

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BILLINGS CITY COUNCIL
February 8, 2016

The Billings City Council met in regular session in the Council Chambers located on the second floor of the Police Facility, 220 North 27th Street, Billings, Montana. Mayor Thomas W. Hanel called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and served as the meeting's presiding officer. Councilmember Brewster gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL: Councilmembers present on roll call were: Cromley, Yakawich, Brewster, Cimmino, McFadden, Friedel, Sullivan, Swanson, Clark, and Brown.

MINUTES: January 25, 2016 – Councilmember Yakawich moved for approval, seconded by Councilmember Cromley. On a voice vote, the motion was unanimously approved.

ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR PRO TEMPORE

Councilmember Cimmino nominated Councilmember Sullivan for Deputy Mayor Pro Tempore, seconded by Councilmember Swanson. Councilmember Cromley moved to close nominations. Mayor Hanel stated that he is honored to work with all Councilmembers, and wished them all the best. Mayor Hanel congratulated Councilmember Sullivan for his nomination, and spoke in favor of Councilmember Cimmino's motion. On a voice vote, the motion was unanimously approved. Mayor Hanel called for a round of applause.

Mayor Hanel stated that there was a request to nominate other Councilmembers for various board and committee positions. City Administrator Tina Volek stated that the appointments were not included on this evening's agenda. Mayor Hanel noted that Councilmember Clark had previously requested a list of committee openings, specifically for the Montana League of Cities and Towns and for the Policy Coordinating Committee. Ms. Volek noted that there were several other committees with position vacancies, and that a list of the vacancies could be distributed. Councilmember Clark asked if the vacancies could be appointed and filled at this meeting. City Attorney Brent Brooks noted that the item could be added onto the agenda by a ¾ vote of Council. Mr. Brooks noted that the matter is arguably of significant public interest, and advance notice should be given to the public. Councilmember Brewster stated that if the item could not be added to this evening's agenda, then it should be added to the February 22, 2016 agenda. Councilmember Clark stated that Ms. Volek had committed to distributing the list of vacancies at the February 16, 2016 work session, and the appointments could be voted upon at the February 22, 2016 regular meeting.

COURTESIES: There were no courtesies.

PROCLAMATIONS: There were no proclamations.

ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS - TINA VOLEK

- Ms. Volek reminded Council that the previous Regular Agenda Item 2 (SILMD 319, Orchard Lane) was removed last week. A notice of the public hearing cancellation was advertised in The Billings Times, and property owners were notified via mail.
- Ms. Volek reminded Council that next week's work session will take place on Tuesday, February 16, 2016 due to Presidents' Day falling on Monday, February 15.

PUBLIC COMMENT on "NON-PUBLIC HEARING" Agenda Item #1 ONLY. Speaker sign-in required. (Comments offered here are limited to one (1) minute. Please sign in at the cart located at the back of the council chambers or 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.)

The public comment period was opened.

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

1. **CONSENT AGENDA**

A. **Bid Awards:**

1. **W.O. 16-03: City Overlay.** (Opened 1/26/16). Recommend Knife River, \$1,328,180.30.
2. **City Hall 1st and 2nd Floor Remodel.** (Opened 1/26/16). Recommend Cucancic Construction, Inc., \$190,000.

B. Acknowledging Receipt of Petition to Annex #16-01: 3.5 acres described as: Tract 11, C/S 1406 Amended, generally located off South 27th Street behind the Billings Post Office at 841 South 26th Street, Phillips 66 Company, petitioner, and setting a public hearing date for 2/22/16.

C. Grant Application Request to submit FY2016-2017 Montana State Historic Preservation Office Certified Local Government Grant application; \$5,500.

D. Second/Final Reading Ordinance for Zone Change #945: a zone change from Residential 9,600 (R-96) to Residential Professional (RP) on a 1.06 acre parcel of land described as: Lot 4A2 Blue Meadow Acreage Tracts. Kincaid Land, LLC, applicant. Approval of the zone change and adoption of the findings of the 10 criteria.

