

Resolution No. 16-_____

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BILLINGS CITY COUNCIL CREATING AN AD HOC
COUNCIL ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON
FUTURE USES AND MANAGEMENT OF THE BABCOCK THEATER**

WHEREAS, in September 2008, the Billings City Council approved a development agreement with Babcock, LLC, and the Downtown Billings Partnership to purchase and preserve the Babcock retail building and theater; and

WHEREAS, that agreement called for Babcock, LLC, to transfer the theater to the City by April 1, 2016, a date that was delayed to March 15, 2017 by an amendment to the original agreement approved by the City Council on May 13, 2013; and

WHEREAS, the City Council agreed by consensus at a February 1, 2016, work session to meet a 2016 strategic objective to identify future uses and management of the Babcock Theater; and

WHEREAS, BMCC Sec. 2-224 Ad hoc council advisory committee, requires such a committee be created by a resolution that establishes the committee's purpose, scope of responsibilities, composition and duration of service.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE BILLINGS CITY COUNCIL HEREBY RESOLVES that an eleven member ad hoc Council advisory committee on the Babcock Theater be created to recommend to the City Council no later than December 31, 2016, who should own and manage the theater; and

FURTHER, THE CITY COUNCIL RESOLVES that the committee should consist of the following members:

- 1) Four City Council Members: Larry Brewster, Richard Clark, Angela Cimmino and Alvin Swanson;
- 2) Lisa Harmon, a representative of the Downtown Billings Association;
- 3) William R. Wood, Executive Director of the Alberta Bair Theater, a representative of other area theaters
- 4) Ruth Towe, a representative of interested residents;
- 5) Ian Elliot, a representative of the theater community;
- 6) Wayne Wilcox, a representative of the production community,
- 7) Jeff Yeley, owner of Jimmy Johns, as representative of other business owners in the Babcock; and
- 8) Jack Nickels, incoming president, as a representative of the Yellowstone County Cultural Partners.

AND, FURTHER, THE CITY COUNCIL RESOLVES that the City Administrator shall name such staff as are needed to support the ad hoc committee in its investigations.

APPROVED this 14 day of March, 2016.

Billie Guenther, City Clerk

Thomas W. Hanel, Mayor