

# Agenda Items

**SOUTH SIDE NEIGHBORHOOD TASK FORCE**

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**Mayor**

January 18, 2014

Honorable City Council Members  
City of Billings  
City Hall  
210 North 27<sup>th</sup> Street  
Billings, Montana 59101

Tina Volek  
Administrator  
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Re: Proposed Grant for South Park  
Destination Playground

Dear City Council Members and Administrator Volek:

At the December meeting of the South Side Neighborhood Task Force, Chris Waite of the Parks, Recreation and Public Lands Department, told the Task Force that he will be preparing and submitting a grant to obtain Land and Water Conservation funds to renovate the playground at South Park and make it a destination playground in the Billings community. The Task Force members were pleased by this news and Mr. Waite's efforts and voted unanimously to support this grant request, which we understand will come before the Council for authorization at your meeting on January 27, 2014.

We urge you to strongly support this grant application as our playground is dated and does not comply with newer standards, such as fall protection for the children who use it. The Task Force also believes that making this playground a unique destination for families in our community would assist us in our efforts to make our neighborhood Park a

place where all community members recreate and feel at home. With our new Gazebo and other improvements that have been made in recent years, we are trying to make sure that positive activity and community spirit fill South Park and that our neighborhood is known, understood and embraced by all Billings residents. This playground will be an important part of that long-term effort.

Again, we urge you to give strong support to this Land and Water Conservation grant application from the Parks Department.

If you have any questions or concerns about this matter, feel free to contact me at any time. Thank you in advance for your help in making Billings' first neighborhood one of its best.

Sincerely,



Elizabeth McCulloch  
Chair

South Side Neighborhood Task Force

cc: Mike Whitaker and Chris Waite, Billings Parks; File; Chair; Secretary

# Other Items



**FROM THE DESK OF . . .PATRICK M. WEBER**

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## **MEMORANDUM**

**To: Honorable Mayor and City Council**

**CC: Tina Volek**

**Date: 01/24/14**

**Subject: 01/23/14 Pre-Budget Meeting Requests**

Three items were requested at the pre-budget meeting. Attached is a staffing comparison from FY 04 to FY 14, a list of SID transfer projects and a printout of the decision page from the interactive model.

Please let Tina know if you have any questions.

## Full-Time Staffing Comparison

	FY 04 FTE	FY 14 FTE	Diff.
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>			
Mayor and City Council	5.5	5.5	-
City Administrator	5.5	5.0	(0.5)
Human Resources	4.5	5.0	0.5
City Hall Maintenance	2.0	-	(2.0)
City Attorney	8.0	10.0	2.0
Municipal Court	11.5	19.5	8.0
Finance	11.0	11.0	-
Public Defender	3.0	-	(3.0)
Code Enforcement	3.3	3.3	-
Parks, Recreation and Public Land Cemetery	24.0	24.0	-
	4.0	4.0	-
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>	<b><u>82.3</u></b>	<b><u>87.3</u></b>	<b><u>5.0</u></b>
<b>OTHER FUNDS</b>			
Planning	10.3	11.0	0.7
Library	29.6	31.7	2.1
Building	16.0	13.3	(2.7)
Attorney Grants	3.0	3.3	0.3
Development Serv. Block Grant	4.0	4.0	-
Police	153.0	166.0	13.0
Animal Shelter	7.0	7.0	-
Fire	139.0	146.5	7.5
Street/Traffic Operating	39.0	45.0	6.0
Public Works Belknap	103.0	103.0	-
Solid Waste	50.0	64.5	14.5
Parking	14.8	12.0	(2.8)
Aviation	53.0	56.0	3.0
Transit	55.3	55.3	-
Property Insurance Fund	-	1.0	1.0
Facilities Management	1.0	6.0	5.0
Fleet Services	16.0	18.0	2.0
Public Works-Administration	4.0	8.0	4.0
Public Works Engineering	18.0	23.0	5.0
Park District 1	-	3.0	3.0
Information Technologies	10.0	18.0	8.0
Central Telephone Services	1.0	1.0	-
<b>TOTAL OTHER FUNDS</b>	<b><u>727.0</u></b>	<b><u>796.6</u></b>	<b><u>69.6</u></b>
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b><u>809.3</u></b>	<b><u>883.9</u></b>	<b><u>74.6</u></b>

## Projects Considered for use of SID Transfer Funding

### Projects Approved by Council for SID Transfer Funding

Police New World Software	600,000
City Hall Lighting Upgrade	81,000
Seven Fire Stations Lighting Upgrades/FS 2 Boiler	216,000
Establish a Home Reinvestment revolving loan	<u>250,000</u>
	1,147,000

### Done with GF Funding

City Hall Boiler	140,000
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### Will be done with Park District 1 Funding