E. **Bills and Payroll:**

1. January 11, 2016
2. October 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015 (Municipal Court)

Councilmember Brown separated Item 1E1 in order to abstain.

Councilmember Cimmino also separated Item 1E1 in order to abstain.

Councilmember Clark separated Item 1A2 for discussion.

Councilmember Yakawich separated Item 1B for discussion.

Councilmember Cromley moved for approval of the Consent Agenda, with the exception of Items 1E1, 1B, and 1A2, seconded by Councilmember Yakawich. On a voice vote, the motion was unanimously approved.

Councilmember Sullivan moved for approval of Item 1E1, seconded by Councilmember Clark. On a voice vote, the motion was approved 9-0, with Councilmembers Brown and Cimmino abstaining.

Councilmember Yakawich separated Item 1B to ask Candi Millar, Planning and Community Services Director, about potential bridge issues on Lillian Avenue if the subject property were to be annexed. Ms. Millar stated that the bridge is owned by the County and is located in the County, not the City. Ms. Millar stated that the City does not have jurisdiction over the bridge. Councilmember Yakawich asked how the property in question would be accessed. Ms. Millar stated that the property likely would not be accessed via Lillian Avenue, but rather by 7th Avenue South, which is a private road tract. Councilmember Yakawich clarified with Ms. Millar that the City would not be responsible for maintenance of Lillian Avenue if the property in question were to be annexed into the City. Councilmember Yakawich moved for approval of Item 1B, seconded by Councilmember Cromley. On a voice vote, the motion was unanimously approved.

Councilmember Clark separated Item 1A2 for discussion, and asked for a staff presentation on the topic. Bruce McCandless, Assistant City Administrator, began a PowerPoint presentation outlining the plans for remodeling portions of the first and second floors of City Hall. The remodel would include the second floor offices around the courtroom, the rear courtroom/hearing room, the courtroom lobby, and offices on the first floor in the Legal Department. Mr. McCandless outlined security, safety, and customer service concerns of the existing second floor area, and discussed the progression of the remodel discussion. Mr. McCandless noted that staff will be scheduling a presentation of the finalized Facilities Master Plan during an upcoming work session. Mr. McCandless noted that representatives of CTA Architects were in attendance, along with Saree Couture, Facilities Manager, and were able to answer questions. Councilmember Friedel asked if staff examined the possibility of holding

