



VISION STATEMENT:
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WORK SESSION SUMMARY

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

August 5, 2024

5:30 P.M.

220 N. 27th St.

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 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
Jennifer Duray, Public Works Deputy Director
Debi Meling, Public Works Director
Mac Fogelson, Engineer
Lora Mattox, Transportation Planning Coordinator
Rusty Logan, Transit Manager
Anna Vickers, Planning Manager
Mac Fogelson, Engineer
Jamie Fender, Fire Marshall
Neil Lawrence, Assistant Police Chief
Nate West, Police Sargeant

Jennifer Duray gave an update on Public Works software issues.

Council rearranged the agenda to allow Agenda Item #3 (Draft 2025 Unified Work Program) to come before #2 (Subdivision Regulation Updates). This change reflected on these minutes.

Public Comment:

- Kevin Nelson, Billings, MT – SBURA issues.
- Marcell Bruski, Big Sky Economic Development - talent attraction and retention study. Invite Council to view results on Tuesday, August 13.
- Paul Roberts, Billings, MT – traffic concerns at 25th & Wyoming.

- Dennis Scherer, Billings, MT - traffic at 25th & Wyoming.
- Brittany Brester, Billings, MT - traffic at 25th & Wyoming.
- Maggie Roberts, Billings, MT- traffic at 25th & Wyoming.

1. Consultants for Real Estate Introduction.

Steve Simonson introduction of real estate consultants:

Wendy Timm – consulting group, Mark Reiling, Mike Christiansen, Roger Sherman, Samantha DeKoven, and Dana Rowan.

Public Comment:

- None

2. Draft 2025 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP).

Lora Mattox gave an overview of work elements, funding sources, comparisons, and 2024/2025 priorities. Rusty Logan gave an overview of

Rusty Logan gave an overview of the Transit section, funding and 2024/2025 priorities.

General Council questions and discussion.

Public Comment:

- None

3. Subdivision Regulation Updates.

Anna Vickers gave an overview of proposed subdivision regulation updates. She reviewed issues that had been mentioned and how staff had addressed each issue.

Mac Fogelsong reviewed how traffic and street issues had been addressed.

Jamie Fender spoke about on-street parking and concerns with narrow street widths.

Recess 7:45 to 7:52 P.M.

Neil Lawrence spoke about how narrow street widths affected the Police Department.

Nate West spoke about CPTED lighting and how good lighting was one of the most effective crime deterrents.

General Council questions and discussion.

Public Comment:

- Dan Brooks, Chamber of Commerce – in support of CPTED lighting.

- Kevin Nelson, Billings, MT – in favor of lighting solutions, traffic calming, complaints about traffic violations.
- Elizabeth Shoemaker, HBA - concerned about costs, not necessarily against.

Council reviewed items and noted items to be brought back for further discussion.

HIGHLIGHT UPCOMING AGENDA ITEMS OF COUNCIL INTEREST

Chris Kukulski highlighted upcoming items.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION:

CM Kennedy – initiative coming in September regarding site distances with Code Enforcement.

CM Neese – refunds for overcharged parking violations. Kevin Iffland – software issues with extracting data.

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.)

- None

ADJOURN: 9:21 P.M.