.
- Committee continues to strongly support decision and interact with SVH/RMHN, setting expectations for service, as part of ongoing partnership.

Financial Results

- Total costs **decreased** in 2012 by 10% versus prior year.
 - In part due to normative to favorable large claims experience.
- Required nominal increases in funding in 2013, and no changes in 2014 or 2015.
- Only plan design changes since 2012 have been improvements, as mandated by the Affordable Care Act.

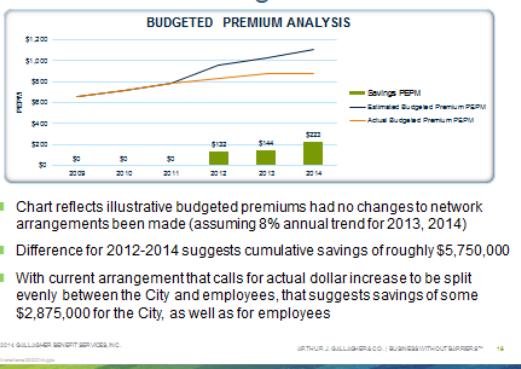
- Plan went from underfunded to now having reserves above established targets established jointly by consultant and Committee (and supported by management).

Per Employee Monthly Costs

Total Expenses (PEPM)

2009	\$708.04
2010	\$777.83
2011	\$851.39
2012	\$767.92
2013	\$685.76
2014 YTD	\$692.35

Illustrative Savings – 2012-2014



Outlook for Continuing Partnership

- Partnership will continue to contribute to more cost efficient, integrated delivery and administration of services.
- Leading edge approach now aligned with general trends in marketplace.
 - Narrowing networks.
 - Integrated care and population health management.
 - Coupled with assurances from SVH/RMHN to extend current terms, the current partnership positions the City favorably relative to the Cadillac tax under the ACA.

Outlook for Continuing Partnership

- Discussions ongoing to move to dedicated City access to preventive/primary care, similar to an “onsite” clinic.
 - Multiple locations
 - Convenience and access
 - City-designated providers
 - Knowledge of plan, network and initiatives
 - Akin to a “patient centered medical home” concept – another evolving trend.

Summary

- Provider choice is still available, but at a higher cost for out-of-network.
- Maintained and even increased health benefits.

- Successful in maintaining costs, and building reserves creating savings for the City, the employees, and the tax payers.
- Brown: Higher copay for BC (Billings Clinic) patients? Is there a 20% cost difference between St V (St. Vincent) and BC.
- Don Heilman: Approximation but mainly a move to drive employees to lower cost provider.
- Pitman: Amount of reserves and is there a cap?
- Karla Stanton: Our reserve level right now is at \$6.2M, and a recommended reserve at about \$1.8M. We have said is it time for our premium holidays every time we have gone back and met with our committee. Is it time for reductions in premium? The Committee is seasoned and they have seen us go through money very quickly. Right now they are still saying if we can hold those increases and keep the premiums flat, they are ok at least for another year. They will watch and see what happens because we were on it long enough to see how fast we can go through \$3-4M. They are more cautious. Right now there is no cap on this level. Our recommend reserve level is \$1.4M.
- Tina Volek: Have had a remarkable absence of some of the very high costs events we've had previously.
- Karla Stanton: We have stop loss coverage where we insure for any claims over \$215,000. Then we have a \$50,000 aggregate which means we cover the first \$215,000 on one individual and an additional \$50,000 on a combination of individuals. And then we are on the hook for everything up to that \$215,000 threshold. There have been years we have had 10 employees reach that \$200,000. It is a huge impact. We will continue to have those discussions to answer your questions.
- Mayor Hanel: What programs are in place as far as preventive care or wellness within the City for employees?
- Karla Stanton: We have a Wellness Committee who quarterly sends our programs to get people more active, and more involved with our healthcare. We are also doing an incentive where we bring onsite health assessments through our partnership with St. V's. We are able to do blood work, BMI's, blood pressures, etc., and get people involved so they know what their numbers are. If you can catch someone, for example with high cholesterol and they start taking meds, it will cost us a lot less in the future. We have money in our reserves to give our employees incentives.
- Don Heilman: With the health reserves, as we talk about wellness and incentives, what we have been able to do is use the health and reserves to purchase the services around wellness. Otherwise it would have to be funded through other expenditures.
- Mayor Hanel: Ms. Volek thank you for acknowledging that the Council had nothing to do with a vote on this matter. I have searched for minutes and there are none as far as the discussion. Haven't seen the contract, or prior ones with Billings Clinic.