night court instead of remodeling the second floor. Ms. Volek stated that she and Judge Kolar discussed the possibility of holding Saturday arraignments in the County jail courtroom. Ms. Volek noted that, per a contract, the City would be paying a minimum of two hours of overtime for all staff members involved in the weekend arraignments. Brittanica Park, Court Administrator, noted that a new part-time judge started working this week, and will work a minimum of 20 hours per week. Ms. Park stated that holding night court would require additional staff hours and paying overtime. Councilmember Friedel stated that Yellowstone County is able to "do the same thing with two courts and less staff than you guys are able to do here in Municipal Court." Councilmember Friedel stated that he thought the City could hold two different court sessions and split up the current staff into two groups. Councilmember Sullivan asked for the costs of paying overtime to staff for night court. Ms. Park stated that open court is held on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday each week. Ms. Park stated that the only possibility for holding night court would be on Friday nights. Ms. Park stated that Municipal Court has not submitted any supplemental budget requests for additional staff members, so the existing staff would be required to work overtime to hold night court. Ms. Park stated that holding night court would require overtime for a bailiff, clerk, and security for a minimum for two hours per week. Councilmember Sullivan asked if a cost-benefit analysis was conducted for the remodel. Ms. Park stated that a new hearing room behind the existing courtroom would address security concerns. Ms. Volek stated that the bids for this project were opened on January 26, 2016, and that the bids are only valid for 60 days after the opening date. Mr. McCandless stated that the staff recommendation for approving the remodel addresses serious security and safety concerns. Councilmember Friedel stated that he was confused as to why staff overtime would be required to hold night court. Councilmember Friedel stated that half of the court employees could work during the day and the other half could work at night. Mr. McCandless stated that he could work with Judge Kolar to determine staffing needs for holding night court. Councilmember Sullivan stated that the cost estimate for the Municipal Court remodel was \$165,000, but that all of the bids came in around \$190,000. Mr. McCandless stated that \$165,000 was the cost estimate for the remodel of the second floor, and the \$190,000 cost included remodeling the first and second floors. Mr. McCandless stated that the base bid of the recommended bidder was around \$135,000, and the additional cost for the first floor remodel was added as an alternate in the bid price. Mayor Hanel asked for an explanation of the work situations for the staff of the Legal Department. Mr. Brooks stated that there are several attorneys (both civil and criminal), a victim witness specialist, and a victim witness program director currently working on the second floor of City Hall. Mr. Brooks stated that there are three attorneys (two criminal, and one civil) and three support staff members currently working on the first floor of City Hall. Mayor Hanel asked where defense counsel meets with clients during a trial. Mr. Brooks stated that there are several informal meeting locations including the hallway outside of the courtroom, the back hearing room, various spaces on the first floor of City Hall, outside of City Hall, and the parking garage attached to City Hall. Mr. Brooks stated that there is not a designated conference room for defense counsel to meet with clients. Councilmember Swanson asked if any professional space planners examined the remodel proposal. Mr. McCandless stated that CTA Architects is the party responsible for the facilities master plan and the design of the City Hall

remodel. Mr. McCandless stated that CTA did have a space planner involved in the design process. Councilmember Clark asked if Legal staff would still be split between the first and second floors. Mr. Brooks stated that staff would still be split between both floors, but that the domestic violence program (prosecutor, victim witness specialist, and victim witness program director) would be able to consolidate to one area of City Hall. This will allow for victim and witness interviews to take place on the first floor in one location. Mr. Brooks noted that the current office of the domestic violence prosecutor is comprised of temporary wall partitions, which poses difficulties for private and confidential interviews for victims and witnesses in that area. Councilmember Clark asked how long the remodel will be useful, and noted that he has heard of the potential of a new City Hall in the future. Mr. McCandless stated that information regarding future facilities is contained in the Facilities Master Plan that will be scheduled for a work session presentation. Mr. McCandless stated that the first and second floor remodel plan was designed to be a five to ten year "temporary" improvement. Councilmember Brewster asked if the remodel was included in the FY16 budget. Mr. McCandless stated that the first floor remodel was not included as a specific budget item, but there are salary savings within the Legal Department budget which will cover the costs of the remodel. Mr. McCandless stated that the second floor remodel is a budget item in the approved FY16 budget. Councilmember Brown asked what kind of authority Council has over the Municipal Court Judge as far as mandating court hours and structures. Ms. Volek stated that the Judge is an independent elected official and the only control Council has over court is budgetary. Councilmember Brown clarified that holding night court would require an increased budget for Municipal Court. Ms. Volek stated that she would prefer for staff to work with Judge Kolar and the Municipal Court employees to determine the staffing and funding needs. Ms. Volek stated that she had concerns over staffing, as employees have been hired for daytime shifts rather than nighttime shifts. Ms. Volek stated that staff would be able to bring back information if Council would like. Councilmember Brown stated that Council needed to determine whether to approve the remodel bid award or to delay action on the bid award. Mr. McCandless reminded Council that the bids for this project were opened on January 26, and would expire 60 days after that date. Council would need to take action prior to the end of the 60 days. Mayor Hanel asked how the court handles the current need for more than one bailiff. Ms. Park stated that there are currently three bailiffs on staff, and the Police Department provides one officer for security. The officer is stationed in the main courtroom, but is able to transition to the back courtroom if needed. Ms. Park noted that bailiffs are able to carry Tasers if they choose and if they have received the proper training to do so, but that they do not carry guns. Ms. Park noted that only police officers may carry guns, so the back courtroom does not have security. Councilmember Friedel asked whether a bailiff acts as a law enforcement officer. Ms. Park stated that a bailiff maintains court order; one bailiff is stationed in the main courtroom, and another bailiff is stationed in the back courtroom. Ms. Park stated that the court officer handles different duties than a bailiff. Ms. Volek reminded Council that a bailiff is not a sworn officer, and does not carry a weapon. Ms. Park stated that bailiffs have not completed law enforcement training, and do not have arrest powers. Mr. Brooks noted that the hallway alongside of the main courtroom poses security risks, as the offices in that area are not secured. Councilmember Clark noted that there is less activity in the court currently, and asked

