



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

## WORK SESSION AGENDA

Billings Public Library

January 21, 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  
Councilmember Kennedy, Ward III  
Councilmember Tidswell, Ward IV (Via Zoom)  
Councilmember Boyett, Ward V  
Councilmember Rupsis, Ward V  
Mayor William Cole

Absent/  
Excused: Councilmember Joy (position vacated)  
Councilmember Aspenlieder, Ward IV

Staff: Chris Kukulski, City Administrator  
Kevin Iffland, Assistant City Administrator  
Gina Dahl, City Attorney  
Nicole Cromwell, Zoning Coordinator

Public Comment:

None

### 1. Off The Streets.

Julie Koerber, Ken Koerber, Jim Mack, and Dina Bishop from Off the Streets were in attendance.

They gave an overview of the program, the people they served, reasons for the program, and how they were helping the community. Julie spoke of why the program was critical to the community, numbers served, and success stories. She explained the unique needs of the chronically homeless. Ken spoke of plans for the program and funding needs. He asked the City to help find a way to obtain funding for a new building. They spoke of TIF funding, donating City property, etc.

Council questions and discussion.

### Public Comment:

- Warren Ussery, 4145 Jansma, Billings, MT, general comment on homelessness.

## 2. 2025 Housekeeping Amendments to Zoning Code

Nicole Cromwell, Zoning Coordinator, gave an overview of the ordinance changes. She indicated there were both corrections and substantive changes. She reviewed the proposed amendments.

Council questions and discussion. Discussion about legal terminology. Gina Dahl, City Attorney, indicated the idea was to allow the option of municipal infraction or a misdemeanor.

Wyeth Friday, Planning Director, spoke on clear vision Code Enforcement issues. He indicated staff was working on ways to address the issues.

Nicole indicated staff would be bringing back multiple separate ordinances for Council approval in March.

Council continued discussion on clear vision issues.

**Motion:** I move to direct staff to remove storage container wording in residential areas.

Moved by CM Neese

Seconded by CM Kennedy

Continued discussion on storage containers and ADU's.

**Amended Motion:** I change my motion to have residential usage of storage containers as dwelling units come to City Council for special review.

Moved by CM Neese

Seconded by CM Kennedy

Continued discussion.

**Substitute Motion:** I move to delay any changes on storage containers until further information is brought forward.

Moved by CM Neese

Seconded by CM Kennedy.

**APPROVED 9-0**, Councilmembers Joy and Aspenlieder absent/excused

**Public Comment:**

None

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

None

**COUNCIL DISCUSSION:**

CM Kennedy – gave hand out on Ward III candidate, main concern was public safety, he would support a candidate that supports more law enforcement.

**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: 7:38 P.M.**