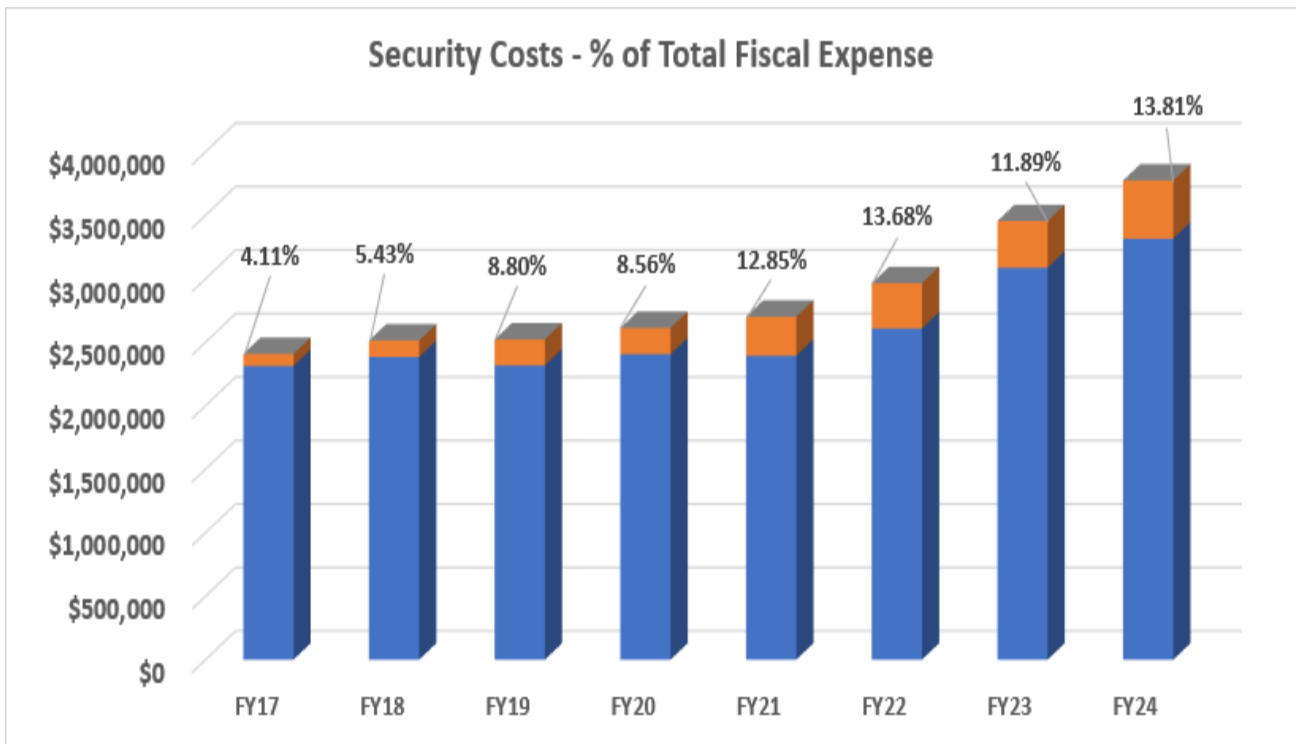
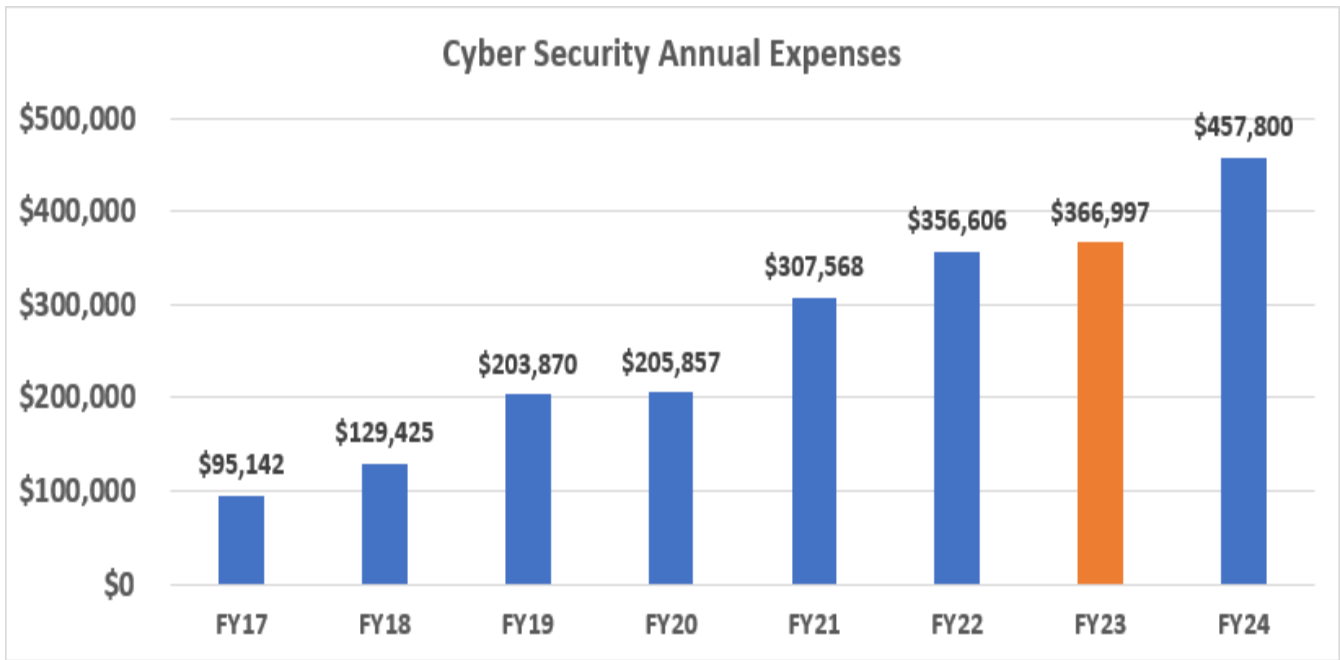