how often a second courtroom would need to be used. Ms. Park stated that although the number of tickets has decreased, there is still a high number of hearings. The second hearing room is used on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. The main courtroom is used five days per week. Councilmember Brown asked if the first floor remodel addresses security issues. Mr. McCandless stated that the first floor remodel deals more with consolidation of certain employees, and creation of a conference area. Councilmember Cromley moved for approval of Item 1A2, seconded by Councilmember McFadden. Councilmember Sullivan stated that courtroom and employee safety is important, but that he was disappointed with the notion that Council would be voting to make improvements to the Council chambers. Ms. Volek stated that the Council chambers (main courtroom) would not be affected by the remodel. Councilmember Sullivan stated that he was disappointed that a cost-benefit analysis was not conducted, but that he would be voting in favor of the motion. Councilmember Sullivan stated that he hopes that departments learn to "do more with less" funds. Mr. McCandless reminded Council that the only areas to be changed were outside of the main courtroom. Councilmember McFadden stated that he considered the project to be worthwhile since it addresses safety and security issues. Councilmember McFadden noted that the potential liability costs of not addressing safety concerns could end up costing several times more than the remodel costs. Councilmember Clark stated that he shared the concerns of Councilmember Sullivan, and that he believed there were other options available, such as using the courtroom at the jail. Councilmember Cimmino asked when the Facilities Master Plan would be completed. Mr. McCandless stated that the plan is complete, and the final draft will be scheduled for a work session presentation. Councilmember Cimmino asked whether the remodel was included in the Facilities Master Plan. Mr. McCandless stated that it was. Mr. McCandless stated that CTA Architects was the main consultant for the Facilities Master Plan, but that CTA hired an additional consultant for some specific projects within the plan. Councilmember Cimmino asked whether the decision for the remodel should be postponed for 30 days so that the Facilities Master Plan could be presented to Council. Ms. Volek reminded Council that the bids for this project were valid for 60 days, so the March 14 regular meeting would be the latest date for postponing the decision. Councilmember Swanson stated that staff and professional space planners have presented the remodeling options, and that he saw the remodel as a reasonable patch for the issues presented. Councilmember Brown stated that he supported addressing safety concerns through the proposed remodel. Councilmember Brown asked for clarification on the process if Council postponed the decision on this item until after the FY17 budget discussions. Ms. Volek stated that the project would need to be rebid, since the existing bids would no longer be valid. Councilmember Yakawich stated that he would vote in favor of the motion based on the information that was presented and considered. Councilmember Yakawich stated that he would like to move forward with the remodel to address safety and security concerns. Councilmember Cimmino stated that she supported the project as well. On a voice vote, the motion was approved 10-1, with Councilmember Friedel voting in opposition.

REGULAR AGENDA: There were no regular agenda items scheduled for this meeting.

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.)

The public comment period was opened.

