

**BILLINGS CITY COUNCIL**  
**Budget Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**December 11, 2024**  
**Conference Room, First Floor, City Hall**

CM: Ed Gulick, Scott Aspenlieder, Tom Rupsis, Jennifer Owen (@ 9:49, left 10:35)

Staff: Chris Kukulski, Andy Zoeller, Wyeth Friday, Sarah Lane

Public/Guest:

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

**Approval of March Meeting Minutes (0:00:40)**

Discussion: Minutes reviewed and discussed

Motion / Second: Aspenlider / Gulick

Vote: All in favor

**Public Comment (0:01:10)**

No public comment

**Topic #1 - New City Hall historic tax credits update (0:01:20)**

Discussion: Closed with FIB, entities established, structures in place. City netted \$735k out of first tranche. Second tranche should come after full occupancy of building. Part 3 should wrap up next year sometime. May not be able to happen until elevators are completed.

**Topic #2 - SBURA Expansion timeline update (0:11:10)**

Discussion: Wyeth presented staff findings on the TIF district expansion process. Question about how we'd establish the boundary of the expansion. Discussion about use of special districts and how those might co-exist with TIF district expansion. Discussion about including all relevant areas in blight analysis. Staff given direction for Feb/Mar work session to have discussion about special districts and staff should proceed with blight analysis.

## Topic #3 - Budget Goals (0:55:00)

Discussion: Chris and Andy presented some staff thoughts on budget goals. Discussion on holding the line on PW fees/rates this year. Discussion on support for upcoming County jail bond. Discussion on impact fee analysis and if/how/when that will ever move forward.

Discussion on housing director discussion. Discussion of Parks ERP-type program for parks assets. Discussion on finding more creative revenue sources for parks funding. Discussion on use of Placer.ai type tools to understand parks counts. Discussion on disposition/maintenance of city owned properties. Discussion of how to look at long term needs of departments and not just the 1-year budget request.

## Future Agenda Items & Meeting Schedule (1:49:00)

Entitlement funds. New committee secretary. Continuation of budget goals discussion. 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter budget review.

**Adjourned at 10:51 AM (1:51:50)**