

Billings City Administrator Weekly Report

January 6, 2022

- 1. Franchise Fee Ruling** – Late yesterday afternoon Judge Salvangi ruled on the class action lawsuit. We are reviewing the details of the ruling and will report to the city council during a January 18 executive session.
- 2. Stillwater Building Update** - JLG/Collaborative Design and the City team have been working diligently on moving the design and buildout forward. There are 4 main identified goals for the project: resiliency, co-location of city offices, community expectation, and fiscal responsibility. We will be using these goals to guide the design and buildout as we move forward and present approval items to city council. Morrison and Maierle engineers conducted on site initial assessments of the mechanical, electrical, and plumbing systems. Options are being assessed to determine feasibility and fiscal constraints along with short- and long-term impacts.

The team is working on setting up user group meetings to garner feedback, inform, educate, and create transparency around the project. User groups will consist of departments that will be moving into the building, city council, EOC and the public. The City Council and public meeting session will be held on January 20th from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm in the 4th Floor conference room at the Stillwater Building. A questionnaire will be sent out prior to the meeting to solicit some initial information and ideas on space usage.

- 3. Public Information Officer** – This morning we selected the City's first Public Information Officer. She will be introduced to Council during Monday's council meeting. She will start in mid-February.