- Tina Volek: There are some proprietary issues associated with that contract. EBMS is the agent that prepares those agreements and has those documents in their control. We do not maintain them at the City.
- Karla Stanton: If we were going to provide those, all the information would be redacted out of them. We made a promise to Billings Clinic and St. V's when we went through the RFP process. The information they provide to us would be proprietary and confidential. If you requested, we can provide but it will look like any other contract with all of the fees redacted out.
- Mayor Hanel: Thanks for the presentation and committee. What concerns me is as a Council and a governing body we rely on boards and commissions to provide us with advice. Part of the cost is by employees and tax payers of the City. Concerned about \$6.2 million reserve.
- Karla Stanton: One thing that will have an impact on us in the next couple of months. We have three participants on the plan right now that will reach our stop loss and will probably continue into the next year. That will start over in January. Health Insurance is a peak and it is a valley and you ride it out. We have been very lucky in our large claims costs. That is starting to turn the other way.
- Bird: What is the average employee age?
- Karla Stanton: Age 46.
- Bird: What percentage of our City employees has ongoing chronic medical conditions that could exacerbate our costs?
- Karla Stanton: I don't know but we can get that information. Don Heilman had referenced earlier that in January of 2001, we had made the decision to no longer offer health insurance to our Medicare eligible. At that point we had grandfathered everybody in. We still have about 8 participants that are Medicare eligible from the ones grandfathered in. The older we all get, the more healthcare costs increase. Our retirees on the plan are covered through age 65, and they do have higher costs.
- Bird: Where are we at in terms of chronic and costly care for our dependents that are on the plan?
- Karla Stanton: We don't have any children that will reach stop loss at this time, but we do have some spouses. We have roughly 2,250 participants on the plan. Our children don't cost us a lot of money. It is the adults.
- Pitman: Affordable Care Act and Cadillac tax, and penalty for self-insurance. Do you know where we are at and does that penalty come out of our excess money that we have?
- Don Heilman: Under the Affordable Care Act we are getting in 2014, there were three fundamental fees. One is called the Patient Center Outcome Research Institute Fee. It is a fee that all employers have to have whether insurer is self-funded in order to fund this research. By law it is not to be a health fund expense. It is an employer or an insurer expense. Because the funds are not in a trust, they are general assets. Because the City manages a self-insured plan, the benefit to them for that purpose is a health insurer fee is only payable by insured carriers. You are able to avoid that cost by being self-funded. The other fee that is paid regardless if you are insured or self-funded is called the transitional reinsurance fee. That first assessment will be due early in 2015. That amount is \$63 per

member per year. That is an expense of the plan and is being paid out of the fund balance and is not a general fund but a health fund expense. That number goes down in 2015, 2016, and then sunsets after 3 years. Those are being absorbed by, and budgeted through the health plan.

