

Billings City Administrator Weekly Report

February 24, 2023

1. **Budget & Finance Committee** – This afternoon, the committee reviewed and unanimously approved motions, recommending the council adopt the remaining proposed amendments presented by staff to the 2023 fiscal year budget. The amendments include: mobile data terminals for the Police Department; vehicles and mowers for the Parks Department; tax and assessment software for Finance; electric buses for MET Transit; and repairs to the elevator in the parking garage. Monday's agenda packet, item 4 memo includes all of the details.
2. **Legislative Committee** – the transmittal deadline is Tuesday. Our attempt to increase the cap of \$9,500 to \$25,000 with legislator Yakawich was tabled by the house local government committee yesterday (HB534).
3. **Parks, Recreation, Trails Funding Package Workgroup** – The focus of today's meeting was to refine the capital projects list and begin establishing project timelines. The group will hold two more meetings before the council retreat to finalize their recommendations.
4. **Montana Executive Forum** – Kevin and I will be attending the Montana Executive Forum in Helena next Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Therefore, there will not be a Weekly report.
5. **Next Week's Meeting/Task Forces**
 - a. Ribbon Cutting for Heights Book Locker, Monday, February 27th 1:00 pm St. Vincent Clinic, 32 Wicks Lane
 - b. Heights Task Force, Tuesday, February 28th 7:00 pm Oasis Conference Room, 543 Aronson
 - c. Budget and Finance Committee, Wednesday, March 1st 9:00 am Finance Conference Room
 - d. Legislative Committee, Wednesday, March 1st 4:00 pm City Hall Conference Room
 - e. Billings Chamber Legislative Videoconference, Thursday, March 2nd 12:00 pm MSU Billings Liberal Arts Building, Room 208
 - f. Council Operations Committee, Thursday, March 2nd 4:00 pm City Hall Conference Room
 - g. North Park Task Force, Thursday, March 2nd 7:00 pm North Park Community Center

6. From the PIO Desk:

Emergency preparedness is key for BIL airport employees

<https://www.billingsmt.gov/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=2444>

City of Billings revamps public map library

<https://www.billingsmt.gov/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=2442>

New Billings PD program: Project Eyes on the Block

<https://billingsmt.gov/3104/Project-Eyes-on-the-Block>

From Mayor Cole: 2nd annual world languages dinner

<https://www.billingsmt.gov/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=2440>

New date and time: IBL & Skyline Trail groundbreaking events

<https://www.billingsmt.gov/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=2438>

BPL

Billings Public Library uses art as a way to work through trauma

https://www.nonstoplocal.com/billings/news/billings-public-library-uses-art-as-a-way-to-work-through-trauma/article_4a3f18f7-2cb5-54d8-a906-6578217314a8.html

Mayor & Council

Biggest pool in Montana: Backers excited about proposed Billings rec center

<https://www.ktvq.com/news/local-news/biggest-pool-in-montana-backers-excited-about-proposed-billings-rec-center>

Billings' mayor hosts world languages dinner

https://billingsgazette.com/news/local/billings-mayor-hosts-world-languages-dinner/article_7c8305fa-b236-11ed-864b-ef61cbbce699.html

Panel says progress made, but more is needed for Billings' unhoused

https://billingsgazette.com/news/panel-says-progress-made-but-more-is-needed-for-billings-unhoused/article_70ea6f6c-b218-11ed-8640-034bdfd8a13d.html

PCSD

Billings man fixes problem properties, creates affordable housing

<https://www.ktvq.com/news/local-news/billings-man-fixes-problem-properties-creates-affordable-housing>

BPD

Billings police launch 'Project Eyes on the Block'

<https://www.ktvq.com/news/crime-watch/billings-police-launch-project-eyes-on-the-block>

BPD Officer James Catlin: A Life of Valor - Dedication

<https://www.yourbigsky.com/billings-beat/bpd-officer-james-catlin-a-life-of-valor-4/>

BPD Officer James Catlin: A Life of Valor – Protector

<https://www.yourbigsky.com/billings-beat/bpd-officer-james-catlin-a-life-of-valor/>

BPD Officer James Catlin: A Life of Valor – Discipline

<https://www.yourbigsky.com/billings-beat/bpd-officer-james-catlin-a-life-of-valor-2/>

BPD Officer James Catlin: A Life of Valor – Bravery

<https://www.yourbigsky.com/billings-beat/bpd-officer-james-catlin-a-life-of-valor-part-one/>

Armed robbery in Billings leads to stop stick arrest

<https://www.yourbigsky.com/billings-beat/armed-robbery-in-billings-leads-to-stopstick-arrest/>

BFD

Billings Fire Department hosts stairclimb fundraiser supporting Leukemia and Lymphoma Society

https://www.nonstoplocal.com/billings/news/billings-fire-department-hosts-stairclimb-fundraiser-supporting-leukemia-and-lymphoma-society/article_684e822d-68ae-55b2-8162-9c8b6fd02163.html

Billings Firefighters Benevolent Fund raising money for stair climb team

<https://www.ktvq.com/news/local-news/billings-firefighters-benevolent-fund-raising-money-for-stair-climb-team>

Boulder Avenue apartment burns Thursday morning

https://billingsgazette.com/news/local/photo-boulder-avenue-apartment-burns-thursday-morning/article_6919ca78-b388-11ed-ba23-8f140df8709a.html

PW

City of Billings looks to restore two-way streets in downtown area

<https://www.ktvq.com/news/local-news/city-of-billings-looks-to-restore-two-way-streets-in-downtown-area>

Billings snowplow drivers stay ready for Montana's unpredictable weather

<https://www.ktvq.com/news/local-news/billings-snowplow-drivers-stay-ready-for-montanas-unpredictable-weather>

BIL

A thankless job: City crews preparing for heavy snow at Billings airport

<https://www.ktvq.com/news/local-news/a-thankless-job-city-crews-preparing-for-heavy-snow-at-billings-airport>

MET

Billings MET Transit purchases bus benches from advertising company, offers new advertising packages

<https://www.ktvq.com/news/local-news/billings-met-transit-purchases-bus-benches-from-advertising-company-offers-new-advertising-packages>