

**MINUTES
OF THE BILLINGS CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
September 9, 2024**

The Billings City Council met in regular session in the Council Chambers located on the second floor of the Police Facility, 220 North 27th Street, Billings, Montana, at 5:32 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Cole

Mayor Cole called the meeting to order at 4:30 P.M. and called recess for a Closed Executive Session at 4:31 P.M. The Regular Business meeting was reconvened at 5:32 P.M.

CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION - LITIGATION UPDATE (4:30 PM - 5:30 PM)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Cole

INVOCATION: Councilmember Joy

ROLL CALL:

Present: Councilmember Kendra Shaw, Ward I – Via Zoom
Councilmember Ed Gulick, Ward I
Councilmember Roy Neese, Ward II
Councilmember Jennifer Owen, Ward II
Councilmember Denise Joy, Ward III
Councilmember Bill Kennedy, Ward III
Councilmember Daniel Tidswell, Ward IV
Councilmember Mike Boyett, Ward V
Councilmember Tom Rupsis, Ward V
Mayor William Cole

Absent/

Excused: Councilmember Scott Aspenlieder, Ward IV

Staff

Present: Chris Kukulski, City Administrator
Kevin Iffland, Assistant City Administrator
Gina Dahl, City Attorney
Toni Keehner, Deputy City Clerk
Andy Zoeller, Finance Director
Pepper Valdez, Fire Chief
Jennifer Duray, Public Works Deputy Director
Wyeth Friday, Planning Director
Anna Vickers, Planning Manager
Tina Hoeger, Code Enforcement Manager
Mike Pigg, Parks and Recreation Director
Jeff Roach, Aviation and Transit Director
Mac Fogelson, City Engineer

MINUTES:

- August 12, 2024

Moved by Councilmember Boyett

Seconded by Councilmember Tidswell

APPROVED 10-0, Councilmember Aspenlieder absent/excused

- August 26, 2024 – Pending

COURTESIES:

Representative Yakawich gave an update on Behavioral Health System for Future Generations (BHSFG). He spoke of how programs could help people in the community and encouraged grant writing to receive funding for various programs.

Representative Brewster spoke about upcoming committee bills and status of Legislative topics that could affect the City.

PROCLAMATIONS:

Mayor Cole proclaimed September 15, 2024, as Suicide Prevention Day. Nancy Barbula provided information about the upcoming "Out of the Darkness Walk" for suicide prevention. Joan Nye, American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, advised on ways to help prevent suicide.

Mayor Cole proclaimed September 12, 2024, as United Way Day. Kim Lewis, Executive Director of United Way, expressed gratitude and thanked donors.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

There were no Council reports.

ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS - CHRIS KUKULSKI

Mr. Kukulski gave an update on the City's water billing issues.

He indicated Consent Agenda Item 1G, Annexation Agreement with Department of Military Affairs, needed to be removed from the agenda.

Mr. Kukulski asked Council to make a motion to continue Regular Agenda Item 11, Public Hearing and Resolution creating the City of Billings Planning Commission to comply with the Montana Land Use Planning Act (MLUPA), to the September 23, 2024, Council meeting.

There were no exparte communications received after 3 P.M. to the Mayor and Council concerning items on the agenda.

Motion: I move to remove Consent Agenda Item 1G from the agenda, as recommended by staff.

Moved by Councilmember Kennedy

Seconded by Councilmember Neese

APPROVED 10-0, Councilmember Aspenlieder absent/excused

Motion: I move to continue Regular Agenda Item 11, Public Hearing and Resolution creating the City of Billings Planning Commission to the September 23, 2024 meeting, as recommended by staff.

Moved by Councilmember Boyett

Seconded by Councilmember Neese

APPROVED 10-0, Councilmember Aspenlieder absent/excused

Motion: I move to move Regular Agenda Item 3 to the end of the Regular Agenda (new Item 11).

Moved by Councilmember Owen

Seconded by Councilmember Neese

APPROVED 10-0, Councilmember Aspenlieder absent/excused

PUBLIC COMMENT on "NON-PUBLIC HEARING" Agenda Items: 1 ONLY. Speaker sign-in required. (Comments are limited to three (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. Comments on items listed as public hearing items will be heard ONLY during the designated public hearing time for each respective item. For items not on this agenda, public comment will be taken at the end of the agenda.)

There was no public comment.