- Yakawich: The fact you negotiated is commendable. I support you.
- Swanson: What kind of role does Medicare play in our reimbursement program?
- Don Heilman: Medicare doesn't impact but method of payment is partially adopted in City's plan. Medicare cost controls are impacting insured plans.
- Cimmino: Why didn't Councilmembers have the information in advance?
- Tina Volek: The program was being worked on even today. Some of that as a result of my having been absent last week and not being present to give feedback. We were working on the numbers.
- Cimmino: Email the presentation after the meeting? Employee comments about having to switch providers. Council is decision maker, so why was this not approved by Council? Confidentiality?
- Tina Volek: This was approved by the Health Insurance Committee in keeping with your negotiated contract. Can give you the contract with St. V. but it will be redacted. There was more than \$1M difference between the two proposals when they came to us.
- Pitman: Taxpayers don't have a say? Some committees have Councilmembers on them. Could a Councilmember be a member of the committee?
- Tina: Would require a bargained change to the BCAs. Will bargain next year, so could be negotiated at that time.
- Bird: Committee members are also taxpayers. Are we doing enough on wellness and what are the challenges? Any evidence that wellness programs work and what is their value to the plan and people? How many active employees are eligible for retirement? In 2015 contributions to flex plan won't be forfeited?
- Karla Stanton: Affordable Care Act requires preventative services and they're better than ever, need more active wellness committee members.
- Don Heilman: Flexible Spending Accounts will still be forfeited. Discussed by Congress but not passed.
- Bird: Can you tell us of what percentage of City employees currently working, are eligible for retirement?
- Karla Stanton: I don't know that off the top of my head. We have the most retirements this year since I have been here. There are 13 this December.
- Bird: We are going to see more retirements which is something we need to be concerned about in terms of being self-insured and being able to pay for impending healthcare costs that are going to come our way.
- Karla Stanton: Because it is so expensive to be on our health insurance as a retiree, people are really holding out to retire until they are 65 and Medicare eligible.
- Tina Volek: We do require retirees who participate in our plan, to pay both sides of the full premium. The City does not contribute to their premium. However, they will often have additional costs which make their cost higher.

- Karla Stanton: When we made that adjustment to have employees pay more for families just to get more of balance, that was also made with our retirees. There is still some subsidization but not to the level it was at one point. It is still very high insuring a retiree and a spouse.
- Tina Volek: Several years ago we added Health Savings Accounts which allowed an individual to put the money into a bank that they could use to offset the portion of their healthcare that they have to pay. Employees who leave employment and have not used that money can take it with them to pay for future healthcare costs. We have actively encouraged and a lot of the management team is on the HSA process, because it is transferrable at departure. It is \$3,000 for a family and \$1,500 for an individual that has to be paid before the City kicks in for the costs under that plan. It is pre-taxed deduction and can be very beneficial. We do encourage our long-term employees to look at that plan.
- Brown: Admirable presentation. Since Council has no say in decisions, reserves are 5 or 6 times the recommended amount, what is going to happen?
- Don Heilman: Since the plan is self-insured what we have to do is project what we think the claims might be in a year. Our projections have been missed and we have come in above or below. The good news is that accumulates a reserve balance that is now healthy. What the committee decides to do with that is not something we can predict at this point. We are trying to be reasonable in terms of being more progressive in our assumption in projections in the future. If you look at 2011, part of the challenge that year was we had 10 large claimants. The last two or three years we have had a very favorable large claim exposure anywhere from 0 to 2 claimants. In 2015 it is possible to have 10 again. We are also seeing a remarkable spike in specialty drugs. These drugs can run \$50,000 to \$100,000 a year, let alone the treatment. That will be creating some stress on the large claim prevalence into the future. When you look at the average age as 47, a lot of these conditions are chronic related. We are trying to be conservative but we are also trying to be reasonable because the goal is not to sit on a bunch of money that is not going to better use for everyone.
- Mayor Hanel: Can the Council get the committee minutes?
- Karla Stanton: Yes, we will make those available.
- Mayor Hanel: Is it a three year agreement?
- Karla Stanton: It was three years initially, and then extended indefinitely. It is written that way. Either party within 90 days can void that agreement.
- Tina Volek: We have already signed the agreement for the coming budget fiscal year. We would need at least a year if we were to go out for another RFP to go through that process. And then to transition. Having been in a similar circumstance, one thing that is most upsetting to employees is to bounce back and forth. That is one of the reasons there was discussion of a single provider for a continued period of time.
- Cimmino: Standard condition to allow indefinite contracts?
- Brent Brooks, City Attorney: Annual renewal upon mutual agreement is common.
- Hanel: Thanks. This was a mystery up until now and some is still hidden by confidentiality agreement.

Public Comment:

- Kurt Alme, St. Vincent Board of Directors member. Contract has received particular attention because it's important to Hospital Administration and City.
- Steve Loveless, CEO St. V: We value this relationship and feel like we have added value to the City. Think we can continue adding value to contract.
- Carol Beam, President/CEO of Rocky Mountain Health Network: We are the physician organization that provides the professional services for the City of Billings employees. We have become great partners with the City of Billings. Praise the City for decisions. We are looking forward to a very long term relationship.

