

**BILLINGS CITY COUNCIL**

**Budget Committee**

**December 8, 2022**

**11 a.m.**

**Conference Room, First Floor, City Hall**

1) Call to Order – 11:06 a.m. (00:00:10)

Committee members present: Jennifer Owen, Mike Boyette, Ed Gulick,  
Staff members present: Chris Kukulski, Kevin Iffland, Andy Zoeller, Jessica Fust present

2) Approval of November Meeting Minutes.

**Ed Gulick moves to approve the minutes, Mike seconds. Unanimous voice vote to approve.**

3) Public Comment

No public comment. CM Purinton in attendance.

4) Stillwater Building Budget (00:01:10)

Andy Zoeller presented a detailed list of options to address the excess projected cost, including budget cuts, project scope reductions, and new funding options. Staff investigated all options legally available to address the \$13 million shortfall. Staff also note that may need some short term financing just for cash flow.

Staff reviewed options and Committee members debated each. Committee members proposed the following changes to the staff recommendations:

- Reduce marijuana amounts dedicated to the law and justice center to \$200,000 from the proposed \$250,000.
- Eliminate the suggested amounts connected to increasing court fees
- Evaluate the potential to use an energy savings performance contract to address energy and water portions of the capital costs, including the chillers, which were proposed for elimination
- Evaluate the parks reserves (parks projects and PD1) to determine if there are reserve amounts available for the parks portion of the Stillwater Building.

**Mike moves to recommend the staff proposal to Council, with the Committee's recommended modifications. Ed seconds, motion passes on unanimous voice vote. (1:48:00)**

5) Status Updates

- a) FY22 Audit. Andy provided a brief update on the FY22 audit, indicating that it continues to progress.
- b) Schedule of Budget presentations/Committee review. Chris agreed to bring a rough draft of a possible budget calendar to the January meeting for further discussion.

6) Discussion of future agenda items.

January meeting will include work on the cost of services study, sales of city property and a rough draft budget calendar

7) Meeting adjourned at 1:21 p.m. (2:15:00)

***Next Meeting - January 11, 2023, 9 a.m.***