



**VISION STATEMENT:**  
"The Magic City: A diverse,  
welcoming community  
where people prosper and  
business succeeds."

**WORK SESSION  
SUMMARY  
August 15, 2022**

**COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**5:30 P.M.**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Cole

Present: Councilmember Kendra Shaw  
Councilmember Ed Gulick  
Councilmember Roy Neese  
Councilmember Jennifer Owen  
Councilmember Denise Joy  
Councilmember Danny Choriki  
Councilmember Pam Purinton  
Councilmember Mike Boyett  
Councilmember Daniel Tidswell  
Councilmember Tom Rupsis  
Mayor William Cole

Staff  
present: Chris Kukulski, City Administrator  
Kevin Iffland, Assistant City Administrator  
Gina Dahl, City Attorney  
Scott Walker, Transportation Planner  
Rusty Logan, Transit Manager  
Andy Zoeller, Finance Director

Public comment:

- Clark Johnson, 6180 Master Blvd, Billings, MT – speed study needed on highway from Shiloh to Ironwood.
- Wesley Dunn, Dorothy Lane, Billings, MT – sidewalk needed in neighborhood.
- Amber Dunn, Dorothy Lane, Billings, MT - crime in neighborhood.
- Jacquelyn Garcia, Dorothy Lane, Billings, MT - crime in neighborhood.
- Sean, no last name given, Dorothy Lane, Billings, MT - crime in neighborhood.
- Kathy Johnson, 6190 Aviator Blvd, Billings, MT – speed study needed on highway from Shiloh to Ironwood.
- Oksana Zakharchenko, Montana Rescue Mission(MRM) – low barrier shelter funding

**1. City Charter Review**

Dan Clark, MSU Local Government Director, gave an overview of how Council could move forward establishing a City Charter review committee to make changes to the City's Charter. He reviewed the current Charter language and a possible timeline.

General Council questions and discussion: timeline, costs, and ballot language and options.

Public comment:

- Kevin Nelson, 4235 Bruce Ave., Billings, MT – spoke of previous discussions regarding creating a City Commission and what that may look like.

Council consensus - Bring to work session and Council can look at comments they feel are important and talk about ways to engage task forces for educating the public.

Council continued discussion.

## **2. Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)**

Scott Walker, Transportation Planner, gave an overview of the Metropolitan Planning organization (MPO) and the work elements, funding sources, comparisons, 2023 priorities and upcoming projects.

General Council questions and discussion: how unspent dollars could be used, including CPTED concepts, traffic safety implementation,

Rusty Logan, Transit Manager, gave an overview of the Transit section of the UPWP, funding, and upcoming plans.

General Council questions and discussion: paratransit routes and requirements, inter local agreements, and advertising projects.

Public comment:

None

Coming to council on 8/22 for approval.

Recess at 7:34 P.M. Reconvene at 7:43 P.M.

## **3. Property Initiative Update**

Chris Kukulski, City Administrator, gave an overview of the map showing City owned parcels, the ordinance that guides the sale of public land, retaining/developing Lampman Park or selling. He gave an overview of the GIS map.

Andy Zoeller, Finance Director, reviewed tax info on parcels.

General Council questions and discussion: adding additional features to map, selling dedicated parkland, having businesses take over maintenance of medians, 3D printing, developer participation

Gina Dahl – City Code allows the sale of property even if dedicated parkland.

Wyeth Friday, Planning Director, some parcels are in historic district.

Public comment:

- Patty Webster, HomeFront – need City process for underutilized land

Looking for additional information when map and process items are created.

#### 4. Highlight Upcoming Agenda Items of Council Interest.

CA Kukulski spoke of upcoming items.

#### **COUNCIL DISCUSSION:**

Mayor Cole - Stars and Stripes Museum in Bloomfield Missouri – giving City leader in citizenship award 4 pm on 8/16/22.

CM Purinton – will Council see CRU RFP and low barrier shelter RFP, forming council committees, meth drug reporting to DEQ.

CM Choriki – council agenda items, Central Terry problem, tools for dealing with problem areas.

CM Boyett – working on CA Kukulski's review process.

CM Rupsis – crime in neighborhood process, speed and traffic issues on Rimrock Road.

CM Neese – ordinance regarding judge requirement because of State Legislation change, Council order of business.

**PUBLIC COMMENT on "NON-AGENDA ITEMS". Speaker Sign-in required.** *(Restricted to ONLY items not on this printed agenda. Comments are limited to 3 minutes or as set by the Mayor. Please sign the roster at the cart located at the back of the Council chambers or at the podium.)*

- Kevin Nelson, 4235 Bruce Ave., Billings, MT – SBURA Recreation Center report – buying of sports plex.

**ADJOURN:** 8:59 P.M.