

**\*\*ATTENTION\*\***

The City Council meeting will be held in a hybrid format that may include both in-person AND virtual attendance via Zoom. Unless they have cause to appear virtually, Councilmembers will attend the meeting in person in Council Chambers, second floor of City Hall, 220 N. 27th Street. In order to honor the Right of Participation and the Right to Know in Article II, Sections 8 and 9, of the Montana Constitution, the City of Billings and City Council are making every effort to meet the requirements of the open meeting laws.

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  - Online at [www.comm7tv.com](http://www.comm7tv.com) and click on the "Watch Live" icon. Community 7 also has links to their Facebook page and YouTube channel.
  - On the City's website at [www.billingsmt.gov](http://www.billingsmt.gov) and click on "Watch Meetings Online" on the homepage.
  - In-Person.
  - Virtually via Zoom (see the link below).

Citizens may submit public comment via the following methods:

- Mail: City Clerk, P.O. Box 1178, Billings, MT 59103
- Email: [Council@billingsmt.gov](mailto:Council@billingsmt.gov).
  - Emails received after 3:00 PM on the day of the meeting, may be posted on the Council's webpage the following day for public viewing.
- Attend the meeting in person.
- Attend the meeting virtually through Zoom by entering the Webinar ID and Passcode indicated below. Click on *Zoom Meeting Instructions* and *Zoom Hybrid Meeting Details* below for more information. The link will allow you to attend, view and participate in the meeting on your computer, laptop or smart phone. (You must have the Zoom App on your device [Click Here to Download Zoom App](#)) To provide public comment at the appropriate time, click on the "raise hand" icon located at the bottom of the screen and the moderator will unmute your device.
  - **Don't have a smart phone, computer or laptop?** That's okay -- you can attend a Zoom meeting using your **landline phone**. Call the Zoom phone number, 1.253.215.8782 to join the meeting and follow the operator's instructions. Want to give public comment? Simply "*raise your hand*" by pressing \*9 and the moderator will give you permission to speak when it is your turn. *\*Note this is a long distance toll number and charges may apply depending on your plan.*
- Click Here for [Zoom Meeting Webinar IDs and Passcodes](#)
- Click Here for [Zoom Meeting Instructions for Attendees \(as guests\)](#)

Please contact Denise Bohlman, City Clerk, at [bohlmand@billingsmt.gov](mailto:bohlmand@billingsmt.gov), or at 406.657.8210, with any questions.



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

**WORK SESSION AGENDA  
JANUARY 16, 2024**

**BILLINGS PUBLIC LIBRARY  
510 N. BROADWAY**

**5:30 P.M.**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Cole

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON ALL ITEMS.** This is the time to comment on any matter (Agenda or Non-Agenda) falling within the scope of the Billings City Council. There will also be time in conjunction with each agenda item for public comment relating to that item. You may only speak once for each item during the meeting.

Please note, the City Council cannot take action on any item of significant interest to the public that does not appear on the agenda. Comments are limited to three (3) minutes during each public comment period or as set by the Mayor. **Speaker sign-in required.** Please sign the roster at the cart located at the back of the Council chambers or at the podium.

**1. Crime Prevention Round Table Discussion.**

-Public Comment

**2. Highlight Upcoming Agenda Items of Council Interest.**

-Public Comment

**COUNCIL DISCUSSION:**

**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:**

Note:

- This meeting is an "informal" meeting of the City Council. The content of the Agenda is subject to change at the meeting.
- In the event there is a Closed Executive Session, the sole purpose is to discuss litigation strategy. The other parties to the case(s) discussed are not public bodies or associations as described in Section 2-3-203(1) and (2), MCA. The meeting is closed, as allowed by Section 2-3-203(4) (a), MCA, "to discuss a strategy to be followed with respect to litigation when an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the litigating position" of the City of Billings.

**City Council Work Session**

**Date:** 01/16/2024  
**Title:** Crime Prevention Round Table Discussion  
**Presented by:** Chris Kukulski, City Administrator  
**Department:** City Hall Administration  
**Presentation:** Yes  
**Legal Review:** Not Applicable  
**Project Number:** N/A

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**RECOMMENDATION**

Listen and engage in a dialogue with our community on crime prevention.

**BACKGROUND (Consistency with Adopted Plans and Policies, if applicable)**

As we prepare to set priorities for 2024 and 2025, we are holding two round table discussions focused on improving safety. This second meeting will focus on crime prevention. On December 5, the round table focused on the criminal justice system and its relationship to our local, state and federal partners in the system.

To start our conversations on crime prevention, presentations will be made by a handful of community partners focused on the linkage between health and safety, mental health, addiction and the state of our youth. All are welcome to this public meeting being held in the Billings Library community room at 5:30 pm. In addition to our speakers, we've asked representatives from the Boys and Girls Club, Native American community, SD2, several churches, the family justice center and Yellowstone County to sit at the table. Please ask anyone you feel we've missed, to join us at the table or to provide public comment.

**ALTERNATIVES**

NA

**FISCAL EFFECTS**

NA

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