

**BILLINGS CITY COUNCIL**  
**Budget Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**June 6, 2024**  
**Conference Room, First Floor, City Hall**

CM: Gulick, Aspenlieder, Kennedy, Rupsis, Owen (at 9:05)

Staff: Zoeller, Logan, Meling, Kukulski, St. John, Dahl

Public/Guest: Kari Boiter, Mike Boyett, Kendra Shaw, Joe Stout, Bill Cole

**Call to Order (9:00am)**

**Approval of May 29 Meeting Minutes (0:01:00)**

Discussion: Minutes reviewed and discussed

Motion / Second: Aspenlieder / Gulick

Vote: Passed 5-0

**Public Comment (0:01:40)**

Kari Boiter – Chair of Police Advisory Board. Board has voted to support recommendation of 3 new CSOs but would like to see those new staff hired in year 1. Recommend purchasing 2 new vehicles and would like to consider adding 2 smaller pickup trucks. CPAB would search for private donations and work with grant writer to help with costs of new vehicles. Support use of NARCAN.

Joe Stout – Previous chair of CPAB. Average of 5 CSOs through 2023. Created about 9% of total police reports, and that percentage is up so far in 2024. CSOs create significant savings and that's why the CPAB recommends hiring the CSOs early. Training is more efficient when you hire 3 at a time instead of 1 per year.

**Topic #1 – Budget Amendments (0:07:30)**

#	Description	Action
Boyett 1	Budget Analyst	Motion: Owen / Rupsis Action: Passed 5-0 Funded from \$200k planned for charter study
Owen 1	Pay off Evidence Lab w/ SBURA TIF	Motion: Rupsis / Aspenlieder

#	Description	Action
		Action: Passed 5-0
Rupsis 1	Parks Matching Grant Program	Motion: Aspenlieder / Kennedy Action: Passed 5-0 Funded by reduction of Library entitlement
Rupsis 2	Add Stagecoach funds to Parks CIP	Motion: Rupsis / Gulick Action: Failed 2-3
Gulick 1	Impact Fee Study	Motion: Aspenlieder / Owen Action: Passed 5-0
Aspenlieder 1	+3 firefighters from MET	Motion: Aspenlieder / Kennedy Action: Passed 3-2
Aspenlieder 2	More GF reserve from MET	Withdrawn
Aspenlieder 5	PW entitlement to GF reserve	Motion: Owen / Kennedy Action: Passed 4-1 Transfer reduced from \$400k to \$300k
Kennedy 1	Stagecoach funded from Parks CIP, but no increase in CIP.	Motion: Owen / Aspenlieder Action: Passed 3-2
Rupsis 5	No add'l Police until fully staffed	Motion: Rupsis Action: Motion failed for lack of second
Kennedy 2	Add 12 instead of 3 patrol officers.	Motion: Aspenlieder / Owen Action: Passed 3-2
Kennedy 3	+1 downtown officer from TIF	Motion: Kennedy / Owen Action: Passed
Rupsis 3	Housing Programs Manager	Motion: Rupsis Action: Motion failed for lack of second
Aspenlieder 3	Increase Muni Judge salary	Motion: Aspenlieder / Kennedy Action: Failed 2-3
Aspenlieder 4	Freeze upper mgmt. salaries	Withdrawn
Rupsis 4	Native American Liaison	Motion: Rupsis Action: Motion failed for lack of second
Staff 1	Anti-Graffiti Fund	Motion: Kennedy / Aspenlieder Action: Passed 5-0

Additional amendments:

Owen 2 – Earmark \$100k of Public Works entitlement funds for Inner Belt Loop planning

Motion – Owen / Kennedy

Action – Passed 5-0

Kennedy 4 – Use \$615k of Parks Programs fund reserves for Stagecoach Trail

Motion – Kennedy / Owen

Action – Passed 5-0

## Committee Discussion (0:00:00)

None

## Future Agenda Items & Meeting Schedule (2:07:00)

No meeting June 12<sup>th</sup>. Next meeting July 10<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00am.

Would like to debrief FY25 budget cycle and plan for FY26 budget cycle.

**Adjourned at 11:11 AM (2:11:10)**