1. **CONSENT AGENDA**

Councilmember Neese separated Consent Agenda Item 1H for discussion.

Councilmember Owen separated Consent Agenda Item 1E for discussion.

Councilmember Gulick also separated Consent Agenda Item 1H in order to abstain, as his company was involved.

Motion: I move to approve the items of the Consent Agenda as submitted, with the exception of Items 1E and 1H.

Moved by Councilmember Boyett

Seconded by Councilmember Neese

APPROVED 10-0, Councilmember Aspenlieder absent/excused

A. **Mayor Cole recommends that Council confirm the following appointments:**

1.

Name	Board/Commission		Term	
			Begins	Ends
1	No Applications	Community Development Board - Low Mod*	09/09/24	12/31/26
2	No Applications	Community Development Board*	09/09/24	12/31/26
3	Joe Studiner	Tourism BID	10/01/24	10/01/28

4	Jase Muri	Tourism BID	10/01/24	10/01/28
*1 Unexpired term of Valerie Courtney *2 Unexpired term of Jenna Martin				

Moved by Councilmember Boyett
Seconded by Councilmember Neese
APPROVED 10-0, Councilmember Aspenlieder absent/excused

B. Bid Awards:

- 1. W.O. 19-42: West End Water Treatment Plant Transmission Main, Phase 1.**
(Opened 8/20/24) Recommend Askin Construction.

Moved by Councilmember Boyett
Seconded by Councilmember Neese
APPROVED 10-0, Councilmember Aspenlieder absent/excused

- 2. W.O. 24-08: Hesper Sewer, Shiloh Road to South 48th Street West.** (Opened 8/6/24) Recommend COP Construction.

Moved by Councilmember Boyett
Seconded by Councilmember Neese
APPROVED 10-0, Councilmember Aspenlieder absent/excused

C. Purchase of 2025 Grapple Truck; Recommend SWS Equipment, LLC.

Moved by Councilmember Boyett
Seconded by Councilmember Neese
APPROVED 10-0, Councilmember Aspenlieder absent/excused

D. Amendment No. 1, Professional Engineering Services Contract with Performance Engineering, LLC, for W.O. 24-38, Wicks Lane Storm Improvements.

Moved by Councilmember Boyett
Seconded by Councilmember Neese
APPROVED 10-0, Councilmember Aspenlieder absent/excused

E. Behavioral Health Systems for Future Generations Grant.

Zach Terakedis, Substance Abuse Connect Executive Director, gave an update on the Crisis Response Unit (CRU) and challenges with the partnership between the City and Rimrock Foundation. He indicated data showed the program was working very well but funding had been very challenging due to Medicaid reimbursement issues. Currently they had reduced services due to billing issues, but the grant would help sustain the program until a better option could be found. He spoke about finding another partner to handle the behavioral health side of the program.

Pepper Valdez, Fire Chief, spoke about the role the Fire Department had in responding to calls while the CRU program was being reevaluated.

Motion: I move for approval of Consent Agenda Item 1E, as recommended by staff.

Moved by Councilmember Owen
Seconded by Councilmember Kennedy

Council discussion continued on current operations of the CRU teams, the Rimrock Foundation partnership and funding.

Mr. Kukulski indicated a further discussion concerning the Crisis Response program would be coming to Council in October.

APPROVED 10-0, Councilmember Aspenlieder absent/excused

F. Airport's Updated Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program.

Moved by Councilmember Boyett
Seconded by Councilmember Neese
APPROVED 10-0, Councilmember Aspenlieder absent/excused

~~G. Annexation Agreement with Department of Military Affairs.~~ This item was removed by approved motion on Page 2 of these minutes

H. Downtown Revolving Loan to Old Billings Hardware Development Venture, LP.

Councilmember Neese indicated there was information missing from the agenda packet. He voiced his concerns that there was a committee member employed by First Interstate Bank (FIB) and should have recused themselves due to FIB funding involvement. He indicated he would make a motion to delay.

Andy Zoeller, Finance Director, indicated the committee member did work for First Interstate Bank but there was not a contract between the partnership and FIB. He indicated members recused themselves if financing conflicts occurred.

Motion: I move to delay the vote on Consent Agenda Item 1H, to require the committee to complete the application before returning it to Council.

Moved by Councilmember Neese
Seconded by Councilmember Owen

Councilmember Boyett asked for clarification on the results of requiring the committee to readdress the vote.

