

**\*\*ATTENTION\*\***

Due to the COVID-19 health concerns, the format of the City Council meeting will be held in a virtual videoconferencing environment. In order to honor the Right of Participation and the Right to Know in Article II, sections 8 and 9, of the Montana Constitution, the City of Billings and City Council are making every effort to meet the requirements of the open meeting laws:

- The Agenda Packet is available for viewing on the City's website at: <https://ci.billings.mt.us/117/Agendas-Minutes>
- Councilmembers will attend the meeting via a remote location, using a virtual meeting method. City Hall and the Council Chambers will be closed during the meeting.
- The Public may view the meeting on the Community 7 TV - Channel 7 or Channel 507 – Spectrum Cable. The Public may also view online at [www.comm7tv.com](http://www.comm7tv.com) and click on the "Watch Live" icon. Community 7 also has links to their Facebook page and YouTube channel in which to view the meeting.
- Public comment will be taken only during the Public Comment periods as indicated on the agenda. Comments may be sent to Council via email before 3:00 PM, on Monday, May 4th, at: <https://ci.billings.mt.us/1538/City-Council-E-mail-Messages>
- Emails received after 3:00 PM and prior to 5:00 PM, may be read during the meeting.
- The Public may call in during specific Public Comment periods at **406.237.6196**. All callers will be in a queued system and are asked to remain on hold and be patient. Calls will be taken in the order in which they are received. Callers will be restricted to 3 minutes of testimony as is customary.

Future delivery methods may be explored as best practice is learned.

Please contact City Clerk, Denise Bohlman, at [bohlmand@billingsmt.gov](mailto:bohlmand@billingsmt.gov), or 657-8210 with any questions.

# CITY OF BILLINGS

## CITY OF BILLINGS VISION STATEMENT:

**“THE MAGIC CITY: A DIVERSE, WELCOMING COMMUNITY WHERE PEOPLE PROSPER AND BUSINESS SUCCEEDS.”**

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### WORK SESSION AGENDA

**Council Chambers are Closed.  
The meeting will be held remotely  
via virtual meeting room. Please  
see coversheet for details and  
instructions for viewing and  
participation.**

**(Wednesday)  
May 27, 2020**

**5:30 P.M.**

#### **CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Cole**

- 1. COVID-19 Update by Unified Incident Command (UIC)**  
- Public Comment
  
- 2. Budget Presentations:**
  - a. Tourism Business Improvement District (TBID)**  
*(Presented by Alex Tyson, Visit Billings)*  
- Public Comment
  
  - b. Downtown Business Improvement District (BID)**  
*(Presented by Katy Easton, Downtown Billings Alliance)*  
- Public Comment
  
  - c. Public Works**  
*(Presented by David Mumford, Public Work Director and Jennifer Duray, Deputy Public Works Director)*  
- Public Comment
  
  - d. Parks and Recreation**  
*(Presented by Michael Whitaker, Parks, Recreation and Public Lands Director)*  
- Public Comment

#### **COUNCIL DISCUSSION:**

**PUBLIC COMMENT on “NON-AGENDA ITEMS”.** **Speaker Sign-in required.** *(Restricted to ONLY items not on this printed agenda. Comments are limited to 3 minutes or as set by the Mayor. Please call 237-6196 during the public comment period.)*

## **ADJOURN:**

## **CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION\* (Pending Litigation)**

### Note:

- This meeting is an "informal" meeting of the City Council. The content of the Agenda is subject to change at the meeting.
- \*In the event there is a Closed Executive Session at the end of a Work Session, the sole purpose is to discuss litigation strategy. The other parties to the case(s) discussed are not public bodies or associations as described in Section 2-3-203(1) and (2), MCA. The meeting is closed, as allowed by Section 2-3-203(4)(a), MCA, "to discuss a strategy to be followed with respect to litigation when an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the litigating position" of the City of Billings.