

Billings City Administrator Weekly Report

June 10, 2021

- 1. Billings Bench Water Association** – As we continue to deal with soil stabilization and last Sunday's over-flow event, we have reached out to Yellowstone County and the Governor's office for assistance. Senator McGillivray has been assisting us with the State.
- 2. Law & Justice/City Hall** – the subcommittee met yesterday to review Mr. Holden's counteroffer to purchase the Stillwater Building. We will be meeting Monday to review any progress. We are also moving forward with Plan B and C options just in case we cannot come to a reasonable agreement to secure the Stillwater property.
- 3. 5th Corridor Public Video Meeting Announcement** - On May 26, 2021, a public meeting was held to unveil the findings of the 5th Avenue Corridor Feasibility Study. If you were unable to attend, a video summary of the feasibility study can be viewed on the project website with an opportunity to leave a comment or question. The video can be viewed at: <https://sandersonstewart.com/projects/5thavenue/>. This study will be coming forward to the Council for review in July.
- 4. Billings Bypass Corridor Study Open House** - The Billings Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is hosting a public open house to discuss the Billings Bypass Corridor Study with interested members of the public. You are invited to attend! You will have the opportunity to learn about the study and contribute your thoughts. Cannot make the open house? The same content and opportunities to participate will also be available on the study website: www.billingsbypasscorridor.com The meeting will be June 17, 2021, from 4:30 – 6:00 pm. The open house will be held at Independent School Cafeteria, 2907 Roundup Road, Billings MT 59105.
- 5. City Hall Council Meetings** – The library has been a great place to hold hybrid Council meetings through the tail end of the pandemic. Unfortunately, we continue to have challenges with the sound system, particularly for Zoom participants. The majority of Council expressed a desire to continue hybrid meetings, uninterrupted when moving from the library back to city hall. The equipment necessary to make the adjustment is on backorder. If the equipment causes us to delay the shift beyond July, I suggest we make the move as soon as possible and add back hybrid capabilities once the equipment is fully functioning. The ability to offer hybrid meetings is an improvement to the public, staff, and access to consultants. Unfortunately, we may have a gap in service.
- 6. Marijuana Regulations** – Assistant City Attorney Karen Tracy pulled our team together this week in preparation of a July Council Work Session to discuss the City's options to regulate medical and recreational marijuana within the city limits.

Have a wonderful weekend!