Mr. Zoeller indicated he thought the vote would remain the same.

Randy Hafer, Old Billings Hardware Development Venture partner, indicated all requested information was submitted as an attachment. He expressed that a delay would not help or change anything.

FAILED 2-7, Councilmember Aspenlieder absent/excused, Councilmembers Shaw, Owen, Joy, Tidswell, Boyett, Rupsis and Mayor Cole opposed, Councilmember Gulick abstained

Motion: I move to approve Consent Agenda Item 1H, as recommended by staff.

Councilmember Neese indicated he would oppose the motion for approval because the staff memo should have been more complete, but he supported the project in general.

Moved by Councilmember Rupsis

Seconded by Councilmember Joy

APPROVED 7-2, Councilmember Aspenlieder absent/excused, Councilmembers Neese and Kennedy opposed, Councilmember Gulick abstained

I. **Second/Final Reading Ordinance 24-5891** for Zone Change 1051, 122 N. 12th Street.
***Quasi-Judicial**

Moved by Councilmember Boyett

Seconded by Councilmember Neese

APPROVED 10-0, Councilmember Aspenlieder absent/excused

K. **Second/Final Reading Ordinance 24-5892** for Zone Change 1053, 1529 S. Billings Blvd.
***Quasi-Judicial**

Moved by Councilmember Boyett

Seconded by Councilmember Neese

APPROVED 10-0, Councilmember Aspenlieder absent/excused

L. **Bills for the Weeks of:**

1. August 5, 2024

Moved by Councilmember Boyett

Seconded by Councilmember Neese

APPROVED 10-0, Councilmember Aspenlieder absent/excused

2. August 12, 2024

Moved by Councilmember Boyett

Seconded by Councilmember Neese

APPROVED 10-0, Councilmember Aspenlieder absent/excused

REGULAR AGENDA:

2. **PUBLIC HEARING AND RESOLUTIONS** allocating assessments on the following:

- a. **SID 1421 (Resolution 24-11223)**
- b. **SID 1422 (Resolution 24-11224)**
- c. **SID 1425 (Resolution 24-11225)**
- d. **SID 1426 (Resolution 24-11226)**
- e. **SID 1427 (Resolution 24-11227)**

f. **SID 2926 (Resolution 24-11228)**

g. **SID 2927 (Resolution 24-11229)**

Staff recommends approval.

Andy Zoeller, Finance Director, gave a presentation of each SID creation date and total assessments.

Council asked general questions about paying off SID's.

The following individual provided testimony during the public hearing:

Larry McComas, 1119 12th Street West, Billings, in reference to SID 2926, thanked staff for keeping the improvements reasonably priced.

There was no further public testimony.

Motion: Having conducted a public hearing, considered written and spoken public testimony, I move to approve resolutions allocating assessments on SID 1421, as recommended by staff.

Moved by Councilmember Boyett

Seconded by Councilmember Kennedy

APPROVED 10-0, Councilmember Aspenlieder absent/excused

Motion: Having conducted a public hearing, considered written and spoken public testimony, I move to approve resolutions allocating assessments on SID 1422, as recommended by staff.

Moved by Councilmember Gulick

Seconded by Councilmember Tidswell

APPROVED 10-0, Councilmember Aspenlieder absent/excused

Motion: Having conducted a public hearing, considered written and spoken public testimony, I move to approve resolutions allocating assessments on SID 1425, as recommended by staff.

Moved by Councilmember Rupsis

Seconded by Councilmember Boyett

APPROVED 10-0, Councilmember Aspenlieder absent/excused

Motion: Having conducted a public hearing, considered written and spoken public testimony, I move to approve resolutions allocating assessments on SID 1426, as recommended by staff.

Moved by Councilmember Tidswell

Seconded by Councilmember Kennedy

APPROVED 10-0, Councilmember Aspenlieder absent/excused

Motion: Having conducted a public hearing, considered written and spoken public testimony, I move to approve resolutions allocating assessments on SID 1427, as recommended by staff.

Moved by Councilmember Gulick

Seconded by Councilmember Joy

APPROVED 10-0, Councilmember Aspenlieder absent/excused

Motion: Having conducted a public hearing, considered written and spoken public testimony, I move to approve resolutions allocating assessments on SID 2926, as recommended by staff.

