



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

WORK SESSION AGENDA

Billings Public Library

January 6, 2025

4:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Cole

Present: Councilmember Shaw, Ward I
Councilmember Gulick, Ward I
Councilmember Neese, Ward II
Councilmember Owen, Ward II (left at 8:00 P.M.)
Councilmember Kennedy, Ward III (Via Zoom – left at 7:07 P.M.)
Councilmember Tidswell, Ward IV
Councilmember Boyett, Ward V
Councilmember Rupsis, Ward V
Mayor William Cole

Absent/
Excused: Councilmember Aspenlieder, Ward IV

Staff: Chris Kukulski, City Administrator
Kevin Iffland, Assistant City Administrator
Gina Dahl, City Attorney
Boris Krizek, Environmental Engineer
Shawn Mayo, Police Captain
Brandon Wooley, Captain of Operations
Rich St. John, Police Chief
Tina Hoeger, Code Enforcement Manager
Todd Corne, Deputy City Attorney

Councilmember Joy resignation effective on January 6, 2025.

Public Comment:

None

1. Billings PCE Superfund Site.

Boris gave an overview and introduced Roger Hoogerheide, Environmental Protection Agency. Roger gave an overview of the superfund site, size, structures affected, etc. Plans to mitigate, assistance from City regarding new construction. He reviewed the proposed ordinance addressing concerns and future plans for mitigation.

Council questions and discussion.

City Council is interested in drafting an ordinance to enforce new construction or change of codes in the area.

Public Comment:

- Warren Ussery, 4145 Jansma, Billings, MT, general questions regarding EPA inspections. Roger answered questions.
- Elisabeth Shoemaker, Home Builders Association, Realtor, Billings, MT, general comments on mitigation system, funding, well water and disclosure requirements.

2. Center for Public Safety Management (CPSM) Report.

Thom Wieczorek, Center for Public Safety Director, commended the City for their cooperation and enthusiasm. Wayne Hiltz, CPSM, gave an overview of Police staffing, workload and overtime efficiency study, crime rate comparison, patrol calls, and priority response times.

Brandon Wooley, Captain of Operations, Shawn Mayo, Police Captain, and Rich St. John, Police Chief, reviewed CPSM recommendations and how the department had addressed recommendations. They gave an overview of the results of the overtime discussion and costs reviewed the recommendations for the following departments: patrol, records, detective, information technology, and overtime.

Council questions and discussion.

Brandon addressed: priority call issues and calls being coded incorrectly, overtime policies. Records management software update will be needed.

Wayne spoke of data collection issues, collective bargaining agreement, short shift pay and the City's policy of unlimited comp time.

Public Comment:

- Danny Choriki, former Councilmember, general comments about data systems, recommendation to Council to get local experts to help departments on data systems.

3. Code Enforcement Ordinance Amendment Review.

Tina Hoeger, Code Enforcement Manager gave an overview of the proposed ordinance revisions for: parking for camping purposes; graffiti rewards; civil citations service and requirements; display of address numbers and business, occupation and professional tax.

Council questions and discussion. Direction to move forward with ordinance.

Public Comment:

None

HIGHLIGHT UPCOMING AGENDA ITEMS OF COUNCIL INTEREST.

CA Kukulski highlighted 911 Communications Director recruitment

COUNCIL DISCUSSION:

CM Neese - USPS may not be able to deliver mail due to city snow plowing, bus stops are also important.

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: 8:44 P.M.