



VISION STATEMENT:
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WORK SESSION SUMMARY

Council Chambers
220 N. 27th St.

May 20, 2024

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 Bill Kennedy, Ward III
Councilmember Scott Aspenlieder, Ward IV
Councilmember Daniel Tidswell, Ward IV
Councilmember Mike Boyett, Ward V
Councilmember Tom Rupsis, Ward V
Mayor William Cole

Absent/
Excused:

Staff

Present: Chris Kukulski, City Administrator
Kevin Iffland, Assistant City Administrator
Lora Mattox, Transportation Planning Coordinator
Tina Hoeger, Code Enforcement
Brenda Beckett, Community Development Manager
Andy Zoeller, Finance Director
Debi Meling, Public Works Director
Tyler Westrope, Staff Engineer II
Jennifer Duray, Public Works Deputy Director
Kyle Foreman, Solid Waste Superintendent

Council adjusted the agenda to allow the Planning portion of the FY2025 Departmental Budget Presentation to go first to have Public Works and Item #2 together.

-Public Comment:

- Katie Harrison, 2901 6th Avenue S., Billings, MT, spoke of concerns with the community's lack of assistance involving the unhoused population.

1. **FY2025 Departmental Budget Presentations**

- **Planning**

Lora Mattox gave an overview of Planning and Community Services staff, FY25 budget, stats and FY25 revenue. She concluded with a review of expenditures and challenges.

General Council questions: hiring, personnel changes, HUD funding for affordable housing, and code enforcement.

- **Code Enforcement**

Tina Hoeger spoke of the additional Code Enforcement officer position and the anti-graffiti fund program.

- **Community Development**

Brenda Becket spoke of affordable housing options through HRDC and HomeFront.

- **Public Works**

Debi Meling gave an overview of Public Works responsibilities, annual accomplishments, community impacts and engagements. Jennifer Duray reviewed the FY25 budget summary, expenses, revenues and personnel and notable O&M changes. She covered proposed fees for Street Maintenance Districts, Solid Waste, Water and Wastewater departments. Debi concluded with an overview of FY25 Capital project highlights and programs.

General Council questions: annexation fees, recycling costs, transportation plan benefits, unused snow removal dollars, and legislative changes needed for numeric standards.

-Public Comment

- None

2. Storm Water Program

Debi Meling gave an overview of efforts needed to present the new storm water program. Tyler Westrope gave an overview of past Council, Committee and interest group meetings, system development fees and Council direction and next steps. He reviewed the rate structure change in methodology, ERU process and findings, level of service matrix, rate and revenue profile, and alternative rate profile. He concluded with an overview of revenue and funding breakout, and upcoming schedule and engagement opportunities.

General Council questions: community outreach, level of service, and how the changes would affect flood events.

-Public Comment

- None

COUNCIL DISCUSSION:

CMBoyett - concerns that Council doesn't hear department requests for the following year because administration has not presented it.

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: 7:43 P.M.