

COUNCIL ACTION SUMMARY

CITY OF BILLINGS

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

AGENDA

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

October 27, 2014

6:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Hanel

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Hanel - Young Marines Sergeant Ostrud and Sergeant Clayton from Bridger High School presented the colors.

INVOCATION: Councilmember Pitman

ROLL CALL: Councilmembers present on roll call were: Cromley, Yakawich, Pitman, Cimmino, McFadden, Bird, McCall, Swanson, Crouch, and Brown

MINUTES: October 14, 2014 - **APPROVED**

COURTESIES: Park Department Awards – Parks Director, Mike Whitaker, announced the City of Billings Parks, Recreation, and Public Lands Department and two staff members had been recognized by the Montana Trails Recreation and Parks Association for outstanding achievement in the Parks and Recreation field. Mark Jarvis, Park Planner, had been named 2014 Professional of the Year; and Chris Waite, Volunteer Coordinator, had been named 2014 New Professional of the Year. Mr. Whitaker said the department’s Outdoor Adventure Camp Series and their new Outreach Division were awarded the 2014 Citation of Merit for Agency Excellence. He introduced Mr. Jarvis and Mr. Waite; and Hannah Luedt, who ran the Outdoor Adventure Camp Series. Mr. Jarvis, Mr. Waite, and Ms. Luedt introduced family members who were present, and Ms. Luedt introduced her supervisor, Kory Thomson.

PROCLAMATIONS:

- Red Ribbon Week – October 23-31, 2014
- Magic Week – October 25-31, 2014

ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS - TINA VOLEK

- Reminded the City Council the Community Innovations Summit was scheduled for that week. Wednesday, 1 p.m. to 7 p.m., a program would be held at the

Babcock Theater with staff presentations from San Diego's Serial Inebriate Program and San Antonio's Haven for Hope Program. Thursday, 7:30 a.m., a set of discussions would be held at the Northern Hotel on legislation, enforcement, and project funding to determine how best Billings should move forward. She thanked Lisa Harmon, Greg Krueger, and Joe Stout from Downtown Billings and Brenda Beckett and Lynda Woods from Community Development for their hard work organizing the event. She also noted Tuesday, 9 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. the faith community would have a program at the First United Methodist Church.

PUBLIC COMMENT on "NON-PUBLIC HEARING" Agenda Items: #1 ONLY.

Speaker sign-in required. (Comments offered here are limited to one (1) minute. Please sign in at the cart located at the back of the council chambers or at the podium. Comment on items listed as public hearing items will be heard ONLY during the designated public hearing time for each respective item. For Items not on this agenda, public comment will be taken at the end of the agenda.)

The public comment period was opened. There were no speakers, and the public comment period was closed.

1. CONSENT AGENDA -- Separations: **D, F, I, M1 & M2**

A. Contract for Professional Services with KLJ for design and construction administration of W.O. 15-07, Orchard Lane Reconstruction - King Avenue East to State Avenue (curb and gutter, sidewalk, and street); \$241,000. **APPROVED**

B. Contract for Professional Services with Sanderson Stewart for design and construction administration of W.O. 15-01, Schedule 3, 2015 Water and Sanitary Sewer Main Replacement Projects (17th Street West from Ave. D to Staples Pump Station north of Rimrock Road); not to exceed \$551,055. **APPROVED**

C. Contract for Professional Services with Hellas Construction for reconstruction of seven tennis courts in Pioneer and Castlerock Parks; \$57,000. **APPROVED**

D. Contract for Professional Services with HDR Engineering, Inc., for W.O. 15-10, Water Treatment Plant Chemical Building/Disinfection Improvements; \$1,193,100. **APPROVED 10-0. CM CIMMINO ABSTAINED.**

E. Contract with Municipal Services Bureau for Court Collection Services (5-year); 27% commission rate on amount collected. **APPROVED**

F. Compensation Agreement with Trails West Homes for 2,050 feet of 20" water main in 56th Street West south of Grand Avenue; \$403,101.56. **APPROVED**

G. Approval of Scheduled Airline Operating Agreements and Terminal Building Leases with Alaska/Horizon, Allegiant, Cape Air, Delta, and United Airlines (7/1/13-

6/30/19); estimated annual revenue - \$3,000,000. **APPROVED**

H. Recommendation of approval to the Policy Coordinating Committee for the ZooMontana to Riverfront Park Trail Feasibility Study. **APPROVED**

I. Acknowledging Receipt of Petition to Annex #14-05: approximately 2.5 acres located at 659 Lincoln Lane in the Billings Heights; Lary and Judy Garrison, owners and petitioners; and setting a public hearing date of November 10, 2014. **APPROVED**

J. Resolution of Intent #14-10404 to create the downtown Business Improvement District No. 0001 and set a public hearing date for November 24, 2014. **APPROVED**