## Billings City Administrator Weekly Report

May 20, 2023

1. **Parks & Recreation Director Interviews** – Three finalists participated in two interview panels and a casual meal with staff and stakeholders from the parks and rec board, parks foundation, TrailNet and city council. I hope to have an announcement this week of our new team member.
2. **CPTED Training** – 22 city personnel are attending CPTED training this coming week (8hrs/day Monday – Friday).
3. **Big Sky Passenger Rail Authority** – Big Sky Passenger Rail Authority (BSPRA) receives \$25,000 grant from the Montana Healthcare Foundation to conduct rural and tribal engagement in southern Montana. Attached is a press release and a BSPRA overview document; here is a link to the BSPRA tri-fold brochure: [Brochure BSPRA \(simplebooklet.com\)](http://simplebooklet.com).
4. **Heights Water District** – Jennifer Duray and I met with several members of the HWD board to answer questions regarding the City’s latest water rate study and how it impacts our bulk water sales to the district. Their board recently voted to challenge the City’s new rates.
5. **Budget Info** - During the IT Budget discussion, we were asked about the amount of money spent on Cyber Security and how it has changed. Below are two charts that illustrate how Cyber Security related expenses have increased over the last 8 years.
  - The “Cyber Security Annual Expenses” chart below shows how the total Cyber Security investment continues to grow each year.
  - The “Security Expenses - % of Total Fiscal Expense” chart shows how Cyber Security expenses have increased in relationship to the total IT Budget.



Note: FY24 columns reflect the expenses requested in the upcoming budget.

6. Public Works Week –

LET'S CELEBRATE  
**PUBLIC  
WORKS  
WEEK**

**Open House Events x 2**

Tuesday, May 23 | 4-7 pm | Billings Landfill  
Thursday, May 25 | 4-7 pm | Wastewater Plant

7. Next Week's Meeting/Task Forces

- a. Heights Task Force, Tuesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> 7:00 pm Oasis Water Park, 943 Aronson
- b. Budget & Finance Committee, Wednesday, May 24<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am, City Hall Conference Room

8. From the PIO Desk:

Testing emergency preparedness: Billings airport hosts triennial exercise

<https://www.billingsmt.gov/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=2484>

Airport Emergency Plan to be tested by full-scale emergency exercise at BIL

<https://www.billingsmt.gov/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=2482>

Three Billings properties added to national register of historic places

<https://www.billingsmt.gov/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=2483>

**BPD**

Local Law Enforcement Worries about Loss of FBI on Taskforce  
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Billings police working to improve Project Eyes on the Block

<https://www.ktvq.com/news/local-news/billings-police-working-to-improve-project-eyes-on-the-block>

Downtown Billings resource officers navigate limited crisis options

<https://www.ktvq.com/news/local-news/downtown-billings-resource-officers-navigate-limited-crisis-options>

### **BFD**

Photo: Billings Fire Department trains for rescue on the Rimrocks

[https://billingsgazette.com/news/photo-billings-fire-department-trains-for-rescue-on-the-rimrocks/article\\_9dd0696c-f365-11ed-beb0-2fadd698856e.html](https://billingsgazette.com/news/photo-billings-fire-department-trains-for-rescue-on-the-rimrocks/article_9dd0696c-f365-11ed-beb0-2fadd698856e.html)