TOPIC #2: Special Events Right-of-Way Committee Report

- Tina Volek: December 2013 the City Council by Resolution, created a Special Events Right of Way committee to address issues involving the use of the City streets and sidewalks for public events which are increasing, particularly in the downtown area. There have been several challenges for the committee chaired by Councilmember Cromley. They have met monthly and our direction was to produce by the end of this year, a recommendation to the City Council. We have that recommendation to present to you. Introduced Lisa Harmon, Tasha Potratz, and Joe Stout from the Downtown Billings Partnership.
- Debi Meling, City Engineer:

**Special Events in Billings Montana
Ad Hoc Committee Report**

History –

- Presented to City Council in late 2013 (Resolution 12/9/2013)
 - Success!
 - Event Dependent to Destination
 - Event Congestion
 - Becoming a CITY
 - Larger
 - Vibrant Downtown
 - Residences
 - Awareness of “brick and mortar” business
 - Public Needs
- Ad Hoc Committee Formed and Met throughout 2014
- Presenting results in accordance with 12/31/2014 deadline

Goal of Discussion

- Keep downtown vibrant!
- Strike a balance
 - Manage downtown to maximize the use but not negatively impact businesses, residences, event sponsors, and the public
- Criteria Guidance
 - Variable by event

- Objective but flexible
- Not based on specific events
- Minimize liability to City and sponsors

Ad Hoc Committee

- Councilmember Brent Cromley
- Downtown Businesses
 - Sean Graves, Mike Smith, Lisa Harmon
- Downtown Users
 - Randy Hafer, Todd Buchanan, William Wood
- Event Sponsors
 - Amanda Lechner, Julie Burton
- Billings Chamber of Commerce
 - Alex Tyson
- City Staff

Issues Discussed Over the Year

Type of Event

- Developed criteria instead of definition
 - Promote the community as a whole
 - Provides positive civic and economic benefit
 - Weighs impacts on neighboring businesses and properties
 - Weighs impact on public uses
 - Considers frequency of closures
 - Considers the event's financial impact
 - Evaluates performance regarding previous permit conditions

Rules and Restrictions

- Hours/time / number per year / area – 2
- How many on one day? – Multiple if appropriate
- First requested? – Annual up to Feb. 1, first submitted after
- Cost Issues - \$100 application fee + alcohol permits
- Details / Requirements for events – application
- Noise – permit process, hours
- Location
 - Parade / Procession / Run – on standard routes
 - NOT one location for events
 - Not arterials (MT, 1st, 4th, 6th, N 27th downtown, others outside)
- Grandfather – guidelines and processes don't require any

Next Steps

- New application
- Administrative Order for noise
- Modifications to process to improve communication
- Ad Hoc to meet in a year to review

- Debi Meling: We have seen great success and we have a lot of businesses, events, and people coming downtown.
- Pitman: (Inaudible) Question on where the \$100 application fee goes?
- Debi Meling: The \$100 right now goes to my staff. It covers my their time which is the Administrative part of it.
- Tina Volek: (Inaudible) There is everything from the Fire Dept., Police Dept., Solid Waste, City Attorney's Office, and Parking Division who all look at this. We would double that application if we were to cover all the actual costs we have tracked. There is some assumption that because we benefit from those things and having business downtown we absorb some of that. We could track that and come back with another number.
- Pitman: I think that is important. One of the things we are doing at the beginning of the year is figuring out our budget. One of them needs to go back to the priorities budgeting, to the cost services, and getting the people using the services paying for more. A lot of people are making money. We are supposed to be breaking even.
- Tina Volek: Some of the events do make money.
- Bird: \$100 fee may be archaic. Do we track events and their purposes? Last 3 years?
- Cimmino: Does the City provide police security, cleanup during and after, and setting up?
- Tina Volek: If security is required for an event, the organization may bring in their own security. If they want the Police Dept., they pay the overtime cost of the police officers. They are supposed to do their own cleanup and provide the dumpsters. If they do not appropriately clean up, we will do that and charge them for it. That also jeopardizes their potential application in the future.
- Bird: Why 11:00 limit instead of midnight?
- Debi Meling: We asked input from the hotels downtown. They have a lot of rooms that face the area where the events are held and they felt 11:00 was a good time. Even though the events end at 11:00, people don't leave. There is still noise and disbanding for a while. There also are a lot of people that live downtown and when we have 90-100 events per year, it is every single Friday and Saturday. Closing down closer to midnight or 1:00 seemed liked it was longer than what the committee thought.
- Yakawich: When an event takes place, does it interfere with a business?
- Debi Meling: The reason we put the Ad Hoc Committee together was we wanted the input from different users. Most of what we heard from people downtown, they liked the events. There were a lot of concerns and one is when people from the events use bathrooms of businesses. If you are a property owner and you have hundreds of people using your bathroom every Friday and Saturday night, that is an issue. We worked with them on how we can make that stop. We have restaurants that if we have a food vendor come and sell the same food the