Moved by Councilmember Joy

Seconded by Councilmember Boyett

APPROVED 10-0, Councilmember Aspenlieder absent/excused

Motion: Having conducted a public hearing, considered written and spoken public testimony, I move to approve resolutions allocating assessments on SID 2927, as recommended by staff.

Councilmember Owen asked for clarification on issues with improvements made on Brewington Drive. Jennifer Duray, Public Works Deputy Director, indicated she was uncertain of the status of the project but there was a 2-year warranty on all the work that had been completed, so any issues could be handled through the warranty.

Moved by Councilmember Owen

Seconded by Councilmember Kennedy

APPROVED 10-0, Councilmember Aspenlieder absent/excused

3. **PUBLIC HEARING AND RESOLUTION** setting annual levies on General Fund, Transit, Library, Public Safety I, II, III, and General Obligation Debt. Staff recommends approval.
MOVED TO #11 BELOW

4. **PUBLIC HEARING AND RESOLUTION 24-11231** assessing Road Maintenance District No. 6. Staff recommends approval.

Andy Zoeller, Finance Director, gave an overview of the Road Maintenance District No. 6.

No public testimony was given during the public hearing.

Councilmember Neese asked for clarification on the reserve amount for the district.

Mr. Zoeller indicated he was uncertain of the exact amount.

Pepper Valdez, Fire Chief, offered that he could forward the information the following day.

Motion: Having conducted a public hearing, considered written and spoken public testimony, I move to approve a resolution assessing Road Maintenance District No. 6, as recommended by staff.

Moved by Councilmember Joy

Seconded by Councilmember Boyett

APPROVED 9-1, Councilmember Aspenlieder absent/excused, Councilmember Neese opposed

5. **PUBLIC HEARING AND RESOLUTION 24-11232** assessing Weed Abatements. Staff recommends approval.

Andy Zoeller, Finance Director, gave an overview of properties subject to weed abatements and their assessment amounts.

Council asked for clarification on weed abatement in sidewalks and properties that were regularly on the list for abatement.

Tina Hoeger, Code Enforcement Manager, explained the notification process. She addressed properties that were frequently on the list.

No public testimony was given during the public hearing.

Motion: Having conducted a public hearing, considered written and spoken public testimony, I move to approve a resolution assessing Weed Abatements, as recommended by staff.

Moved by Councilmember Boyett

Seconded by Councilmember Tidswell

APPROVED 10-0, Councilmember Aspenlieder absent/excused

6. PUBLIC HEARING AND RESOLUTION 24-11233 setting annual Park Maintenance Districts (PMDs) assessments for FY25. Staff recommends approval.

Andy Zoeller, Finance Director, gave an overview of Park Maintenance Districts, average annual charges and total assessments.

Councilmember Rupsis asked for clarification on PMD's in areas with HOA's and having the HOA be responsible for park maintenance.

Mike Pigg, Parks and Recreation Director, spoke about having discussions with various HOA's, but indicated none were interested in taking over the parks' responsibilities.

Councilmember Owen indicated there were some links in Section 4 of the resolution that did not need to be included.

No public testimony was given during the public hearing.

Motion: Having conducted a public hearing, considered written and spoken public testimony, I move to approve a resolution setting annual Park Maintenance Districts (PMDs) assessments for FY25 and remove unneeded links in the resolution, as recommended by staff.

Moved by Councilmember Tidswell

Seconded by Councilmember Rupsis

APPROVED 10-0, Councilmember Aspenlieder absent/excused

7. PUBLIC HEARING AND RESOLUTION 24-11234 revising and assessing Encroachment Rental fees. Staff recommends approval.

Jennifer Duray, Public Works Deputy Director, gave an overview of the suggested encroachment rental fee changes to a tier system that occurred in FY2021. She indicated the assessable value increased more than expected, therefore, staff recommended a 25% increase and adding a couple years onto the 5-year plan. She reviewed the proposed rate increase for each tier.

No public testimony was given during the public hearing.

Council discussed staff time costs and communications with impacted owners.

Motion: Having conducted a public hearing, considered written and spoken public testimony, I move to approve a resolution revising and assessing Encroachment Rental fees, as recommended by staff.

Moved by Councilmember Neese

Seconded by Councilmember Gulick

APPROVED 10-0, Councilmember Aspenlieder absent/excused

Mayor Cole called a recess at 7:30 P.M. He reconvened the meeting at 7:39 P.M.

