



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

WORK SESSION AGENDA
August 19, 2024

Council Chambers

5:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Cole

Present:

Councilmember Gulick, Ward I
Councilmember Neese, Ward II
Councilmember Jennifer Owen, Ward II
Councilmember Denise Joy, Ward III
Councilmember Scott Aspenlieder, Ward IV
Councilmember Daniel Tidswell, Ward IV
Councilmember Mike Boyett, Ward V
Councilmember Tom Rupsis, Ward V (Via Zoom)
Mayor William Cole

Absent/

Excused: Councilmember Kendra Shaw, Ward I
Councilmember Bill Kennedy, Ward III

Staff

Present: Chris Kukulski, City Administrator
Kevin Iffland, Assistant City Administrator
Gina Dahl, City Attorney
Wyeth Friday, Planning Director (Via Zoom)
Tam Rodier, Program Coordinator
Brenda Beckett, Community Development Manager
Andy Zoeller, Finance Director

Chris Kukulski, City Administrator, spoke about Administrative Orders soon being available to the public on the website. He indicated they had always been shown on the Intranet, which was available for staff use.

He spoke of the KOA grand opening of their new headquarters.

Public Comment:

Kevin Nelson spoke about the need for double crews working day and night on critical projects.

1. Community Development Division Discussion.

Wyeth Friday, Planning Director, gave an overview of HUD Programs in Billings, Council's input in the Consolidated Plan process, HUD funding sources, and HOME program.

Rebecca Noell, CD Board, gave an overview of the Community Development (CD) Board role and responsibilities. She introduced a few other CD Board members: Erica Doornek and Ali Pistora.

Tam Rodier, Program Coordinator, reviewed the consolidated plan, findings, goals, programs, annual budget allocation, Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program and next steps.

Brenda Beckett, Community Development Manager, gave an overview of allocation limits, CDBG eligible low-income benefit activities, and CDBG timeliness per HUD requirements.

Mr. Friday concluded with an overview of Council priority and policy opportunities.

General questions and comments from City Council.

Public Comment:

None

2. South Billings Boulevard Urban Renewal District (SBBURD) Expansion.

Wyeth Friday, Planning Director, gave an overview of the SBBURD background, Public Works status on infrastructure in the area, timeframe, notification requirements and Council and Legislative roles. He outlined expansion steps, stakeholder input, and Council options.

General questions and comments from City Council.

Andy Zoeller, Finance Director, recommended consideration of the expansion to assist with the South Park Pool repairs.

CM Owen advocated for efficiency and keeping costs down. No consultants needed. Mr. Friday indicated staff would need additional time and help with the project.

Public Comment:

Dick Zier, SBURA consultant, would like to present to Council in upcoming months and indicated board would support expansion. Spoke of other requests the board had received.

Kevin Nelson, spoke against the expansion and asked why he should pay for a pool.

CM Aspenlieder indicated Shaw and Kennedy would support the expansion.

Overall consensus to move forward.

HIGHLIGHT UPCOMING AGENDA ITEMS OF COUNCIL INTEREST:

Chris Kukulski - Strategic Plan, Recreation Facilities, tax abatement rules to match the County, and Capital Improvement Planning.

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

None

ADJOURN: 8:59 P.M.