business sells that they are set up in front of, that is not good for the business. We are going to try to pay a little more attention.

- Tina Volek: We are trying to keep most of the events in the street instead of right in front of a business on the sidewalk. We want to keep access to the businesses.
- Brown: Application fee may have to increase and will have to give more guidance to event organizers.
- Yakawich: I disagree. Some of these organizations are big and probably can afford that increase. I have worked a lot of events on a budget and \$100 is probably a lot for some. I like your guideline not being too restrictive and allowing people to come in who don't have a big budget but can give a great event for our City.
- Cimmino: We can negotiate that application fee. If it is for profit they can afford an increase, and if it is nonprofit then keep it at \$100.
- Mayor Hanel: We need something documented so they are not calling us every time and provide them with the tools so they know right up front. At least provide them with the discretion to adjust the cost.
- Tina Volek: Engineering is going to be the lead agent. I trust Debi to be fair in her requirements.
- Cromley: We are not in the business of providing service. All of the events that are applying for use of the public right of way, and if they have a permit it is because they promote the community as a whole and it provides a positive civic and economic benefit. These are not events that are coming here to raise money. The committee felt early on, we wanted to continue to encourage use of the public way and use of the downtown. Particularly in areas that promote the downtown. Block party was not mentioned but will still be allowed. It is a separate application and there is no charge for those. What the committee has done, has come up with an application form and right now there is no Council Action required.
- Public Comment: None

TOPIC #3: Annual Customer Service Facility Charge – Aviation and Transit Dept.

- Tom Binford, Director of Aviation & Transit: June 2010 council approved a CSF to build a car rental facility. Power Point presentation.

CITY OF BILLINGS LOGAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT Annual CFC Report

CFC Yearly Reporting Requirements

- Present the costs, including debt service incurred during the previous year.
- The CFC revenues that were collected.
- Amounts that are on reserve for the current fiscal year.
- Forecasts of costs to be incurred.
- Forecasts of the contract days.
- Any required changes to the CFC.

- Forecast of reserves during the current fiscal year.

**QTA Operational Statistics
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2014**

- 75,117 car washes (1,905,904 gallons of water)
- 13,294 mud washes (160,820 gallons of water)
- 12 barrels of soap (660 gallons)
- 5 barrels of rinse (275 gallons)
- 6,000 gallons of sump mud (43 tons)
- Average cost per wash = \$1.87

CFC REPORT FY 2014

Reserves at June 30, 2013	\$ 834,439
CFC Revenues	712,132
Miscellaneous Revenues	8,972
Costs Incurred on Series 2010B	
Revenue Bonds:	
Interest	(229,444)
Principal	(270,000)
Other Expenses	(12,339)
Capital Purchase 4X4 Pickup Truck*	(32,068)
Reserves at June 30, 2014	<u>\$1,011,692</u>

*For snow removal and maintenance at the QTA facility.