8. PUBLIC HEARING AND RESOLUTION 24-11235 setting Special Improvement Lighting Maintenance District (SILMD) assessments. Staff recommends approval.

Jennifer Duray, Public Works Deputy Director, gave an overview of SILMD's and owners of the lighting districts. She reviewed the overall increase in assessed fees.

Council discussed administrative fees and various owners of districts.

There was no public testimony.

Motion: Having conducted a public hearing, considered written and spoken public testimony, I move to approve a resolution setting Special Improvement Lighting Maintenance District (SILMD) assessments, as recommended by staff.

Moved by Councilmember Boyett

Seconded by Councilmember Neese

Council discussed types of districts, costs and an upcoming discussion about proposed changes.

APPROVED 9-1, Councilmember Aspenlieder absent/excused, Councilmember Kennedy opposed

9. PUBLIC HEARING AND RESOLUTION 24-11236 assessing Sidewalk Construction and/or Repairs. Staff recommends approval.

Jennifer Duray, Public Works Deputy Director, gave an overview of the Sidewalk Hazard Fund/Assessments program.

No public testimony was given during the public hearing.

Motion: Having conducted a public hearing, considered written and spoken public testimony, I move to approve a resolution assessing Sidewalk Construction and/or Repairs, as recommended by staff.

Moved by Councilmember Joy

Seconded by Councilmember Gulick

APPROVED 10-0, Councilmember Aspenlieder absent/excused

10. PUBLIC HEARING AND RESOLUTION 24-11237 approving and adopting FY2024 Budget Amendments. Staff recommends approval.

Andy Zoeller, Finance Director, indicated the resolution attached to the staff memo had an incorrect date, but it would be correct in the final resolution. He provided an overview of FY2024 budget amendments and reviewed the areas needing amendments.

Council discussed the Fire Department budget deficit due to staffing shortages and high overtime costs. They requested a detailed written analysis of overtime expenditures and public safety mill usage.

Pepper Valdez, Fire Chief, spoke of the partnership with the State to help with fire calls and offset costs through the Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC). He explained how hiring additional FTE's would help overtime costs. He indicated retention of new hires was an issue.

Chris Kukulski, City Administrator, spoke about how the vacancies were affecting overtime costs and how hiring and training would alleviate some issues.

Motion: Having conducted a public hearing, considered written and spoken public testimony, I move to approve a resolution approving and adopting a resolution for FY2024 budget amendments, as recommended by staff.

Moved by Councilmember Boyett

Seconded by Councilmember Kennedy

APPROVED 10-0, Councilmember Aspenlieder absent/excused

11. **PUBLIC HEARING AND RESOLUTION 24-11230** setting annual levies on General Fund, Transit, Library, Public Safety I, II, III, and General Obligation Debt. Staff recommends approval. **FORMER ITEM #3**

Councilmember Neese asked for clarification on requiring separate votes for each item.

Gina Dahl, City Attorney, indicated separate motions would be allowable but not required.

Andy Zoeller, Finance Director, gave an overview of the mills to be levied. He reviewed the two options being proposed: set mills at a maximum amount allowed by Charter (208.38) or set mills at a minimum amount needed to match FY2025 budget (207.37). He indicated the Budget and Finance Committee had not made a recommendation due to the unavailability of detailed information at the time of their meeting. He advocated for levying the maximum amount of mills for cash flow and City operations, but not for additional spending.

Council discussed reserves, bond ratings, mills levied for the franchise fee settlement, and vacancy savings projections.

Mr. Zoeller indicated the minimum reserve of 29% would not cover cash flow for operational expenses. He explained the benefit of having a healthy amount of money in reserves. He spoke of a few times during each year that the City was borrowing against other funds before receiving tax payments. He recommended Council consider making efforts to grow the fund balance.

Councilmember Owen voiced her concerns for constituents struggling financially.

Councilmember Neese spoke in favor of funding less than the minimum mills proposal.

Council continued discussion on ways to fund reserves.

Councilmember Kennedy spoke in support of the minimum mills proposal.

Motion: I move to delay the vote until the next Regular Business meeting to allow the Budget and Finance Committee additional time to review the options and provide recommendations to Council.

Moved by Councilmember Kennedy
Seconded by Councilmember Owen

Councilmembers Kennedy and Owen spoke in favor of the motion.

