

City Council Work Session

5:30 PM
Council Chambers
December 3, 2018

ATTENDANCE:

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

CM excused:

ADJOURN TIME: 8:27 pm

Mayor Cole, CM Ronning and CM Joy recently went to Denver to research indoor recreation facility. Impressed with architects and consultants.

Agenda

TOPIC #1	City Task Force Relationship
PRESENTER	Wyeth Friday
NOTES/OUTCOME	<p>PowerPoint presentation</p> <p>Purpose of Task Force discussion</p> <p>Task Force boundary map</p> <p>Task Force boundary with overlay of Council ward districts</p> <p>Task Force background</p> <p>Task Force meeting and outreach</p> <p>Legal relationships</p> <p>City Task Force support</p> <p>Task Force leadership input</p> <p>Council Direction and priority placement</p>

- Mayor – Task Force (TF) leadership input – any issues with doing those items, police reports, can officer time be better used, data put into better package, trends, month/year. Kukulski – discussed with Chief St. John expanding reports and continuity across all task forces.
- Gibbs – TF link on City website. Friday – have info on website, not easy to find for everyone.
- Brown – how long has budget been at \$12,000, what things are TF asking for and City denying? Friday – been same about 6-7 years, mailings can be too expensive for budget. Talked about other ways to contact members. Adopt a family for Christmas, picnic in park with alcohol license, denied both of those.
- Ronning – what does it take to start TF in areas? Friday – some have disbanded, existing TF can expand or contact City. Recommend starting with 1 before splitting into smaller groups.

- Joy – does City have any involvement if TF accepts donations or fundraisers? Friday – no, two TF's are 501 (c)(3). Conversations happening, City only provides information.
- Clark – police officers present great concept.
- Yakawich – Neighborhood adjacent meetings when TFs come together.
- **Public Comment:**
- Connie Wardell, P.O. Box 21432, Billings, Montana – like large TF area, like police reports the way they are, hard to start a TF, a lot of people don't know some of the TF exist, work more with the TF's.

TOPIC #2	Gambling and Liquor License Regulations
PRESENTER	Wyeth Friday
NOTES/OUTCOME	PowerPoint presentation Staff recommendation for next steps Gaming licenses fixed in Billings Tax Collections and license values Crime Stats Moratorium process Options through Zoning code update process

- Mayor – continue with other city stats.
- Cromley – value of license in other cities? Gaming machine stats? Friday – State had information. Range of winnings per machine is mandated.
- Yakawich – potential distance issues on locations. Friday – separation and sub-commercial zoning districts could help.
- Mayor – who are key players, casino owners, tavern associations? Friday – can contact business owners, representation in place.
- Clark – what happens with project recode with existing businesses that area may be recoded? Friday – looking at options, moving, conformance, etc.
- Ronning – signage effect, if stricter with signage with recode, concerned about crime stats.
- Friedel – options...implement a sunset, zoning that specific area a gambling zone.
- Gibbs – legal standing, state problem, City limited on what we can do with gambling.
- **Public Comment:**
- Tina Volek, 3214 Horton Smith, Billings, Montana – separation distance, protection of entities but not neighborhoods. Zoning, look at definitions to not allow in future, stakeholders.
- Connie Wardell, P.O. Box 21432, Billings, Montana – concern about being addressed through project recode, map of existing casinos, cost of gambling addiction.
- Tom Zurbuchen, 1747 Wicks Lane, Billings, Montana – gambling is tax revenue for the City, does City want to lose businesses to County?

- Brown – could grant waivers if neighborhoods want casinos.
- Ronning – address signage prior to re-code process. Friday – expecting process to take 2 years. Draft portions will be reviewed, changes made etc.

Recess at 7:41 pm. Reconvene at 7:46 pm.

TOPIC #3	2017-2021 TIP Amendment #2
PRESENTER	Scott Walker
NOTES/OUTCOME	PowerPoint presentation

- Friedel – 6th Avenue underpass changes? Blue Creek turning lane? Walker – 6th Avenue, nothing significant. Blue Creek, preservation only at this point.
- Ronning – great information, vehicle purchases for MET Transit.
- Mayor – construction costs up or down? Concerns? Walker – seems in line with plans. Federally funded dollars, no local dollars. 27th Street railroad study will be significant. Will take 1-2 years to complete. New technology at intersection.
- Billings horizontal curve signage costs? Walker – engineering and safety aspects are main costs.
- **Public Comment:**
- Tom Zurbuchen, 1747 Wicks Lane, Billings, Montana – 27th Street railroad is top 10 issue. Needs addressing in the state.

TOPIC #4	Special Work Session – Goal Setting Discussion
PRESENTER	Chris Kukulski
NOTES/OUTCOME	Options are Saturdays in January, 1/5 too early after holiday, 1/12 USS Wichita commissioning in FL. Staff concerns on Martin Luther King weekend? Kukulski – will verify. Iffland – will send Work Plan draft. Consensus - 01/19/2019 at 8 am-12 pm

- **Public Comment:**
- None

TOPIC #5	Council Discussion
PRESENTER	
NOTES/OUTCOME	

- Ronning – acknowledge President Bush's death.
- Clark – will have initiative next week. Not ready to specify.
- Yakawich – will have City Hall initiative.
- **Public Comment:**
- None

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

- Connie Wardell, P.O. Box 21432, Billings, Montana – suggest Council discuss garbage receptacle issue.