

## COUNCIL ACTION SUMMARY

### CITY OF BILLINGS

#### CITY OF BILLINGS VISION STATEMENT:

**“THE MAGIC CITY: A DIVERSE, WELCOMING COMMUNITY WHERE PEOPLE PROSPER AND BUSINESS SUCCEEDS.”**

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#### AGENDA

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

December 21, 2015

6:30 P.M.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Hanel

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Mayor Hanel

**INVOCATION:** Councilmember Bird

**ROLL CALL:** Councilmembers present on roll call were: Cromley, Yakawich, Pitman, McFadden, Bird, McCall, Swanson, Crouch, and Brown. Councilmember Cimmino was excused.

**MINUTES:** December 14, 2015 **APPROVED**

**COURTESIES:**

- Mayor Hanel recognized outgoing Councilmembers McCall, Bird, Pitman, and Crouch with a brief statement and presentation of plaques. Mayor Hanel thanked each outgoing Councilmember, and the audience applauded. City Administrator Tina Volek also thanked the outgoing Councilmembers for their service. Mayor Hanel thanked all other Councilmembers as well.

**PROCLAMATIONS:** Vietnam Veterans Appreciation – Proclamation was read and presented to Dennis Ulvestad.

**ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS - TINA VOLEK**

- Ms. Volek noted that Item 1A1 includes a recommendation in line number five for the Billings BID Board for Kerri Crowe. Upon further review, it was discovered that the qualifications for appointment were not met. Therefore, line number five should read as “No Applications.”
- Ms. Volek reminded Council that December 21 was the final meeting of 2015 and that there is no meeting on December 28.

- Ms. Volek announced that Kevin Ploehn was appointed as the Director of Aviation and Transit. Mr. Ploehn was selected from a field of 30 candidates and was the previous Assistant Aviation and Transit Department Director. Mr. Ploehn thanked Ms. Volek and Council for their support. Mayor Hanel congratulated Mr. Ploehn.
- Ms. Volek wished Council happy holidays, and thanked outgoing Councilmembers for their service.

**PUBLIC COMMENT on “NON-PUBLIC HEARING” Agenda Items #1 and 2 ONLY.**

**Speaker sign-in required.** (Comments offered here are limited to one (1) minute.

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- **Kevin Nelson, 4235 Bruce Avenue, Billings, MT** stated that Council was a “pathetic bunch” for dreaming up the scams in Items 1F, 1G, and 1H. Mr. Nelson referenced Item 1F and stated that an out of state corporation should not be receiving the requested funds. Planning Director Candi Millar offered explanations and answered Council questions.
- **Steve Zier, PO Box 21462, Billings, MT** thanked Ms. Millar for her explanation and asked for the Council’s support on Item 1F.

**1. CONSENT AGENDA -- Separations: 1A1, 1I, 1J**

**A. Mayor Hanel recommends that Council confirm the following appointments:**

**1. APPROVED (WITH CHANGE IN LINE 5 TO “NO APPLICATIONS”)**

	Name	Board/Commission	Term	
			Begins	Ends
1	Ken Behling	Aviation & Transit Board	01/01/16	12/31/19
2	Dan Farmer	Aviation & Transit Board	01/01/16	12/31/19
3	Kristi Drake	Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Comm	01/01/16	12/31/18
4	No Applications	Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Comm	01/01/16	12/31/18
5	Kerri-Crowe [No Applications]	Billings BID	01/01/16	12/31/19
6	Scott Turner	Billings BID	01/01/16	12/31/19
7	No Applications	Board of Appeals - Builder	01/01/16	12/31/19
8	Michael Downing	Board of Ethics	01/01/16	12/31/19
9	David Wanzenried	Board of Health	01/01/16	12/31/18
10	James Corson	Community Development - At Large	01/01/16	12/31/19
11	Rebecca Bey	Community Development - Low Mod	01/01/16	12/31/19

12	Jon Muessig	County Water District Billings Heights	01/01/16	12/31/21
13	Fred Buford	Exchange City Golf Course	01/01/16	12/31/18
14	Maureen Jurovich	Housing Authority	01/01/16	12/31/20
15	No Applications	Housing Authority - Resident Comm*	01/01/16	12/31/16
16	No Applications	Housing Authority - Resident Comm	01/01/16	12/31/17
17	Shawna Hawkins	Human Relations Commission*	01/01/16	12/31/18
18	No Applications	Human Relations Commission*	01/01/16	12/31/18
19	No Applications	Human Relations Commission	01/01/16	12/31/19
20	No Applications	Human Relations Commission	01/01/16	12/31/19
21	No Applications	Human Relations Commission	01/01/16	12/31/19
22	William Lamdin	Library Board	01/01/16	12/31/19
23	No Applications	Mayor's Homelessness - Lending*	01/01/16	12/31/16
24	Constance Heidenreich	Mayor's Homelessness - Librarian*	01/01/16	12/31/18
25	Nick Little	Mayor's Homelessness - Work Force Ag*	01/01/16	12/31/18
26	Danielle Wang	Mayor's Homelessness - Health Care*	01/01/16	12/31/18
27	No Applications	Mayor's Homelessness - Consumer*.	01/01/16	12/31/16
28	No Applications	Billings Parking Board*	01/01/16	12/31/18
29	No Applications	Billings Parking Board*	01/01/16	12/31/18
30	Kevin Odenthal	Billings Parking Board	01/01/16	12/31/19
31	Brian Rossiter	Billings Parking Board	01/01/16	12/31/19
32	No Applications	Billings Parking Board*	01/01/16	12/31/17
33	Jared LeFevre	Planning Board - Ward II	01/01/16	12/31/17
34	Patrick Klugman	Planning Board - Ward V*	01/01/16	12/31/16
35	Deborah Willis	Police Board	01/01/16	12/31/18
36	Ken Kingman	Police Board	01/01/16	12/31/18
37	Rod Wilson	Public Works Board	01/01/16	12/31/19
38	David Wanzenried	Public Works Board	01/01/16	12/31/19
39	Travis Jones	Public Works Board*	01/01/16	12/31/17
40	Arthur Westwood	Tourism BID*	01/01/16	06/30/18
41	Ron Alles	Traffic Control Board	01/01/16	12/31/19
42	Nancy Curriden	Yellowstone Historic Preservation Board	01/01/16	12/31/17
43	Dan Wagner	Zoning Commission	01/01/16	12/31/19
44	Dennis Ulvestad	Zoning Commission	01/01/16	12/31/19
45	Michael Larson	Zoning Commission	01/01/16	12/31/19
46	James Mariska	Zoning Commission	01/01/16	12/31/19

