



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

## WORK SESSION SUMMARY

Council Chambers

December 2, 2024

4:30 P.M.

220 N. 27<sup>th</sup> St.

**CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Cole**

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

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 (Via Zoom)  
Councilmember Mike Boyett, Ward V  
Councilmember Tom Rupsis, Ward V  
Mayor William Cole

Staff

Present: Chris Kukulski, City Administrator  
Kevin Iffland, Assistant City Administrator  
Lora Mattox, Transportation Planning Coordinator  
Mike Pigg, Parks and Recreation Director

Chris Kukulski indicated Off the Streets (Item #3) requested to be removed from the agenda and would present in January.

Public Comment:

None

### **1. Friends of the Children Introduction.**

Nina Hernandez, Executive Director, gave an overview of the program. She reviewed their mission, values, model and how the program helped the community.

General Council questions and discussion.

### **2. West End Neighborhood Plan Development Update.**

Lauren Waterton, Sanbell Project Manager, gave an overview of the plan update, 2001 themes and goals, 2001 land use plan, and future plans.

General Council questions and discussion.

Lora Mattox, Transportation Planning Coordinator, spoke of potential connections coming up and funding availability.

**3. ~~Off-The-Streets Update.~~ REMOVED**

**4. Continuum of Care (CoC) Introduction.**

Terri Todd, CoC, gave an overview of upcoming meetings.

Abi Scherer, Yellowstone County CoC Coordinator, reviewed the role of CoC, Coordinated Entry System (CES) process and partners.

General Council questions and discussion.

**5. Maintain What We Have – Parks Preservation.**

Mike Pigg, Parks and Recreation Director, gave an overview of areas of focus, scope of work, impacts of putting maintenance 2<sup>nd</sup>, how to shift to a maintenance 1<sup>st</sup> mindset. He reviewed staffing numbers, increased maintenance, and funding sources.

General Council questions and discussion.

Motion: I move to direct staff to start the process of selling of Lampman Park and selling/disposing other parcels the City owns.

Moved by CM Boyett  
Seconded by CM Owen

Amended Motion: I move to direct staff to pursue if neighbors are interested in development of parkland.

Mayor Cole indicated there had been a neighborhood meeting several years ago and the neighbors had not supported development.

Moved by CM Shaw  
Seconded by CM Joy

**FAILED 4-7**, CM's Gulick, Neese, Owen, Kennedy, Aspenlieder, Boyett, Tidswell opposed

CM Rupsis – create SID's since most parcels will not be sellable.

Original Motion: **APPROVED 11-0**

Council continued discussion: creating SID's, partnership policies, workplan development, strategic and implementation matrix, FTE's for Parks operations and maintenance and budgeting concerns.

Mike spoke in support of amending the CIP to fund maintenance staff.

## **HIGHLIGHT UPCOMING AGENDA ITEMS OF COUNCIL INTEREST.**

Chris Kukulski, City Administrator, reported on utility billing and the audit. General Council questions and discussion.

Kevin Iffland, Assistant City Administrator, provided information on an upcoming third amendment to the City Hall PSA.

## **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.)*

- Kristi Drake, TrailNet, Billings, MT, vision for community, spoke of the importance of trails and maintenance issues.
- Thom MacLean, Parks Board member, Billings, MT, comments regarding parks maintenance plan.

**ADJOURN: 9:00 P.M.**