

# City Council Work Session

5:30 PM  
Council Chambers  
February 18, 2020

**ATTENDANCE:**

**Mayor/Council** (please check)  Cole,  Shaw,  Yakawich,  Neese,  
 Ewalt,  Joy,  Choriki,  Purinton,  Ronning,  Boyett,  Brown  
CM excused: **ALL PRESENT**

**ADJOURN TIME:** 10:03 pm

## Agenda

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| <b>TOPIC #1</b>      | <b>Continuum of Care</b>   |
| <b>PRESENTER</b>     | <b>Patti Webster, Chair of Continuum of Care and Executive Director of Housing Authority of Billings</b> |
| <b>NOTES/OUTCOME</b> |  |

Topics 1 and 2 combined

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| <b>TOPIC #2</b>      | <b>Yellowstone County Substance Abuse Connect Coalition</b>  |
| <b>PRESENTER</b>     | <b>Kristi Lundgren, Director of Impact-United Way, Lenette Kosovich, CEO Rimrock Foundation and Co-Chair of Treatment/Diversion task Force</b> |
| <b>NOTES/OUTCOME</b> |  |

- Patti Webster: overview of services and current needs. 1.5 FTE to continue. Need City Council support.
- Lenette Kosovich, Rimrock Foundation: ask for \$150,000 Council help. Need staff to gather and analyze data. Need a stabilized housing unit for people in crisis.
- Kristen Lundgren, United Way: introduction of leaders involved. Have secured \$1.2 million, inviting City to join. Asking for: FTE, City staff help, stabilized housing unit, funding for crisis line 211.
- Council discussed funding from City residents, how it is being used, future amount needed. Would like to see what amount from Yellowstone County is from City resident taxes.
- Shaw: motion to direct staff to continue communication with groups to figure out tentative goals, seconded by CM Boyett.
- Kukulski: 2 mill ask, instead of original ask of 1 mill.
- **Public Comment:**
- Matt Lundgren, 4251 Iron Horse Trail, Billings, Montana: provide shelter with MT Rescue Mission, need help to bridge gap between Rescue Mission and Crisis Center. Will save money with enforcement and prevention.
- Erica Willis, Tumbleweed Director: support project and will help youth and young adults experiencing homelessness.

- Katie Easton, Downtown Billings Alliance needs to take these steps for safety and community wellness.
- Larry Seekins, 380 Camel Place, Billings, Montana: 80% of Police calls are drug/alcohol related. Need program to move forward.

Motion to direct staff to continue communication with groups to figure out tentative goals, APPROVED unanimously.

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| <b>TOPIC #3</b>      | <b>Lockwood TEDD Update</b>   |
| <b>PRESENTER</b>     | <b>Mike Ariztia, Lockwood Water and Sewer – Woody Woods, Lockwood TEDD Advisory Board</b> |
| <b>NOTES/OUTCOME</b> |   |

- Mike Ariztia: Overview of need for public sewer, timeline, current City/Lockwood Water and Sewer Services agreement, charges and fees, service areas, proposed expansion. Purpose of Lockwood TEDD, potential economic impacts, annexation concerns, and benefits of City partnership.
- Steve Arvechoug, BSED Executive Director: need partnership between City and Lockwood for success. TEDD is long term 30-40 year plan. Encourage support.
- Woody Woods: requesting City to allow Lockwood to extend Lockwood Water and Sewer boundary to include Lockwood TEDD WITHOUT requiring waivers of the right to protest future annexation.
- Kukulski: overview of Trailhead Commerce Park impact analysis, TEDD parcel tax comparison. Draft of annexation form would annex after TEDD expires. Recommend Council approve Lockwood TEDD expansion boundary WITH waiver of right to protest requirement.
- Mumford: Lockwood had been on septic, had failures, could not pass levy for sewer. City had concerns with annexation (Briarwood and Heights annexations were troublesome with City/County standards). Decision made to allow Lockwood to use treatment plant without annexation.
- **Public Comment:**
- John Ostlund, County Commissioner: Yellowstone County has 3 of the refineries due to the way County does business in allowing tax incentives. Do not support waiver of protest requirement.
- Terry Seiffert, 3333 North Frontage Road, Billings, Montana: Do not support waiver of protest requirement.
- Matt Robertson, NAI Business Properties: industrial companies looking for real estate. Lockwood can meet product demand.
- Matt Corcoran, KLJ Engineering: researched financial options for annexation and County standards versus City standards. Would be difficult for City standards to be met.
- Steve Simonson, Beartooth Resource Conservation: expanding TEDD could add diversity and resiliency.
- Larry Seekins, 380 Camel, Billings, Montana: cost benefit study needed.