\*15 Unexpired term of Kathleen Grooms

\*17 Vacancy not filled

\*18 Unexpired term of Charlene Sleeper

\*23 Vacancy not filled

\*24 Unexpired term of Bernard Rose

\*25 Unexpired term of Don Christman

\*26 Unexpired term of Kathryn Waitman

\*27 Unexpired term of Gary Knopp

\*28 Vacancy not filled

\*29 Unexpired term of Gordon Gooselaw

\*32 Unexpired term of Andy Piccioni

\*34 Unexpired term of Dick Clark

\*39 Unexpired term of Ryan Sullivan  
\*40 Unexpired term of Benjamin Kerns

**B. Bid Awards**

**2. Two New Current Model Articulated Motor Patrols.** (Opened 12/15/15) Recommend Tractor and Equipment, \$459,700. **APPROVED**

**C. Amendment #2, W.O. 09-15: Grand Avenue, Zimmerman Trail to Shiloh Road,** Professional Services Contract, HDR Engineering, Inc., \$311,562. **APPROVED**

**D. Amendment #4, Concourse B Upgrade Project,** Architectural Services Contract, CTA Architects and Engineers, \$236,622. **APPROVED**

**E. Acceptance of Donation** to Billings Police Department, Montana Sheriffs and Peace Officer Association for Alcohol Compliance Check Program. **APPROVED**

**F. Approval** of Tax Increment Financing Assistance from South Billings Boulevard Urban Renewal District Tax Increment Funds to Northridge Assets, LLC for development of Comfort Suites hotel at 4910 Southgate Drive; \$370,847 in four equal installments of \$92,711.75. **APPROVED**

**G. Approval** of Tax Increment Financing Assistance from East Billings Urban Renewal District Tax Increment Funds to Erving Properties for installing sidewalks at 1525 1st Avenue North; \$11,100. **APPROVED**

**H. Approval** of Tax Increment Financing Assistance from East Billings Urban Renewal Tax Increment District funds to Converse Properties, LLC for tree removal and landscaping at 905 2nd Avenue North; \$8,758. **APPROVED**

**I. Resolution of Intent #15-10519** to create SILMD 321, Grand Avenue between 30th Street West and Shiloh Road (street lights), and set a public hearing date for January 25, 2016. **APPROVED**

**J. Bills and Payroll:**

**1. November 30, 2015 APPROVED 9-0. BROWN ABSTAINED.**

**REGULAR AGENDA:**

**2. FUNDING FOR COMMUNITY INNOVATIONS RESOURCE OUTREACH COORDINATORS:** \$75,000 from General Fund unbudgeted reserve to Rimrock Foundation in FY16. Staff recommends approval. (Action: approval or disapproval of staff recommendation.) **APPROVED**

**PUBLIC COMMENT** on Non-Agenda Items -- Speaker Sign-in required. (*Restricted to ONLY items not on this printed agenda. Comments here are limited to 3 minutes. Please sign in at the cart located at the back of the council chambers or at the podium.*)

- Kevin Nelson, 4235 Bruce Avenue, Billings, MT stated that he was concerned with the process for Item 2. Mr. Nelson stated that public input should have been received. Mayor Hanel replied that the first public comment period in the agenda allowed for comment on Item 2.
- Liz Welch, 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue and Avenue D, Billings, MT thanked outgoing Councilmembers for their service.
- Dennis Ulvestad, 3040 Central Avenue, Billings, MT thanked outgoing Councilmembers for their service. Mr. Ulvestad also thanked Council for approving his appointment to the Zoning Commission.
- Lisa Harmon, Downtown Billings Partnership Executive Director, thanked outgoing Councilmembers for their service and stated that she hopes to continue working with them in the future.

## **COUNCIL INITIATIVES**

- Councilmember Crouch moved for the Legal Department to bring information to the future Council on liability issues at Dehler Park, seconded by Councilmember Crown. On a voice vote, the motion was approved 9-1, with Councilmember Cromley voting in opposition.

**ADJOURN** 8:07 pm