**CFC FORECAST REPORT
FY 2015**

Estimated Contract Days (251,700 days)	
Reserves From Fiscal Year 2014	\$1,011,692
Estimated CFC Revenue Collections	755,100
Costs to Be Incurred on Series 2010B	
Revenue Bond Principal & Interest	(496,344)
Parking Lot Construction	(781,500)
Other Eligible Costs	(15,000)
Estimated Reserves at June 30, 2015	<u>\$ 473,948</u>

- Cromley: How is CFC determined?
- Tom Binford: That was established by Ordinance and is \$3/day and capped at 14 days. It is collected by car companies and paid to the City.
- Mayor Hanel: What is done with the mud?
- Tom Binford: We have a machine that sucks it out of the sumps and land farms it west of airport. We charge it back to car rentals.
- Crouch: Recycled water? Bond term?
- Tom Binford: Yes, recycled for pre-wash. The bond was 20 years and we are about in our fifth year.
- Public Comment: None

TOPIC #4: 2015-2019 Transportation Improvement Plan

- Scott Walker, Planner II Transportation Planner: Equates to the City's CIP, but this is for federal money. Power Point Presentation.

**Table 3 – Revenue
All Sources**

2015 (Includes Carryover)	\$61,000,000 +
2016	\$27,000,000 +
2017	\$44,000,000 +
2018	\$56,000,000 +
<u>2019</u>	<u>\$16,000,000 +</u>
TOTAL	\$206,000,000 +

Draft 2015-19 TIP

- Table 4 – Priority Table – Highways
- Table 5 – Priority Table – Transit
- Table 6 – Calendar
- Tables 7-11 - Breakdown of Funding by Year
- Table 12 – Transit Funding

PROJECTS LISTED IN THE 2015-2019 TIP

▪ Bench Blvd. All Phases	\$21,000,000
▪ 27 th Street	\$13,000,000
▪ Zimmerman Trail	\$ 8,000,000
▪ Zimmerman Trail/Hwy. 3 Inter.	\$ 1,900,000
▪ Billings By-pass	\$26,000,000
▪ I-90 Interstate Bridges	\$45,000,000
▪ 56 th & King Roundabout	\$ 4,000,000
▪ 56 th & Central Roundabout	\$ 3,100,000
▪ Transit Operating (5 years)	\$20,000,000
▪ MET Specialized Transit (5 years)	\$ 1,000,000

RECOMMENDATIONS

▪ TAC	11/25/14
▪ Planning Board	12/9/14
▪ County Commission	12/9/14
▪ City Council	12/8/14
▪ PCC	12/16/14

- Yakawich: What is the cooperation between City and County?
- Scott Walker: Our Metropolitan Planning Organization was to satisfy the Governor back in the 1960s. It allows us to spend federal money. The cooperative nature of that is all pulled together with our transportation planning process which includes the Planning Board, the City, the County Commissioners and the MDT. Those four groups that make up our Policy Coordinating Committee (PCC) which takes final action. The Mayor will bring your decision on this particular document to PCC the 16th of December for final action.
- Public Comment: None

TOPIC #5: Council Discussion

- Cimmino: Charter communications letter in Friday packet, adding more charge for local channel access. Part of an agreement? A \$48/mo increase.
- Tina Volek: No agreement that allows City to comment/set rates.
- Yakawich: 23rd street bridge is damaged. Can City be involved in rebuilding with railroad?
- Tina Volek: MRL and truck driver will pay. Problems with digging lower to improve the clearance. Water table and utilities. TIGER grant?
- McFadden: Ask the railroad what are the utilities under the road?
- Bird: How much Council Contingency allocated to the Optimist Park Master Plan?
- Tina Volek: I believe it was \$12,000 but will check and make sure.

- Crouch: Should Council regularly announce activities, particularly with organizations that interact with City? Conflict of interest?
- Bird: Need to attend what Councilmembers are invited to. That is how we become educated about our community.
- Brent Brooks: Conflict of Interest Code Section 2-701 through 2-709 and when to declare conflict. I don't believe Staff has the authority to say that you must recuse yourself from a particular issue. We don't know your relationship to a particular group or issue. If there is some doubt in your mind, you can recuse yourself for that particular issue. That way you eliminate any potential argument one way or the other.
- Tina Volek: I don't think attending meetings can be construed as endorsing nor do anything more than being aware of your constituents needs in the community.

TOPIC #7: Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

- None

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

ADJOURN TIME: 8:15