

City Council “Special” Work Session

8:00 AM to Noon
 Community Center, 390 N. 23rd Street, Billings, Montana
 January 20, 2018

ATTENDANCE:

Mayor/Council (please check) x Cole x Cromley x Yakawich x Ewalt
 x Brewster x Joy x Friedel x Sullivan x Ronning x Clark x Brown
CM excused:

ADJOURN TIME: 12:17 p.m.

Agenda

TOPIC #1	Review Master Projects List a. Opportunities to “bin” b. Additions / Missing Items
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NOTES/OUTCOME	

- Cole: introductions. Review the process.
- Ryan Sullivan: reviews the proposed work items. Differentiates strategic planning and this work plan. Opportunities to “Bin” or get rid of.
- Brewster: can strike franchise fees and water usage for parks, etc. because already scheduled.
- Sullivan: continues item review.
- Ewalt: gymnastics special review change
- Sullivan: quarterly report opportunity.
- Cole: staff determine reporting and feedback schedule, probably quarterly. Casino and SR process may be broken out.
- Yakawich: park ranger should be added – discussion of 2nd position.
- Sullivan and Brewster: fold this into broader discussion about PD staffing.
- Ronning: discussion of appointments to boards and commissions.
- Yakawich: hire master planner for City (2nd email) – is there a way to staff a position to develop multiple master plans, at least a coordinator.
- **Public Comment:**
- Tom Zurbuchen, 1747 Wicks Lane, Billings, Montana: hire engineering staff to design more of the street projects.
- Terry Odegard, 2101 Lake Hills Drive, Billings, Montana: affordable housing should be discussed
- Connie Wardell, P.O. Box 21432, Billings, Montana: development on Grand / far west end planning.
- Cole: items to add to list?

- Joy: add affordable housing. Study to ID current housing pricing, compare to incomes/affordability, what housing price ranges are needed.
- Brown and Sullivan: change master planning into looking at staff positions instead of contracting for services.

TOPIC #2	Prioritizations a. Important Items i. Time Bound ii. Simplicity iii. Ballot Items
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- Sullivan: go through list again and try to rank the items as high (near time), med and low.
- Cole: clarify that we mean anytime in the year, not when.
- Joy: Human Relations Commission needs members to get a quorum.
- Cole: broader topic? No, this is separate from the broader appointment process.
- PIO: investigate options for improving city communications. Put in budget for discussion.
- Joy: Mallowney/Songbird alternative: already being constructed.
- SID: Low for whole council
- Joy: Legislature restricting tenant rights and it's better managed at local level. Low
- Grand (downtown – 17th) redevelopment possibilities. Possible TIF district. Center turn lane not working because there are so many driveways. Low-Med. Cole suggests that businesses and housing could form BID or similar to start redevelopment planning.
- 311 program: a general info system to take load off dispatch center (and other offices). Montana 211 – social services referrals. Med
- SBBURD streets ID: PW working on it, mostly local streets. Low
- Public safety funding and staffing: High/Med – discuss fall 2018 to prep for the 2020 budget.
- Brewster: casino, can be Med in importance as long as it's in the project re-zone.
- Brewster: franchise fees and water usage scheduled 2/22. High, 1st quarter.
- Brewster: IBL in the CIP and use new gas tax money as they're collected. Cole – discuss whether 100% goes to IBL or some to trails like Skyline.
- Brewster: trees and damages – Med
- Multi – collocated facilities: put it with the facilities master plan. Delete this item
- Friedel: pay as you throw system – excess trash, metered. May help reduce waste disposal. Low
- Illicit spa ordinance: Legal looking at it, work with CMs and PD. Med. because it's already underway. Change to high because it could have FY 19 budget impacts. Dovetail with human trafficking and public safety staffing discussions.

