

****ATTENTION****

Due to the COVID-19 health concerns, the format of the City Council meeting will be held in a virtual videoconferencing environment. Councilmembers will attend the meeting via a remote location, using a virtual meeting method. City Hall and the Council Chambers will be closed during the meeting. 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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- Mail: City Clerk, P. O. Box 1178, Billings, MT 59103
- Email: <https://ci.billings.mt.us/1538/City-Council-E-mail-Messages>.
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Future delivery methods may be explored as best practice is learned.

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

CITY OF BILLINGS

CITY OF BILLINGS VISION STATEMENT:

“THE MAGIC CITY: A DIVERSE, WELCOMING COMMUNITY WHERE PEOPLE PROSPER AND BUSINESS SUCCEEDS.”

AGENDA

Council Chambers are Closed.
The meeting will be held remotely via
virtual meeting room. Please see
coversheet for details and instructions
for viewing and participation.

December 21, 2020

5:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Cole

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Cole

INVOCATION: Councilmember Neese

ROLL CALL: Councilmembers present on roll call were: Shaw, Yakawich, Neese, Ewalt, Joy, Choriki, Purinton, Ronning, Boyett, Brown

MINUTES:

- November 23, 2020 (*Pending*)
- December 14, 2020 (*Pending*)

COURTESIES:

PROCLAMATIONS:

COUNCIL REPORTS:

ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS - CHRIS KUKULSKI

PUBLIC COMMENT on “NON-PUBLIC HEARING” Agenda Items: *ENTIRE AGENDA*.

Speaker sign-in required. (Comments are limited to three (3) minutes or as set by the Mayor. During COVID-19, the method to take and hear public comment has changed. Individuals wishing to give public comment will call a dedicated phone line (237.6196) and held in queue until it is their turn to comment. Comments on items listed as public hearing items will be heard ONLY during the designated public hearing time for each respective item. For items not on this agenda, public comment will be taken at the end of the agenda.)

1. CONSENT AGENDA -- Separations:

A. Bid Awards:

- 1. Electronic Waste Collection.** (Awarded 9/14/20) Recommend cancelation of bid award to Green Technology Solutions.
- B. Exchange City Golf Corporation (ECGC)** 2021 annual budget and fee structure for Par 3 Golf Course.
- C. Airport's Updated Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program.**
- D. MET Transit Agency Safety Plan.**
- E. Donation** to Fire Department from ExxonMobil Pipeline Company; \$2,500.
- F. Perpetual Right of Way Easement** with Yellowstone County for sewer facilities at MetraPark.
- G. Resolution** approving an extension of the Cable Franchise Agreement with Bresnan Communications, LLC, through December 31, 2021.

H. Bills for the Weeks of:

1. November 23, 2020
2. November 30, 2020

Recommended Motion: I move to approve the items of the Consent Agenda as submitted, with the exception of items moved for separation.

REGULAR AGENDA:

2. **LEASE** of Airport property with NorthWestern Energy (NWE) to expand and rebuild the Rimrock Substation, revenue first year; \$29,245.94, revenue subsequent years adjusted by CPI-U. Staff recommends approval. (Action: approval or disapproval of staff recommendation.)

• *Presented by: Kevin Ploehn, Aviation and Transit Director*

Recommended Motion: I move to approve the lease of Airport property with NorthWestern Energy, as recommended by staff.

3. **FY2022-2026 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN (CIP).** Staff recommends approval. (Action: approval or disapproval of staff recommendation.)

• *Presented by: Andy Zoeller, Finance Director*

Recommended Motion: I move to approve the FY2022-2026 Capital Improvement Plan, as recommended by staff.

4. **TAX INCREMENT FINANCE ASSISTANCE** from Downtown Billings Partnership (DBP) to Halsten Holdings, LLC (Burger Dive) located at 2712 Minnesota Avenue; up to \$466,373. Downtown Billings Partnership Board recommends approval. (Action: approval or disapproval of DBP Board recommendation.)

• *Presented by: Mehmet Casey, DBP Board Member*

Recommended Motion: I move to approve Tax Increment Finance Assistance from Downtown Billings Partnership to Halsten Holdings, LLC located at 2712 Minnesota Avenue, as recommended by DBP Board.

5. **TAX INCREMENT FINANCE ASSISTANCE** from Downtown Billings Partnership (DBP) to Downtown Properties, LLC located at 2624 Montana Avenue; up to \$665,765. Downtown Billings Partnership Board recommends approval. (Action: approval or disapproval of DBP Board recommendation.)

• *Presented by: Mehmet Casey, DBP Board Member*

Recommended Motion: I move to approve Tax Increment Finance Assistance from Downtown Billings Partnership to Downtown Properties, LLC located at 2624 Montana Avenue, as recommended by DBP Board.

6. **TAX INCREMENT FINANCE ASSISTANCE** from Downtown Billings Partnership (DBP) to Kibler & Kirch located at 2807 1st Avenue North; up to \$79,940. Downtown Billings Partnership Board recommends approval. (Action: approval or disapproval of DBP Board recommendation.)

• *Presented by: Mehmet Casey, DBP Board Member*

Recommended Motion: I move to approve Tax Increment Finance Assistance from Downtown Billings Partnership to Kibler & Kirch located at 2807 1st Avenue North, as recommended by DBP Board.

7. **SOUTH BILLINGS BOULEVARD URBAN RENEWAL DISTRICT (SBBURD) EXPANSION.** Staff recommends supporting the expansion of the SBBURD. (Action: approval or disapproval of staff recommendations.)

- *Presented by: Wyeth Friday, Planning Director and Jim Tevlin, SBURA Coordinator*

Recommended Motion: I move to direct staff to work with the SBURA Coordinator to move forward with the process of expanding the SBBURD.

8. **REMOVAL** of contingencies on buy/sell agreement and proceed with purchase of property located at 6014 South Billings Boulevard. Staff recommends approval. (Action: approval or disapproval of staff recommendations.)

- *Presented by: Jessica Iverson, Building and Facilities Manager*

Recommended Motion: I move to approve the removal of the contingencies on the buy/sell agreement and proceed with the purchase of property located at 6014 South Billings Boulevard, as recommended by staff.

PUBLIC COMMENT on “NON-AGENDA ITEMS”. Speaker Sign-in required. (Comments are limited to three (3) minutes or as set by the Mayor. During COVID-19, the method to take and hear public comment has changed. Individuals wishing to give public comment will call a dedicated phone line (237.6196) and held in queue until it is their turn to comment.)

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