### **Council**

Watch now: Mayor Bill Cole at Eagle Seeker Community Center

[https://billingsgazette.com/news/local/watch-now-mayor-bill-cole-at-eagle-seeker-community-center/video\\_2c23f2b4-c25a-556f-b1bf-b2d163fef770.html](https://billingsgazette.com/news/local/watch-now-mayor-bill-cole-at-eagle-seeker-community-center/video_2c23f2b4-c25a-556f-b1bf-b2d163fef770.html)

Family happy to see plan to make routes safer to Billings schools

<https://www.ktvq.com/news/local-news/family-happy-to-see-plan-to-make-routes-safer-to-billings-schools>

### **New City Hall**

New Billings City Hall should be finished August 2024

[https://www.nonstoplocal.com/billings/news/new-billing-city-hall-should-be-finished-august-2024/article\\_221b2c6f-292e-5da6-92fc-b339fd63405f.html](https://www.nonstoplocal.com/billings/news/new-billing-city-hall-should-be-finished-august-2024/article_221b2c6f-292e-5da6-92fc-b339fd63405f.html)

### **PW**

Billings weighs switch to curbside recycling, pay-as-you-throw trash collection

[https://billingsgazette.com/news/local/billings-weighs-switch-to-curbside-recycling-pay-as-you-throw-trash-collection/article\\_7a502c4e-f4cc-11ed-aba8-07b31380d917.html](https://billingsgazette.com/news/local/billings-weighs-switch-to-curbside-recycling-pay-as-you-throw-trash-collection/article_7a502c4e-f4cc-11ed-aba8-07b31380d917.html)

Billings water treatment plant ready to ride out the next storm

[https://billingsgazette.com/news/local/billings-water-treatment-plant-ready-to-ride-out-the-next-storm/article\\_993d1480-f0e6-11ed-8629-7b34082c80b0.html](https://billingsgazette.com/news/local/billings-water-treatment-plant-ready-to-ride-out-the-next-storm/article_993d1480-f0e6-11ed-8629-7b34082c80b0.html)

### **Code Enforcement**

Billings Heights residents frustrated after vandals tag areas with graffiti

<https://www.ktvq.com/news/local-news/billings-heights-residents-frustrated-after-vandals-tag-several-areas-with-graffiti>

### **Construction**

Photo: Inner Belt Loop Construction begins

[https://billingsgazette.com/news/local/photo-inner-belt-loop-construction-begins/article\\_32c46d66-f0e6-11ed-bcae-6fa6e2794cda.html](https://billingsgazette.com/news/local/photo-inner-belt-loop-construction-begins/article_32c46d66-f0e6-11ed-bcae-6fa6e2794cda.html)

Photo: Bike path concrete work under way

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## **Airport Exercise**

Photos: Billings Airport holds emergency exercise drill

[https://billingsgazette.com/news/local/photos-billings-airport-holds-emergency-exercise-drill/collection\\_37695ae2-f5b5-11ed-9447-972446efa27c.html#7](https://billingsgazette.com/news/local/photos-billings-airport-holds-emergency-exercise-drill/collection_37695ae2-f5b5-11ed-9447-972446efa27c.html#7)

Billings airport to host 'full-scale emergency exercise'

<https://www.ktvq.com/news/local-news/billings-airport-to-host-full-scale-emergency-exercise>

Full-scale airport emergency exercise planned in Billings May 18<sup>th</sup>

[https://www.kulr8.com/straight-from-the-source/full-scale-airport-emergency-exercise-planned-in-billings-may-18th/article\\_9ee926b2-f393-11ed-80e1-3f19bee0e9a0.html](https://www.kulr8.com/straight-from-the-source/full-scale-airport-emergency-exercise-planned-in-billings-may-18th/article_9ee926b2-f393-11ed-80e1-3f19bee0e9a0.html)

## **In other news...**

Inquest planned in Billings road-rage shooting death

<https://www.ktvq.com/news/local-news/inquest-planned-in-billings-road-rage-shooting-death>

Billings airshow expected to draw massive crowds, secret guest announced

<https://www.ktvq.com/news/local-news/billings-airshow-expected-to-draw-massive-crowds-secret-guest-announced>

Yellowstone County jail workers call for higher starting wages to shore up staffing shortage

<https://www.ktvq.com/news/local-news/yellowstone-county-jail-workers-call-for-higher-starting-wages-to-shore-up-staffing-shortage>

Photo: Walls going up at massive warehouse project on South Frontage Road

[https://billingsgazette.com/news/local/photo-walls-going-up-at-massive-warehouse-project-on-south-frontage-road/article\\_a32fe6e6-f331-11ed-8dde-0f8995c2f215.html](https://billingsgazette.com/news/local/photo-walls-going-up-at-massive-warehouse-project-on-south-frontage-road/article_a32fe6e6-f331-11ed-8dde-0f8995c2f215.html)