Councilmembers Boyett, Rupsis and Joy spoke against the delay.

Substitute Motion: Having conducted a public hearing, considered written and spoken public testimony, I move to approve a resolution setting the **minimum mills** for annual levies on General Fund, Transit, Library, Public Safety I, II, III, and General Obligation Debt, as recommended by staff.

Moved by Councilmember Boyett
Seconded by Councilmember Neese

No public testimony was given during the public hearing.

Councilmembers Boyett, Neese and Owen spoke in favor of the substitute motion to approve the minimum mills.

Councilmember Shaw spoke against the substitute motion and encouraged Council to support the recommendation of maximum mills by Mr. Zoeller.

Councilmember Joy and Mayor Cole spoke against the substitute motion.

FAILED 5-5, Councilmember Aspenlieder absent/excused, Councilmembers Shaw, Gulick, Joy, Rupsis, and Mayor Cole opposed

Councilmember Neese asked for Mayor Cole to rule on allowing Councilmember Shaw to vote because she had not always been visible on the Zoom screen.

Councilmember Shaw indicated she had been present and heard the entire discussion.

Mayor Cole indicated he would not elevate the point as a matter of substance.

Second Substitute Motion: Having conducted a public hearing, considered written and spoken public testimony, I move to approve a resolution setting the **maximum mills** for annual levies on General Fund, Transit, Library, Public Safety I, II, III, and General Obligation Debt, as recommended by staff.

Moved by Councilmember Rupsis
Seconded by Councilmember Joy

FAILED 5-5, Councilmember Aspenlieder absent/excused, Councilmembers Neese, Owen, Kennedy, Tidswell, and Boyett opposed

A vote on Councilmember Kennedy's initial motion to delay was taken.

FAILED 5-5, Councilmember Aspenlieder absent/excused, Councilmembers Shaw, Gulick, Joy, Boyett, and Rupsis opposed

Motion: I make a motion to set the maximum mills for General Fund, Public Safety I, II, and III and the minimum mills for Transit and Library.

Moved by Councilmember Rupsis
Seconded by Councilmember Gulick

APPROVED 6-4, Councilmember Aspenlieder absent/excused, Councilmembers Neese, Owen, Kennedy, Tidswell opposed

Councilmember Neese called point of order and indicated he had made a motion to adjourn the meeting before Councilmember Rupsis' motion.

Mayor Cole indicated he had not recognized the motion due to items remaining on the agenda and asked for clarification from Legal counsel.

Gina Dahl, City Attorney, indicated the point of order should have been brought forward before a vote had been taken on the previous motion, but a motion to adjourn could be made before the agenda was finished.

Mayor Cole indicated the motion presented by Councilmember Rupsis would need a revote after voting on the motion to adjourn.

Motion: I move to adjourn the meeting.

Moved by Councilmember Neese
Seconded by Councilmember Owen

FAILED 5-5, Councilmember Aspenlieder absent/excused, Councilmembers Shaw, Gulick, Joy, Rupsis, and Mayor Cole opposed

Councilmember Rupsis restated his motion.

Motion: I make a motion to set the maximum mills for General Fund, Public Safety I, II, and III and the minimum mills for Transit and Library.

Moved by Councilmember Rupsis
Seconded by Councilmember Gulick

Councilmember Owen spoke against the motion.

FAILED 5-5, Councilmember Aspenlieder absent/excused, Councilmembers Neese, Owen, Kennedy, Tidswell and Boyett opposed

Motion: I move to delay the vote until the next Regular Business meeting.

Moved by Councilmember Neese

Councilmember Boyett indicated agreement and encouraged Council to work together.

APPROVED 9-1, Councilmember Aspenlieder absent/excused, Councilmember Rupsis opposed

~~11. **PUBLIC HEARING AND RESOLUTION** creating the City of Billings Planning Commission to comply with the Montana Land Use Planning Act (MLUPA). Staff recommends approval. This item was continued to the September 23, 2024 Regular Business meeting by approved motion on Page 2 of these minutes~~

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.*)

There was no public comment.

COUNCIL INITIATIVES:

There were no Council Initiatives.

ADJOURN: 9:53 P.M.



CITY OF BILLINGS

BY: William A. Cole
William A. Cole, Mayor

ATTEST:

BY: Denise R. Bohlman
Denise R. Bohlman, City Clerk