



VISION STATEMENT:
"The Magic City: A diverse,
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WORK SESSION AGENDA

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

December 5, 2022

5:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Cole

Present: Councilmember Kendra Shaw, Ward I
Councilmember Gulick, Ward I
Councilmember Neese, Ward II
Councilmember Jennifer Owen, Ward II
Councilmember Denise Joy, Ward III
Councilmember Danny Choriki, Ward III
Councilmember Daniel Tidswell, Ward IV
Councilmember Pam Purinton, Ward IV
Councilmember Mike Boyett, Ward V
Councilmember Tom Rupsis, Ward V
Mayor William Cole

**Absent/
Excused:** All present

**Staff
Present:** Chris Kukulski, City Administrator
Kevin Iffland, Assistant City Administrator
Boris Krizek, Environmental Engineer
Jeffrey Sprock, GIS Coordinator
Debi Meling, Public Works Director
Jennifer Duray, Public Works Deputy Director
Wyeth Friday, Planning Director

Public comment:

- **Wesley Dunn, 832 Dorothy Lane, Billings, Montana**, spoke of a shooting at a bar and patron defending himself.
- **Amber Dunn, 832 Dorothy Lane, Billings, Montana**, spoke of bullying in schools.

1. Billings PCE Superfund Site

Boris Krizek, Environmental Engineer, introduced Jason Rappe, MT Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and Kevin Stone, MT Department of Environmental Quality.

Mr. Rappe gave an overview of contaminated areas, upcoming works, public meetings and a timeline of the process.

Council discussed the affected areas, ongoing investigations, process of remediation and timeline.

Mr. Stone reviewed the DEQ processes.

-Public comment: None

2. Ward Boundary Update

Wyeth Friday, Planning Director, gave an overview of the existing ward boundaries, 2020 Census data, and the 2023 Election schedule and proposed Ward changes.

Jeffrey Sprock, GIS Coordinator, reviewed the Ward Redistricting Map on the City's website.

Councilmember Shaw indicated Rehberg Ranch should not be added to Ward I. Councilmember Gulick concurred.

Council expressed wanting to leave Rehberg Ranch in Ward IV, adjusting the northwestern boundary of Ward I into Ward IV to balance the population. They also discussed minor adjustments to keep populations balanced and align the Inner Belt Loop.

Mr. Friday indicated staff would make the recommended changes and bring back to Council.

-Public comment: None

3. YC and City of Laurel MOU

Gina Dahl, City Attorney, spoke of Legislative changes to Title 50 regarding local governments role for public health. She gave an overview of HB121 and how it affected the "local governing body". She explained the proposed MOU definitions and terms, the 2004 Interlocal agreement, multi-jurisdictional service districts, and termination clauses.

Council discussed the issue with the number of members and the quorum requirement, various counties decisions for local governing body requirements, the relationship with Riverstone Health, Laurel and the County.

Chris Kukulski, City Administrator, indicated the health department would continue to provide services to the community. He spoke of the need for an MOU.

Council discussed 2 year terms, termination clauses, emergency situations, majority of potential voter requirements (quorum).

Ms. Dahl indicated she could make amendments to the MOU to address Council concerns.

-Public comment: None

Recess at 7:55 pm. Reconvene at 8:02 pm.

4. Technology Replacement Plan (TRP)

David Watterson, IT Director, gave an overview of the TRP program, committee members, replacement highlights for 2024, hand-me down program, financial summary, and a comparison to the past year.

Council discussed funding and possible reutilization of equipment for the Stillwater Building.

-Public comment: None

5. Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) – Public Works and Transportation

Debi Meling, Public Works Director, gave an overview of the Multi-Objective Decision Analysis (MODA) process, CIP Prioritization, objectives, transportation funding and annual programs, and the PAVER Program shortfall. She reviewed Planning Transportation projects, Solid Waste, Storm,

Water and Wastewater projects. She gave an overview of recently asked Council questions and answers to those questions.

Council discussed cut through and street traffic issues, downtown train issues, utilizing combined spaces for different divisions.

Council questioned the option of trails being included in PW. Jennifer Duray, Public Works Deputy Director, addressed streets versus trails and how the funding differed.

Council spoke of waivers being utilized before they expired and indicated a consensus for FY2024 priorities.

-Public comment None

6. Highlight Upcoming Agenda Items of Council Interest.

Chris Kukulski, City Administrator, informed Council that himself and Kevin Iffland would not be in attendance during the December 12, 2022, Council meeting.

He reviewed upcoming items on the agenda. Council discussed the upcoming Vista project. Wyeth Friday, Planning Director, explained the annual application process for Vista's.

-Public comment: None

COUNCIL DISCUSSION:

Councilmember Boyett mentioned the possibility of bringing forward a reconsideration of Zone Change 1019.

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.)*

None

ADJOURN: 9:13 pm