

City Council Work Session

5:30 PM
Council Chambers
April 2, 2018

ATTENDANCE:

Mayor/Council (please check) x Cole, x Cromley, x Yakawich, x Brewster, x Ewalt, x Joy, x Friedel, x Gibbs, x Ronning, x Clark, x Brown.

CM excused:

ADJOURN TIME: 8:20 pm

Agenda

TOPIC #1	AmeriCorps VISTA National Day of Service
PRESENTER	
NOTES/OUTCOME	

- Mayor reads proclamation for National Service Recognition. Jim Corson, CD Board member. Mr. Corson thanks Council for financial support on this effort. VISTA volunteers introduce themselves.
- **Public comment:**
- None

TOPIC #2	MLCT, MMIA and Infrastructure Coalition
PRESENTER	
NOTES/OUTCOME	

- Cancelled per Kelly Lynch, MLCT.
- Mayor: upcoming boot camp and training for Council May 8, 9 & 10.
- **Public Comment:**
- None

TOPIC #3	Mayor's Challenge to Prevent Suicide Among Service Members
PRESENTER	
NOTES/OUTCOME	

- Cole: introduces the topic, turns it over to Councilmember Yakawich, introduces Dr. Clair Oakley, Riverstone Health.
- Dr. Oakley: describes what the local group will do.
- Ewalt: access to VA a problem in MT? Need to improve access, still researching reasons.
- Friedel: private services through VA being discussed? Yes.
- Ronning: suicide mortality review team report important for all to read. Dr. Oakley: firearm storage very helpful in decreasing impulsivity.

- Cole: what is the City’s role in the Mayor’s suicide prevention among service members. Promote awareness and already support staff. Also, support State legislation in next session. If someone needs help, they can call 211 System, internet.
- Gibbs: combination of PTSD and closed head injuries tied to suicide rate? yes.
- Yakawich: meeting every month, thanks participants. 1-800-273-TALK hotline. Enter MT to track each states calls.
- **Public Comment:**
- None

TOPIC #4	Household Travel Survey
PRESENTER	
NOTES/OUTCOME	

- Lora Mattox, Planner: \$140,000 report by coop of MDT and Billings MPO. Good Survey response rate. Getting access to our own transportation model.
- Cole: trip = one way or round trip? Uncertain, believe it is per one-way trip.
- Friedel: need more detailed definition of “recreation”
- Lora: want to continue doing surveys because it helps keep the transportation model up to date.
- Cole: importance of the model? Helps prioritize improvement projects.
- Joy: response of traffic planners when people report congestion? Perception may not be enough to warrant treatment to the road.
- Friedel: triggers for app? App was through Bluetooth, always on, real time, location etc.
- Brown: value to having our own software? Capture GPS to see if travel routes are changing. Update model through census, survey, etc. Allows staff to prioritize and money to go to right projects.
- Ronning: what did the \$140,000 buy? \$70,000 paid through metropolitan planning organization MPO, \$70,000 paid by MDT for their model. Contract got all the data points, operating the app, mailings, incentive cards to complete survey.
- Clark: how to figure out who to send to? Weighted choices, uncertain on how decided. Information in documents.
- **Public Comment:**
- None

TOPIC #5	Annexation Committee Map Recommendations Review
PRESENTER	
NOTES/OUTCOME	

- Wyeth Friday, Planning Director: overview
- Cole: when this comes to Council on 4/23, assume Council will vote separately on each of the 5 requests?
- Wyeth: goes through the 5 properties that petitioned for map amendments. Kurth property. Recommend bringing into long range area.
- Joy: density of the Rose Park area? 6-7 units/acre.

- Joy: what tool is available to council to est. the cost of providing police services to undeveloped land? What would trigger adding a police officer? Cost of Services plan will return to Council for consideration. Council directed staff to develop a proposed scope of work, let Council see it and then request consultant proposals.
- Wyeth: Dyk property: recommend amending the map.
- Joy: reimbursement agreements for water and sewer? explained and yes.
- Ewalt: construct 46th to 48th, owners on both sides have to pay and all the way to 48th? yes.
- Wyeth: Baptist College property: annex 12 acres, want to expand and need city services. Recommend amending the map.
- Ewalt: will City benefit from annexation because the land is tax exempt? Don't know, but regardless, would pay assessments and fees.
- Cole: report to Council – what tax class properties pay taxes and which ones pay only assessments and which ones?
- Wyeth: Morledge property. Recommend not amending the map.
- **Public Comment:**
- None
- Yakawich: any liability to the City if don't annex and provide police or fire? No or very limited.
- Ronning: concern about annexation requests when the last 4 PS levies have failed.
- Cole: useful info would be citywide size and density and be able to track that over time. Denser than the other big 7 cities?
- Joy: drive King Avenue west and ask where do these kids play?

TOPIC #6	City Administrator Search Firm
PRESENTER	
NOTES/OUTCOME	

- Mayor Cole: committee members to review the proposals could be Brewster, Gibbs, Joy, Cole, Yakawich, Clark. Consider process for selecting, make recommendations to Council as whole, OK to proceed this way?
- Brown: this committee is responsible only for selecting the recruiting firm? Yes.
- Clark: these will be open meetings, so it doesn't matter if there is more or less than a quorum? Yes, even minority of members would have to have open meetings, public comments, etc.
- Cole: committee meeting times/place, etc. but all CMs receive the responses.
- Friedel: this is the easiest task ahead of Council, so 3 or 4 could do it.
- Clark: will attend meetings, so doesn't matter if I'm on the committee.
- Brooks: usual process is to have Council form a committee through official action.
- Clark: how many proposals last time? 12 or 13
- Brewster: committee will probably easily select 2-3, but could go out if there aren't.
- Cole: salary surveys coming in? waiting for last 5
- **Public Comment:**

- None

TOPIC #7	Council Discussion
PRESENTER	
NOTES/OUTCOME	

- None

TOPIC #8	Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda
PRESENTER	
NOTES/OUTCOME	

- None