Replace South Park playground equipment	180,000
Rebuild Castle Rock tennis courts	275,000
Replace batting cage equipment	50,000
South Park Sprayground	500,000
Rebuild Pioneer Park tennis courts	355,000
Amend Park water service upgrades	250,000
A large event shelter at Pioneer Park	200,000
Stewart Park infrastructure improvements	1,200,000
Replace Pioneer Park Playground Equipment	180,000
Swords Park Restroom	50,000
Repair Black Otter Trail Road	150,000
Phipps Park Restroom	50,000
High Sierra Park Disc Golf Course	35,000

Put in Property/Liability Fund	1,238,696
Pay off the New Radio System	1,135,845

**Decision Page**

	<b>FY 14</b>	<b>FY 15</b>	<b>FY 16</b>	<b>FY 17</b>	<b>FY 18</b>
Taxes	0.0%	1.0%	1.0%	1.0%	1.0%
Intergovernmental	0.0%	3.5%	1.0%	1.0%	1.0%
GF Personal Services 1.5%	2.5%	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%
PSF Personal Services 2.0%	2.5%	4.5%	4.5%	4.5%	4.5%
Non Controllable O&M	0.0%	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%
GF transfer to PSF	815,000	22,592,000	23,987,000	25,580,000	27,006,000
Add/(Reduce) GF Expenditures	832,000	-	-	-	-
Add/(Reduce) PSF Expenditures	-	-	-	-	-
GF Revenue	32,992,139	32,673,524	33,092,157	33,516,824	33,947,622
GF Expenditure	34,901,970	34,119,575	35,936,499	37,968,132	39,850,153
<b>Ending Fund Balance</b>	<b>19,305,529</b>	<b>17,859,478</b>	<b>15,015,136</b>	<b>10,563,828</b>	<b>4,661,297</b>
<b>Recommended Reserve</b>	<b>10,121,571</b>	<b>9,894,677</b>	<b>10,421,585</b>	<b>11,010,758</b>	<b>11,556,544</b>
PSF Revenue	37,076,416	38,329,630	39,826,105	41,522,374	43,053,480
PSF Expenditure	36,983,376	38,328,867	39,826,065	41,522,476	43,054,103
Amount to Levy	-	-	-	-	-
# Mills @ \$160,000/mill	-	-	-	-	-





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## **MEMORANDUM**

**To: Mayor & City Council**  
**Date: Friday, January 24, 2014**  
**Subject: Revised Council Appointments to Outside Boards**

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Attached is an updated version of the spread sheet on Council appointments to outside boards and committees that was distributed to the Council on Tuesday, Jan. 21. As requested by the Council, it lists the meeting times and dates of the various groups.

In making those contacts, however, it was discovered that there have been a couple of changes from when the list was last updated two years ago.

- The Work Force Housing Ad Hoc Committee has completed its work and disbanded. It has been deleted from the attached list; and
- The Downtown Billings Association (DBA) Board never has had a City Council Member on it, although former Council Members Astle and Ulledalen had been shown as being assigned to it. The Downtown Billings staff believes this should have been listed as the Downtown Billings Partnership Board, to which Council Member Bird already has been assigned.

The revised list reflects the names of those who volunteered for the Policy Coordinating Committee and the Beartooth RC&D Board. If, after reviewing the list, there are questions or concerns, please let me know. The Council could discuss this further at either the Jan. 27 business meeting under Administrator Comments or at the Feb. 3 work session under Council Discussion. If there are no additional comments, we will notify the necessary agencies with contact information.

<b>Council Member Committees</b>		
Big Sky EDA Board	Jani McCall	Second Thursday of the month in the Yellowstone Room @ 222 N. 32nd Street First floor @ 7:30 AM
Community Development Board	Becky Bird Ken Crouch (Alt)	First Tuesday of the month in the Miller Building, 2825 3rd Avenue North, 6th floor @ 3:00 PM
Policy Coordinating Committee	Mayor Hanel Denis Pitman (Alt)	Third Tuesday of the month in the Yellowstone County Commissioners Board Room, 217 N. 27th Street @ 12:00 Noon
Yellowstone Veterans Cemetery Board	Denis Pitman	First Wednesday of the month in the Yellowstone County Commissions Board Room @ 5:00 PM. Disbanding when cemetery becomes Federal
Montana League of Cities & Towns *Travel covered for Helena meeting	Denis Pitman	Late June in Helena*; October annual conference
Beartooth RC & D	Ed Ulledalen	Third Thursday of odd numbered months various locations; winter meetings 1:30 PM, summer meetings 5:30 PM
Bright & Beautiful	Angela Cimmino	Third Wednesday of month @ Perkins on 27th Street @ 12:00 Noon
DBP Board	Becky Bird (non-voting) Ed Ulledalen	Fourth Friday of the month in GW Bldg, 2722 3rd Avenue North 1st Floor Conference Room @ 7:30 AM
Independence Hall Advisory Board	Denis Pitman Angela Cimmino	