

****ATTENTION****

The City Council meeting will be held in a hybrid format that may include both in-person AND virtual attendance via Zoom. Unless they have cause to appear virtually, Councilmembers will attend the meeting in person in Council Chambers, fifth floor of City Hall, 316 N. 26th Street. In order to honor the Right of Participation and the Right to Know in Article II, Sections 8 and 9, of the Montana Constitution, the City of Billings and City Council are making every effort to meet the requirements of the open meeting laws.

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 - . Online at www.comm7tv.com and click on the "Watch Live" icon. Community 7 also has links to their Facebook page and YouTube channel.
 - . On the City's website at www.billingsmt.gov and click on "Watch Meetings Online" on the homepage.
 - . In-Person.

Citizens may submit public comment via the following methods:

- . Mail: City Clerk, P.O. Box 1178, Billings, MT 59103
- . Email: Council@billingsmt.gov.
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- . Attend the meeting in person

Please contact Denise Bohlman, City Clerk, at bohlmand@billingsmt.gov, or at 406.657.8210, with any questions.



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

WORK SESSION AGENDA

COUNCIL CHAMBERS
316 N. 26th Street, 5th Floor

AUGUST 4, 2025

5:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Cole

PUBLIC COMMENT ON ALL ITEMS. This is the time to comment on any matter (Agenda or Non-Agenda) falling within the scope of the Billings City Council. There will also be time in conjunction with each agenda item for public comment relating to that item. You may only speak once for each item during the meeting.

Please note, the City Council cannot take action on any item of significant interest to the public that does not appear on the agenda. Comments are limited to three (3) minutes during each public comment period or as set by the Mayor. **Speaker sign-in required.** Please sign the roster at the cart located at the back of the Council chambers or at the podium.

Introduction of Land Use Planning Team.

1. Allies in Aging.

[Allies in Aging Presentation](#)

-Public Comment

2. Disaster and Emergency Services.

-Public Comment

3. Litter in Billings.

-Public Comment

HIGHLIGHT UPCOMING AGENDA ITEMS OF COUNCIL INTEREST:

COUNCIL DISCUSSION:

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.)*

ADJOURN:

Note:

- This meeting is an "informal" meeting of the City Council. The content of the Agenda is subject to change at the meeting.
- In the event there is a closed executive session to discuss litigation strategy, the other parties to the case(s) discussed are not public bodies or associations as described in Section 2-3-203(1) and (2), MCA. The meeting is closed, as allowed by Section 2-3-203(4)(a), MCA, "to discuss a strategy to be followed with respect to litigation when an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the litigating position" of the City of Billings.
In the event there is a closed executive session to discuss a matter related to an individual's privacy, the presiding officer must determine the demands of individual privacy exceed the merits of public disclosure and the individual has not waived their right to privacy.

Date: 08/04/2025
Title: Conversation with Disaster & Emergency Services Director Derek Yeager
Presented by: Kevin Iffland, Assistant City Administrator
Department: City Hall Administration
Presentation: Yes
Legal Review: Not Applicable
Project Number: N/A

RECOMMENDATION

Engage in a conversation with Derek Yeager Disaster & Emergency Services Director.

BACKGROUND (Consistency with Adopted Plans and Policies, if applicable)

Derek has been in his new role for one year and has decades of emergency management experience throughout Yellowstone County. I've asked Derek to share his perspective on the opportunities and challenges we face around emergency services. I also asked Derek to discuss emergency notification. What are the best practices in the industry? What has been learned from the recent tragedies in Hawaii, North Carolina and Texas?

ALTERNATIVES

City Council may:

- Approve; or,
- Not Approve

FISCAL EFFECTS

N/A

City Council Work Session

Date: 08/04/2025
Title: Litter in Billings Discussion
Presented by: Debi Meling
Department: Public Works
Presentation: Yes
Legal Review: Not Applicable
Project Number: N/A

RECOMMENDATION

This is a discussion item and does not require council action.

BACKGROUND (Consistency with Adopted Plans and Policies, if applicable)

Councilmember Kennedy proposed an initiative that was approved by the City Council asking staff to present information on litter in Billings, specifically along S. Billings Blvd. The discussion will revolve around both prevention and reactive maintenance. We will address S. Billings Blvd in depth and then discuss litter in the City in general.

ALTERNATIVES

This is a discussion item so no alternatives are presented for council action.

FISCAL EFFECTS

There are no fiscal effects as this is a discussion item only.

Attachments

Presentation

Litter in the City

July 7, 2025





Where


- S. Billings Boulevard to landfill
- Interstate Corridor
- The rest of the City

Cause

- Haulers
 - MacKenzie
 - Republic
 - City – Billings, Laurel
- Individuals
 - Unsecured loads
- Containers
 - Overfilled
 - Not bagged
- The Wind



Proactive

- City SOPs
 - Do not overfill trucks
 - Do not collect overfilled containers (video) 
- Hauler Coordination
 - Driver training
 - SOPs
- DOT and MT Highway Patrol
- Educate and enforce secured loads
- Educate on bagging garbage
- Grass roots effort to reduce littering



Reactive

- Pick up litter on S. Billings Blvd
 - Contract labor
 - Sheriff's Dept Detail
- Adopt a Highway
 - Focus areas?
- Sweepers – MDT and City
 - S. Billings Blvd
 - Remainder of City
- Code Enforcement (private property)
- Law Enforcement (highway)






Landfill Discussion

- **Sec. 21213.(a):** “Use of the landfill by persons other than the city shall be in accordance with the use agreements... subject to fees set forth in an annual resolution.”
- Explicitly limits landfill use as follows:
 - Only those having formal **use agreements with the City**, and
 - **Yellowstone County residents** hauling nonbusiness waste (in a standard oneton pickup or equivalent trailer), may bring solid waste to the landfill without charge. All other individuals or commercial haulers must hold valid agreements with the City and pay applicable fees per our annual disposal resolution.

Options for landfill – out of county

- Deny loads from other counties
 - Notify via local news media
 - Notify county
 - Notify at scalehouse for “grace” period
- Enter into agreements with counties
- Modify ordinance to allow



**Garbage Only
Accepted From
City Of Billings
And
Yellowstone County**

Discussion & Questions

