

ORDINANCE NO. 04-5291

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BILLINGS PROVIDING THAT THE BILLINGS, MONTANA CITY CODE BE AMENDED BY AMENDING SECTION 2-214 ESTABLISHING THE RULES OF ORDER FOR REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL, AND EFFECTIVE DATES.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BILLINGS, MONTANA:

Section 1. That the Billings, Montana, City Code be amended by amending Article 2-200, Section 2-214, to read as follows:

ARTICLE 2-200. MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

DIVISION 2. MEETINGS

D. Rules of Order

Sec. 2-214. Order of business.

At all regular meetings of the city council the order of business shall be as follows:

- (1) Call to Order;
- (2) Pledge of Allegiance;
- (3) Invocation;
- (4) Roll call;
- (5) Correcting, if necessary, and approving minutes of the last meeting or meetings;
- (6) Courtesies;
- (7) Proclamations;
- (8) Board, commission, and council reports;
- (9) Administrator reports;
- (10) Public Comment on “Non-Public Hearing” items on the published agenda. This section of the agenda is used for public comment on any item on the agenda that is not listed for an individual public hearing. Speakers are requested to indicate their desire to speak and which item or items on which they wish to offer comment by filling in their name, address and agenda item number or subject on a prepared “sign in” sheet. The length of time a speaker may speak is limited and is set by the mayor or presiding officer of the meeting.

(11) Consent agenda. This section of the agenda is used for items of a routine or non-controversial nature that do not statutorily require a public hearing, yet still require action by the city council. The collective list of items on the consent agenda is considered by the city council in one motion. Individual consent agenda items may be separated by request of a councilmember for individual consideration by the city council and subsequently voted upon individually.

(12) Regular agenda. This section of the agenda constitutes an individually numbered listing of business items either:

- a. Requiring a public hearing prior to council action,

- b. Giving a special informational presentation, or
- c. Any item that may be either controversial in nature or requires separate time by the council to fully discuss the matter prior to rendering a final and binding decision.

(13) Public Comment on “Non-Agenda” items. This section of the agenda is used for public comment on any matter or subject that is not included on the published agenda for that meeting. Speakers are requested to indicate their desire to speak and what item or topic on which they wish to offer comment by filling in their name, address and subject on a prepared “sign in” sheet. The length of time a speaker may speak is limited and is set by the mayor or presiding officer of the meeting. The city council does not take any formal action on these items, but may direct the City Administrator to assign staff for follow up on an item.

~~(12)~~ (14) Council Initiatives. This section of the agenda is reserved for individual councilmember requests for future legislative or staff action. These shall be limited to giving direction to staff to assist in formulating policies, work plans, etc. for future consideration of the city council. An initiative moves forward by majority vote of the city council. The order of business may be altered for any meeting by a majority vote of the councilmembers present. The order of business for any special meeting shall be specified in the notice calling for the special meeting.

(15) Adjourn.

Section 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. This ordinance shall be effective thirty (30) days after second reading and final adoption as provided by law.

Section 3. REPEALER. All resolutions, ordinances, and sections of the City Code inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 4. SEVERABILITY. If any provision of this ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstances is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the other provisions of this ordinance which may be given effect without the invalid provisions or application, and, to this end, the provisions of this ordinance are declared to be severable.

PASSED by the City Council on first reading this 12th day of July, 2004.

PASSED, ADOPTED and APPROVED on second reading this 26th day of July, 2004.

CITY OF BILLINGS

By _____
Charles F. Tooley Mayor

ATTEST:

By _____
Marita Herold, CMC/AAE City Clerk