- **Kevin Nelson, 4235 Bruce Avenue, Billings, MT** distributed handouts to Council. Mr. Nelson referred to one of the handouts, which was a spreadsheet listing properties on Orchard Lane. Mr. Nelson stated that some properties were not addressed on Orchard Lane and others were addressed incorrectly. Mr. Nelson referred to another single-page document which showed property listings on Orchard Lane that would no longer have parking in front of them once the new street was constructed. Mr. Nelson stated that other streets in the City include a bicycle lane, two traffic lanes, and parking on both sides of the streets. Mr. Nelson referred to the final document which listed properties on Vaugh Lane. Councilmember McFadden thanked Mr. Nelson for voicing concerns about Orchard Lane, and stated that he would like to hear input from the public when Orchard Lane is rescheduled for discussion. Mr. Nelson stated that the assessments for the improvements on Grand Avenue were calculated based on lineal feet. Councilmember Cimmino asked if Mr. Nelson was concerned with the installation of a bicycle lane on Orchard Lane. Mr. Nelson stated that he was concerned with the installation of a center turn lane on Orchard Lane. Councilmember Clark asked Mr. Nelson what the staking looked like on Orchard Lane. Mr. Nelson stated that the stakes currently encroach into yards. Councilmember Yakawich stated that he appreciated Mr. Nelson's statements, and asked Mr. Nelson if any changes had been made to the staking on Orchard Lane since the last public meeting. Mr. Nelson stated that the bicycle lane was removed and a sidewalk with a width of seven feet was added. Councilmember Cimmino asked for an explanation of the center turn lane. Public Works Director Dave Mumford stated that the turn lane is called a two-way left turn lane, and it was installed to allow for turns onto numerous cross streets in the area. The center turn lane will alleviate traffic from the through-lanes. Mr. Mumford stated that the wider sidewalk is being installed to allow for bicycle riding, as there is not a bicycle lane. Mr. Mumford stated that the Engineering Department sent out a mailing to property owners in the area, and that input will be received from the affected property owners. Mr. Mumford stated staff conducted a multi-day study and determined that there were very few cars utilizing street parking on Orchard Lane. Mayor Hanel asked if there will be sufficient room for safe parking on Orchard Lane. Mr. Mumford stated that there will not be sufficient room for safe parking with the installation of the center turn lane. Councilmember Clark stated that he visited Orchard Lane, and noticed that there were several fences that will need to be moved during the sidewalk installation process. Mr. Mumford stated that the fences will be reinstalled when construction is complete. Mayor Hanel clarified that many of the fences are currently encroaching into the right of way. Mr. Mumford stated that there are concerns that some driveways may be shortened by the installation of the sidewalk, but that staff will work to alleviate

the issue as much as possible. Councilmember McFadden asked where snow would be plowed in the winter. Mr. Mumford stated that snow would be plowed into the center turn lane, and then hauled away. Councilmember Friedel asked if the center turn lane could be removed from the plans and replaced with double yellow lines with breaks in striping for intersections. Mr. Mumford stated that removing the center turn lane could pose traffic and safety issues.

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

Councilmember Cromley departed the meeting at 7:55 pm.

COUNCIL INITIATIVES

- Councilmember Sullivan moved to instruct City staff to prepare the annual budget and deliver three resolutions for approval: Resolution 1 consisting of all enterprise funds, Resolution 2 involving programs funded directly by the general fund and supported by property tax mills, and Resolution 3 involving internal programs that rely on funding from interdepartmental transfers, seconded by Councilmember Brewster. Councilmember Sullivan stated that the purpose of the initiative is to create more transparency in the budget process and to create more public trust. Councilmember Brewster stated that the initiative gives staff the opportunity to present the budget in a more broken-down manner. Councilmember Brown clarified that the initiative is breaking the budget presentation down into three sections and is not changing the content of the presentations. Mayor Hanel asked for a time frame for the initiative. Councilmember Sullivan stated that he would like the initiative to be in place for the FY17 budget presentation. On a voice vote, the motion was unanimously approved.
- Councilmember Sullivan moved to create a joint task force of Public Works, Police, and downtown businesses to propose improvements to downtown intersections to increase pedestrian and vehicle safety, with the group discussing and suggesting improvements to signage, signals, enforcement, traffic flow (direction and alignment), and to bring forth an implementable plan to Council, seconded by Councilmember Friedel. Councilmember Sullivan stated that he would like to see action by the end of the calendar year. Councilmember Yakawich noted that the Traffic Control Board addresses similar issues. Councilmember Sullivan stated that pedestrian and traffic safety concerns need to be addressed and that groups need to work together. Councilmember Brewster stated that he would like to see a way to include this type of group in the FY17 budget, and that some type of outside consultant would likely need to be hired. Councilmember Swanson agreed with Councilmember Brewster's statement. Mayor Hanel stated that the issue should be examined, but that he felt the Traffic Control Board should be involved. Councilmember Clark asked for an explanation of the role of the Traffic Control Board. Mr. Mumford stated that the board examines potential signage changes. Mr. Mumford stated that the City has competent traffic engineers on staff and stated that staff, Police, and the