- Neese: made a motion to direct staff to work with TEDD to REQUIRE waiver of annexation, expiring in 25 years or end of agreement (whichever is longer), seconded by CM Ewalt.
- Brown: amend motion to extend boundary to include TEDD WITHOUT requiring waiver of annexation, seconded by CM Yakawich.
- Council discussed the pros and cons of requiring waivers of annexation.
- Brown's amendment FAILED 6-5, Neese, Ewalt, Joy, Mayor Cole, Choriki, and Purinton voted against.
- Neese's motion to direct staff to REQUIRE waivers of annexation was APPROVED 7-4, Boyett, Brown, Ronning, Yakawich voted in opposition.

Recess at 8:56 pm  
Reconvene at 9:05 pm

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| <b>TOPIC #4</b>      | <b>Code Enforcement Update</b>         |
| <b>PRESENTER</b>     | <b>Wyeth Friday, Planning Director</b> |
| <b>NOTES/OUTCOME</b> |  |

- Wyeth Friday, Planning Director: overview of The Dirty Dozen.
- Neese: would like to see Code Enforcement update presentation before Council every six months instead of quarterly. Still provide updates quarterly, but without presentation to Council.
- **Public Comment:**
- None

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| <b>TOPIC #5</b>      | <b>Council Discussion</b> |
| <b>PRESENTER</b>     |                           |
| <b>NOTES/OUTCOME</b> |                           |

- Brown: has CM Ronning's Non Discrimination Ordinance (NDO) ordinance been posted to website?
- Iffland: given out when requested, but not published. Typically proposed initiatives not published. CM Ronning can send as attachment to Council and it will be posted as Council emails.
- Mayor Cole: proposed ordinance will be at the end of meeting. Speakers should not assume to have 3 minutes. May set up a certain duration of time for speakers.
- **Public Comment:**
- None

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| <b>TOPIC #6</b>      | <b>Public Comment on Items Not on the Agenda</b> |
| <b>PRESENTER</b>     |  |
| <b>NOTES/OUTCOME</b> |  |

- Jaime Eisenbarth, 2222 Virginia Lane, Billings, Montana: City is ready for NDO. Encourage Council to support.
- Kristen Prewitt, 5306 Lazy Willow Lane, Billings, Montana: support NDO (also known as Welcoming Diversity Ordinance (WDO)). Needed to send message of welcoming and inclusion.
- Adrian Joyart, 939 14<sup>th</sup> Street West, Billings, Montana: support WDO
- JP Vilai, 3100 Valley View Drive, Billings, Montana: support WDO. People choose where to live based on these issues. Provides Pediatric Healthcare providers letter of support.
- Anthony Miller, 4502 Highline Drive, Billings, Montana: support WDO.
- Carmelita Dominguez, 4440 Laredo Place, Billings, Montana: support LGBTQ and non-discrimination.
- Patty Webster, 4432 Vaughn Lane, Billings, Montana: support WDO. Any public comment needs to be
- Randy Swenson, 4510 Hi-line Drive, Billings, Montana: City needs to protect and welcome all citizens.
- Joe McGeshick, 2123 Iris Lane, Billings, Montana: MSU Pow Wow on April 3 and 4. Would like to bring forward proclamation at next meeting.