K. Second/Final Reading Ordinance #14-5631 expanding Ward V (Annexation #14-03 - Shiloh Conservation Area) for an approximate 69 acres located on the west side of Shiloh Road at the northwest corner of Shiloh Crossing Boulevard and South Shiloh Road; City of Billings, owner. **APPROVED**

L. Preliminary Subsequent Minor Plat of Amended Lot 9A, Block 9, Circle Fifty Subdivision, generally located on the north side of Avenue C just west of 38th Street West; Tvetene Kenmark, LLC, owner; Mark Allen, managing partner; Meridian Surveying, representing surveyor; conditional approval and adoption of the Findings of Fact. **APPROVED**

M. Bills and Payroll:

1. September 22, 2014 **APPROVED 10-0. CM BROWN ABSTAINED.**
2. September 29, 2014 **APPROVED 10-0. CM BROWN ABSTAINED.**
3. July 1, 2014 - September 30, 2014 - Municipal Court **APPROVED**

REGULAR AGENDA:

2. PUBLIC HEARING AND FIRST READING ORDINANCE FOR ZONE CHANGE #926: A zone change from Residential 9,600 to Residential 6,000 on property legally described as Lots 21-24, Block 12, College Subdivision, 3rd Filing, and addressed as 1247 Princeton Avenue; Vaughn and Marla Rohrdanz, owners. Zoning Commission recommends approval of the zone change and adoption of the determinations of the 10 criteria. (Action: approval or disapproval of Zoning Commission recommendation.) **APPROVED**

3. PUBLIC HEARING AND RESOLUTION #14-10405 approving and adopting First Quarter Budget Amendments for Fiscal Year 2014/2015. Staff recommends approval. (Action: approval or disapproval of staff recommendation.) **APPROVED**

PUBLIC COMMENT on Non-Agenda Items -- Speaker Sign-in required. (*Restricted to ONLY items not on this printed agenda. Comments here are limited to 3 minutes.*)

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The public comment period was opened.

- **Marty Elizabeth Ortiz, 707 1st Street West, #6, Billings, MT**, said the Human Relations Commission had not received an invitation to attend the Summit, and they would like to attend. Ms. Volek advised the invitation had been sent to Walt Donges earlier that day. Ms. Ortiz asked if Not In Our Town (NIOT) would also be invited. She was the newly-elected chairperson of NIOT, and she would like to attend.

There were no other speakers, and the public comment period was closed.

COUNCIL INITIATIVES

- **Mayor Hanel:** Mayor Hanel referenced the advance notice he provided at the October 14 meeting for his initiative to ask staff to provide a presentation on the selection process of the primary healthcare provider for the City of Billings. Mayor Hanel **moved** for a review of the insurance committee, seconded by Councilmember Crouch. Mayor Hanel said the reason he brought it up; he did not know how many were familiar with the process. It was a very well-supervised and very well-organized process, and he was not being critical by any means. However, what it amounted to was the primary care provider for our city employees at the present time was St. Vincent Hospital. It had been for three years and was recently renewed. The process involved a variety of employees. There was non-bargaining, bargaining, and one retiree for a total of 15. They got together and voted as a majority. They were allowed to vote on an absentee basis if they were not available. Basically, what it came down to was to select a medical provider for their primary care. It was based on a variety of aspects, and they were assisted by EBMS, who administered the proposal very professionally and in a very good manner. The last time he and Ms. Volek were called to explain to one of the local facilities. The reason he was bringing forward his initiative for it to be reviewed was because he would like to stress that Billings, although large in size, was still very small in many, many ways. They were extremely fortunate they had two excellent medical care facilities – St. Vincent Healthcare and Billings Clinic. It was his thought that one time there was a situation where you could choose one facility or the other, and it was split about 50-50; however, this committee also had the oversight of reserves and once upon a time those reserves were getting very, very minimal. Should there be a medical emergency or a drastic step backward financially, if there was not enough reserves basically they would go bankrupt. The reserves were healthy once again, and he was asking that the staff provide them so everybody totally understood the scenario of how it all came together, and they might consider going back to a choice situation for the employees. Both the medical facilities were fantastic, top-notch, best in the northwest, and he would hate to think they

were such a large city they could not allow some of the services to go to both hospitals again. They were both very supportive of the city in many, many ways financially as large employers and a huge amount of property tax generated, and he would like to think they could share the services as they did at one time. He was asking staff to put together the breakdown of how it all comes about so they could at least consider. Following a brief discussion, Councilmember Pitman called for Point of Order and said they needed to save their discussion and questions for the staff presentation. Councilmember Crouch called for the question. On a voice vote, the motion was unanimously approved. Ms. Volek advised staff would make their presentation at the December 1st work session.

ADJOURN: 7:53 p.m.

Additional information on any of these items is available in the City Clerk's Office.

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