Downtown Alliance could work together. Mr. Mumford stated that staff generally has a strong understanding of traffic and pedestrian concerns. Mr. Mumford noted that Traffic Control Board meetings are advertised and open to the public. Councilmember Sullivan made a substitute motion to instruct Public Works to lead a group consisting of the Police Department, the Downtown Billings Alliance, and the Traffic Control Board to propose improvements to pedestrian and vehicle safety in the downtown area, seconded by Councilmember Brewster. Councilmember Cimmino asked if the group would only focus on the downtown area. Councilmember Sullivan stated that this initiative focuses on the downtown area, and that he would like the program to be successful before moving on to other areas of the City. Councilmember McFadden clarified that no additional funds would need to be allocated to the initiative at this time, as it will begin with staff. Mayor Hanel stated that the project may require funding at a later date as it moves forward. Councilmember Yakawich voiced his support for the initiative and stated that he was glad to see that the Traffic Control Board will be involved. On a voice vote, the substitute motion was unanimously approved.

- Councilmember Sullivan moved for staff to create an implementable emergency snow plan, which would include residential and street plowing, and would include funds in the FY17 budget, seconded by Councilmember Friedel. Councilmember Cimmino asked if this type of plan already existed. Ms. Volek stated that the City currently has an emergency snow route ordinance in effect, and that Mr. Mumford could elaborate on the details. Ms. Volek stated that it would be helpful for Council to provide guidance on when the proposed plan would be implemented, such as after a certain amount of snow has fallen. Ms. Volek also stated that it would be helpful for Council to provide guidance on the locations that would be affected by the plan. Councilmember Sullivan stated that he would like for Mr. Mumford to provide input on different options for the plan. Ms. Volek clarified that the plan would involve residential, collector, and arterial streets. Councilmember Brewster clarified that Councilmember Sullivan's initiative would be implemented after costs were examined and discussed. Mayor Hanel asked if Councilmember Sullivan would support a work session presentation on snow removal by Mr. Mumford. Councilmember Sullivan stated that he was previously a member of the Public Works Board and was familiar with the process, but understood that other Councilmembers may benefit from such a presentation. Mayor Hanel asked how long a presentation on snow removal costs would take during a work session. Mr. Mumford stated that the presentation itself would be relatively short, but that gathering data and preparing costs would take quite a bit of staff time. Mr. Mumford stated that in the past, Public Works has presented costs and options for snow removal and street maintenance during budget discussions. Mr. Mumford stated that Public Works would be able to present snow removal options during the FY17 budget presentation as well if that option would be acceptable to Council. Councilmember Sullivan stated that he would approve of presenting the options in the FY17 budget. Councilmember Sullivan withdrew his initiative and Councilmember Friedel withdrew his second.
- Councilmember Sullivan moved to instruct the City Attorney to prepare a yearly summary of ordinances that are considered outdated, unenforceable, or in

