



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

WORK SESSION SUMMARY

COUNCIL CHAMBERS
220 N. 27th St.

June 5, 2023

5:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Cole

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

**Absent/
Excused:**

Staff

Present: Chris Kukulski, City Administrator
Kevin Iffland, Assistant City Administrator
Gina Dahl, City Attorney
Debi Meling, Public Works Director
Andy Zoeller, Finance Director
John Caterino, Facilities Manager
Wyeth Friday, Planning Director
Rich St. John, Police Chief

Public Comment:

- Jeff Essman, 2330 McMasters Road, Billings, MT, spoke about preparing for rain events.

Debi Meling gave an update of the recent rain event, plans for improvements and photos of damage throughout the City.

1. Department of Emergency Services (DES).

Annemarie Overcast, DES Coordinator, gave an overview of grants that had been applied for, and plans for potential emergency services.

General Council questions and discussion.

Public Comment:

- None

2. FY2024 Budget Wrap - Up

Andy Zoeller reviewed the staff recommended amendments and Budget and Finance Committee recommended amendments. He reviewed each proposed amendment and the budget impact. He concluded with a summary of individual amendments and how each one would be funded.

General Council questions and discussion. They reviewed recommended amendments.

Recess at 7:35 P.M. Reconvene at 7:45 P.M.

Chief St. John spoke about a long-term jail, a partnership with the County and affects to the Police Department.

Council continued discussion.

Public Comment:

- None

3. Higher Performing Communities.

Councilmember Gulick gave an overview of Billings property taxes over time, walkable districts and how they strengthen local tax bases. He reviewed cost of services ratio, a model of how local economies work, building community wealth, walkability theory, one way street conversion research results, and cycling results on a city.

General Council questions and discussion.

Public Comment:

- Hank Jagodzinski, 580 58th St. West, Billings, MT – encouraged making the City more walkable and bikeable.

4. Highlight Upcoming Agenda Items of Council Interest.

Chris Kukulski highlighted upcoming agenda topics.

Public Comment:

- None

COUNCIL DISCUSSION:

- None

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.)*

ADJOURN: 9:50 P.M.