

**BILLINGS CITY COUNCIL**  
**Budget Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**October 16 , 2024**  
**Conference Room, First Floor, City Hall**

CM: Gulick, Aspenlieder, Owen, Rupsis  
Staff: Kukulski, Pigg, Nicole Ratzlaff  
Public/Guest: Dan Brooks, Christina Macintosh

**Call to Order ( 9:00 @ 0:01:15)**

**Approval of March Meeting Minutes (0:01:40)**

Discussion: Minutes reviewed and discussed

Motion / Second: Owen / Aspenlieder  
Vote: All in favor

**Public Comment (0:02:10)**

No public comment

**Topic #1 - FY25 1st Quarter Actuals vs. Budgeted (0:02:20)**

Discussion: Chris presented an overview of quarterly financials. BFD changed some practices (training, etc.) to bring overtime expenses closer to budget. Will have an update in January on whether or not budget amendments will be needed.

Discussion on how EMTs previously serving on CRUs are being used.

**Topic #2 - Parks Maintenance (0:12:35)**

Discussion: Presentation from Mike Pigg on current state of parks maintenance.

Request to understand why internal charges for asphalt/sidewalk repair by Public Works are thought to be higher than market rate.

Discussion on presentation, suggestions for moving forward with presentation to full Council.

### Topic #3 - 2024 draft Capital Improvements Plan - department presentations (1:04:30)

Discussion: Presentation of draft CIP. Having a grant writer has given staff more comfort putting grant-funded projects into the CIP.

Would like to have a more detailed discussion with Public Works and Parks at next Committee meeting.

### Topic #4 - FY26 Budget Process - Four Proposed Steps (1:39:00)

Discussion: Chris would like Committee to make budget priority recommendations at December meeting with full Council review/adoption in January. Committee is fine with

### Committee Discussion, Future Agenda Items & Meeting Schedule (1:41:50)

Next meeting will focus on Public Works and Parks CIP presentations.

**Adjourned at 10:41 AM (1:42:45)**