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WORK SESSION SUMMARY

COUNCIL CHAMBERS
220 N. 27th St.

June 19, 2023

5:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

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

Absent/
Excused: Councilmember Neese, Ward II
Councilmember Daniel Tidswell, Ward IV (joined around 8:45 pm)

Staff
Present: Chris Kukulski, City Administrator
Kevin Iffland, Assistant City Administrator
City Attorney, Gina Dahl
Scott Walker, Transportation Planner
Lora Mattox, Planner
Mike Pigg, Parks and Recreation Director
Andy Zoeller, Finance Director
Kory Thompson, Recreation Superintendent
Rich St. John, Police Chief
Brandon Schmidt, Cemetery Supervisor

Public Comment:

- Richard King, Rimrock Neighborhood Task Force, spoke of speed limit concerns on Route 3 between Zimmerman Trail and the Airport.
- Walt Donges, 310 N. 27th Street, Billings, Montana, spoke of Pride Events in Billings.
- Wesley Dunn, 832 Dorothy Lane, Billings, Montana, spoke of water main break and the water treatment plant.
- Amanda Stonerock, 201 N. Broadway, Billings, Montana, spoke of a request/proposal from Continuum of Care (CoC) and Substance Abuse Connect (SAC).
- Terri Todd, Gratitude in Action, spoke in support of the proposal from CoC and SAC.

- Bill Underriner, 2610 Westfield, Billings, Montana, spoke in support for the Parks and Recreation bond.
- Patti Webster, HomeFront, spoke in support of the proposal from CoC and SAC.
- Kari Boiter, CoC, spoke of the need for a coordinated entry system.
- George Warmer, 2210 11th St. W., realty company owner, encouraged a Request for Proposals for City real estate services for the sale of City buildings.

1. 2023 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP).

Scott Walker, Transportation Planner, introduced Andy Daleiden, Kittelson & Associates, who gave an overview of presentation topics: LRTP overview, community outreach, projects list and next steps, plan adoption timeline.

Council discussed LRTP projects and funding.

Public Comment:

- None

2. Billings MPO Transportation Alternative Projects.

Lora Mattox, Planner, reviewed the background and Transportation Alternative Projects (TAP) process, application/evaluation scoring, and 2023 projects submitted. She spoke of the scoring analysis and the upcoming review schedule at the next Council meeting.

Public Comment:

- None

3. Parks, Trails, Recreation Bond Discussion.

Chris Kukulski, City Administrator, gave an overview of how the Parks, Trails and Recreation bond discussion had started.

Mike Pigg, Parks and Recreation Director, reviewed development plans, costs, deferred/adjusted projects, and trail projects. Andy Zoeller, Finance Director, gave an overview of the 2022 County tax bill for a median home, estimated O & M funding, and new O & M costs within a 74-mill cap. Kory Thompson, Recreation Superintendent, reviewed plans to activate parks with expanded recreation programs. Rich St. John, Police Chief reviewed how parks created safety in a community. Mr. Pigg concluded with upcoming dates: June 19 to receive direction from Council on resolution, July 10 for Council vote and November 7 for voter approval.

Council discussed how raising taxes could affect the community, ways to lower the mills needed and prioritization of different parks.

Recess at 7:31 pm

Reconvene at 7:41 pm

Public Comment:

The following constituents spoke in support of the Parks, Trails, Recreation bond:

- Mike Mayott, 123 Lewis Avenue, Billings, Montana
- Melissa Henerson, Riverstone Health Director

- Thom McLean, 2702 Montana Avenue, Billings, Montana
- Megan Davis, 1017 Princeton Avenue, Billings, Montana
- Shawn Marshall, Billings Aquatic Club Head Coach
- Carol, no last name given, Billings Aquatic Club board member
- Julie Seedhouse, 104 N. Broadway, Billings, Montana
- Kevin Odenthal, 2950 Walden Place, Billings, Montana
- Joe Womack, 3091 Parkhill Drive, Billings, Montana
- Jami Clark, 107 33rd St. W., Billings, Montana
- Rick Devore, 2614 Park Ridgeline, Billings, Montana
- John Hanson, 4608 Palisades Park Drive, Billings, Montana
- John Brewer, Chamber of Commerce President
- Kristi Drake, TrailNet
- Steve Arveschoug, Big Sky Economic Development
- Sue Bressler, 220 Yellowstone, Billings, Montana
- Dick Zier, 3039 Golden Acres Drive, Billings, Montana

Councilmember Owen discussed ways the Parks Department needed to meet concerns mentioned in the 2017 Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Pigg stated he would get that information to Council. He discussed ways efficiency had improved.

Council discussed median home values and how donations would reduce the tax payments.

CM Shaw moved to direct staff to move forward and place the bond, as presented, on the July 10, 2023 Council meeting. CM Gulick seconded the motion.

Council continued discussion.

The motion was approved 7-3, CM's Owen, Tidswell and Purinton opposed, CM Neese was absent/excused.

5. Highlight Upcoming Agenda Items of Council Interest.

Chris Kukulski, City Administrator, spoke of upcoming items: Road Maintenance Feed, Storm Sewer, Solid Waste/Landfill Fees, Zone Change East Lane and Election Registration.

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 theroster at the cart located at the back of the Council chambers or at the podium.*)

- None

ADJOURN: 8:58 pm