- Energy costs: expand to sustainability plan. YPRC will present a plan. Med – staff report on what we’ve done, what we may still need to do and broader topic of sustainability.
- Anti –discrimination ordinance: Ronning promotes ordinance, refers to the city’s vision statement. HRC start a dialogue with community and develop support. State issue, not local? Legislative preemption. Low
- SR or permit for unusual pets: Low
- TIF – medium, April or May. Costs of our district admin and compare to statewide.
- Project recode – High
- Community park development: budget/high
- Graffiti program – budget/high
- Class and comp – low
- Archiving, records imaging, retention, Citywide solution: budget
- Collective Bargaining Agreement – high, budget and 1st quarter
- Third Party Administrator health plan – high, 3rd quarter
- Health Care network – budget and high
- MET – budget, 2nd quarter
- Terminal bldg. – budget
- Fire master plan – budget
- Fire facilities condition – budget and high
- Facilities master plan – budget and high
- Strategic plan – high to get it started and budget
- Boards and commissions – work session to review current process and recommend revisions. make it easier for people to volunteer. Med – Q3
- Master planning with staff – med. Q3
- Affordable housing – data sharing and options – work session Q3 or 4
- Trails funding – put trails in the CIP, no funding but discuss options.
- **Public Comment:**
- Connie Wardell, P.O. Box 21432, Billings, Montana: recommendations on issues. Lobbying, landlord/tenant, 311 systems,
- Terry Odegard, 2101 Lake Hills Drive, Billings, Montana: concern that zoning code review will be influenced by “special interests.”
- Kevin Nelson, 4235 Bruce Avenue, Billings, Montana: paving SBBURD local streets, not true that local streets are paid by SIDs, the promise was to use TIF to pay for them. No credibility at Legislature and lobbying for OBSC will not succeed. MDT took back the state road maintenance because the City was overcharging for its work.

TOPIC #3	Council Support / Deletions a. Projects Unsupported by Majority of Council
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NOTES/OUTCOME	

Recess at 11:17 pm
Reconvene at 11:25 pm

- Yakawich: delete parks maps. Approve.
- Brewster: delete charter review. Friedel wants to keep attorney independence in the discussion. Approve.
- Joy: delete HRC appointments. Approve.
- Clark: delete NDO. approved 8-3 (Cromley, Joy, Ronning)
- Brown: SBURA streets – have SBURA consider question about local street SIDs and report recommendation to Council.
- Joy: delete SBURA streets. Approve. SBURA is preparing a CIP and will report to Council.
- Brewster: casino zoning, delete? Have staff include this topic in the first quarterly report on project recode.
- Cole: class and comp – leave on the list. Probable topic in 2020.
- Ewalt: Grand Ave. redevelopment, delete. Approved.
- Clark: renter rights, state regulated. Joy believes there are MT cities that have additional protections beyond State law. Brent will email the MT statute to Council. Approved.
- Clark: Mullowney In traffic study. delete. Approved
- Brown: SID south of central, Foster to Rhea. Approved.
- Yakawich: SR/permits for special pets. Already underway by AC board. Delete. Approved.
- Bring report back to Council on energy commission and City energy savings.
- **Public comments:**
- none

TOPIC #4	Work Plan Calendaring a. By Budget/Quarters
PRESENTER	
NOTES/OUTCOME	

- Defer Council action. Staff will calendar the items and return to Council.
- **Public Comment:**
- none

TOPIC #5	Council Discussion
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NOTES/OUTCOME	

- Joy: appreciate Council consideration of her topics.
- Ronning: 1,000 people marching for equality today. 17 men, 3 women at this meeting. Women have never had majority on any State legislature, this Council or Fed level.

TOPIC #6	Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda
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NOTES/OUTCOME	

- Tom Zurbuchen, 1747 Wicks Lane, Billings, Montana: send the final spreadsheet by email, so it's shared with the public.
- Connie Wardell, P.O. Box 21432, Billings, Montana: support comments about women's rights. Appreciate tolerance of Billings representatives.
- Kevin Nelson, 4235 Bruce Avenue, Billings, Montana: Council needs to have a serious discussion about the convention center at the Radisson, etc. Stand alone work session. Opportunity – available site and developer. Capture some of the tax dollars from the private investment and build multi-use community center at Amend Park.