conflict with current local, state, and federal laws by examining seven chapters of City Code per year for the next four years, with the opportunity to fast-track any ordinances from outside of the yearly scope to match citizen or Council needs, seconded by Councilmember McFadden. Councilmember Sullivan stated that this initiative was in response to a recently discussed ordinance dealing with hotels. Councilmember Cimmino asked if the time frame would be over the next four years. Councilmember Sullivan stated that the review would occur over the next four years. Councilmember Brown asked if the four year review was attainable. Mr. Brooks stated that some chapters would take longer to review than others, and the process would be complicated. Mr. Brooks stated that staff would be able to complete the task. Mr. Brooks also reminded Council that any ordinances to be changed would need to come before Council for approval. Mayor Hanel asked Mr. Brooks what he thought would be achievable. Mr. Brooks stated that he would like to speak with Municipal Code Corporation, the company that publishes the City Code online, and determine which chapters could be easily reviewed. Mr. Brooks also stated that he could assign the task of reviewing chapters of the Code to civil attorneys. Mr. Brooks stated that he would be able to provide Council with an estimated time frame after he is able to determine which chapters need actual revisions. Councilmember Clark stated that he did not think that Councilmember Sullivan was set on reviewing seven chapters per year, since some chapters could be reviewed more quickly. Councilmember Clark stated that he thought the motion was to review City Code over a period of four years. Mr. Brooks stated that staff would prioritize certain chapters over others. Councilmember Sullivan made a substitute motion to direct the City Attorney to review the City Code over the next four years, with the opportunity to fast-track any ordinances from outside of the yearly scope to match citizen or Council needs, seconded by Councilmember McFadden. Councilmember Cimmino asked Mr. Brooks if this project will be a large amount of work. Mr. Brooks stated that the project will be extremely complex. Mr. Brooks again stated that some chapters will involve more work than others. On a voice vote, the substitute motion was unanimously approved.

- Councilmember Swanson asked if Ms. Volek was going to provide a list of boards and committees that have vacancies for councilmembers. Ms. Volek stated that the list would be circulated to Council.
- Councilmember Friedel moved to include costs for Police Department body cameras into the FY17 budget. Ms. Volek stated that staff has been researching the topic, and noted that the equipment may be able to be obtained through grants. Ms. Volek also noted that there are issues of when to record activities of the officers, and issues of privacy. Ms. Volek stated that the larger costs deal with storing and indexing the data recorded by the cameras. Councilmember Clark seconded the motion. Councilmember Brewster clarified that the intent of the initiative was to present the information during the FY17 budget presentation. Ms. Volek asked if the initiative included providing body cameras for all police officers. Councilmember Friedel stated that he would like to see costs for providing body cameras for all street officers. Councilmember McFadden suggested that Council should not try to micromanage how the cameras are

used, and noted that Police Chief St. John had previously said that the cameras should only be recording at certain times. Councilmember Yakawich stated that he thought that some officers already had body cameras. Lieutenant Shawn Mayo stated that most officers do not have body cameras currently, but that the two downtown officers, Officer Lennick and Officer Nichols, do have body cameras. The downtown officers spend most of their shifts on bicycles, while other officers use the cameras in their police cruisers. Lt. Mayo stated that the canine officers also use body cameras currently. Lt. Mayo stated that he believed a total of four or five officers currently use body cameras. Ms. Volek stated that staff would be able to provide information on the costs of the cameras. Councilmember Sullivan stated that he felt FY17 may be too early to budget for the body cameras, but that he would like to learn additional information. Ms. Volek stated that she felt staff could provide information during the FY17 budget presentation. Councilmember Friedel stated that other cities using body cameras have experienced a reduction in complaints against police officers. On a voice vote, the motion was unanimously approved.

There was no further business, and the meeting adjourned at 8:39 pm.



CITY OF BILLINGS

BY: Thomas W. Hanel
Thomas W. Hanel, Mayor

ATTEST:

BY: Billie Guenther
Billie Guenther, City Clerk