

# City Council Work Session

Virtual Meeting - 5:32 PM  
Tuesday, February 16, 2021

## ATTENDANCE:

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

ADJOURN TIME: 9:06 PM

## Agenda

<b>TOPIC #1</b>	<b>COVID-19 Update by Unified Incident Command</b>
<b>PRESENTER</b>	John Felton, Yellowstone County Health Officer
<b>NOTES/OUTCOME</b>	

- **John Felton:** gave an overview of current and past Covid numbers in the community. He stated it was the first day of the community vaccination clinic. He reviewed vaccination data and effectiveness.
- General Council questions and discussion.
- **Public Comment:**
- None

<b>TOPIC #2</b>	<b>Fiscal Year 2020 Annual Financial Audit</b>
<b>PRESENTERS</b>	Andy Zoeller, Finance Director Tyler Bryan, JCCS
<b>NOTES/OUTCOME</b>	

- Andy Zoeller introduced Tyler Bryan from JCCS.
- Tyler Bryan gave an overview of audit results from June 30, 2020, basic financial statements and program revenues and expenses.
- General Council questions and discussion: net cash position, legislative topics that would affect the City, and the need for a cash investments policy review.
- Tyler reviewed the Statement of Net position and explained how that number was reached.
- Andy gave an overview what was included in the FY2020 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR), taxable and estimated market value of taxable property, and pension liability.
- **Public Comment:**
- None

<b>TOPIC #3</b>	<b>Billings Bike and Scooter Share Feasibility Study</b>
<b>PRESENTERS</b>	Elyse Monat, Active Transportation Planner Mack Drzayich, Alta Planning + Design, Inc. Mike Sellinger, Alta Planning + Design, Inc. Rusty Logan, Transit Manager Wyeth Friday, Planning Director
<b>NOTES/OUTCOME</b>	

- Elyse Monat introduced Mack and Mike and indicated the Bike and Scooter Share Feasibility Study would be presented to the going to the Policy Coordinating Committee (PCC) on March 18.
- Mack Drzayich gave an overview of the study, benefits, how bike share worked, public engagement takeaways.
- Mike Sellinger reviewed the recommendations for the program: hybrid system, electric assist bikes, and system governance. He reviewed the proposed service areas and station locations, having an equity program, and costs and revenues.
- General Council questions and discussion: funding, finding a private operator for the program, profitability, comparable cities participating in a bike share program, and existing bike rental programs.
- Mack spoke of FTA and Air Quality funding options.
- Rusty Logan spoke of how the program could help the transit system.
- Mike spoke of what comparable cities were doing and reasons for vendors to participate.
- Elyse spoke of bike rentals at bike shops and a limited number through Chamber of Commerce and Downtown Billings Association.
- **Public Comment:**
- None
- Continued Council discussion.
- Wyeth Friday spoke of next steps and potential partnerships.

Recess at 8:00 P.M.      Reconvene at 8:06 P.M.

<b>TOPIC #4</b>	<b>Poly Vista Park Development Phase 1</b>
<b>PRESENTER</b>	Michael Whitaker, Parks, Recreation and Public Lands
<b>NOTES/OUTCOME</b>	

- Chris Kukulski spoke of the partnership with Landon’s Legacy.
- Mike Whitaker gave an overview of the Poly Vista Park development and reviewed the funding request and proposed development.
- General Council questions and discussion: contract details, allowing private contracts for completion,
- **Public Comment:**
- Caller was disconnected accidentally but asked for clarification on location.

<b>TOPIC #5</b>	<b>Legislative Updates</b>
<b>PRESENTER</b>	Chris Kukulski, City Administrator
<b>NOTES/OUTCOME</b>	

- Chris Kukulski indicated Wyeth Friday had been in Helena testifying for the City. Working on: LC 3268 moving prisoners and which legislators would be carrying the bills, timing,
- General Council discussion and questions.
- **Public Comment:**
- None

<b>TOPIC #7</b>	<b>Council Discussion</b>
<b>PRESENTER</b>	
<b>NOTES/OUTCOME</b>	

- Gina Dahl, City Attorney, gave Council an update on the situation with Heights Water District. Explained the reason it could not be discussed during a closed executive session was because it was between 2 public agencies. She spoke of: breach of contract for unpaid amount, trial set for October 2022, County counter claims against City. City trying to settle, meeting with mediator.
- General Council questions and discussion.
- Chris Kukulski spoke of the water meter error and how it affected Heights Water District.
- Mr. Kukulski and Council spoke about the regulation of marijuana and options available to the City.
- **Public Comment:**
- None

<b>TOPIC #8</b>	<b>Public Comment on Items Not on the Agenda</b>
<b>PRESENTER</b>	
<b>NOTES/OUTCOME</b>	

- None