

City Council Work Session

5:30 PM
Council Chambers
May 6, 2019

ATTENDANCE:

Mayor/Council (please check) x Cole, x Cromley, x Yakawich, x Neese,
x Ewalt, x Joy, x Friedel, x Gibbs, x Ronning, x Clark, x Brown

CM excused:

ADJOURN TIME: 8:13 pm

Agenda

TOPIC #1	USS Billings Presentation
PRESENTER	
NOTES/OUTCOME	

- Mayor: Phillips 66 presentation of model ship to Billings. USS Billings commissioning August 3 in Key West.
- **Public Comment:**
- **Dennis Ulvestad, 3040 Central Avenue, Billings, MT:** proud of commissioning. Made donation to USS Billings.
- **Steve Arveschoug, BSEDA:** father is Navy Veteran. BSEDA contribution due in part to Veteran event. National Economic Development week first week of May.
- **Public Comment:**
- None

TOPIC #2	Budget Overview
PRESENTER	Andy Zoeller, Finance Director
NOTES/OUTCOME	

- **Chris Kukulski:** new email addresses ending in Billingsmt.gov
- **Andy Zoeller:** overview of all funds combined by type, expenditures, revenues, comparison to other cities, taxes and assessments.
- **Kukulski:** overview of budget. Free wi-fi \$15,000, website design, software update and expansion, and staffing costs. Investments protecting City overview. Property taxes, home value averages for City. Maintenance and operational dollars will need to be cut or revenue increased. Mayor: projected numbers seems short to bridge \$6 million gap. Kukulski: staff positions or capital improvements projects. City has the best funded equipment replacement program, last option but could be on the table.
- **Public Comment:**
- None

TOPIC #3	Administration
PRESENTER	Kevin Iffland, Assistant City Administrator
NOTES/OUTCOME	

- **Kevin Iffland:** overview of staff positions and expenditures. Increase pay for Councilmember compensation. Operational expenses, elections, Channel 7, etc.
- **Public Comment:**
- None

TOPIC #4	Fleet services
PRESENTER	Larry Deschene, Fleet Services Manager
NOTES/OUTCOME	

- **Larry Deschene:** overview of inventory, revenues and expenditures, Fleet functions, staffing, and FY20 goals.
- Mayor: greater than typical increase? Deschene: COLA, Step increases and personal services.
- Neese: off-site repairs? No, all in house. Neese: Parks? Deschene: Fleet does some, Parks maintenance does some. Mayor repairs come to Fleet department.
- **Public Comment:**
- None

TOPIC #5	Finance
PRESENTER	Andy Zoeller, Finance Director
NOTES/OUTCOME	

- **Andy Zoeller:** \$1.5 proposed budget. 1/3 O & M and 2/3 personal services. Overview of expenditures, responsibilities, departmental goals, debt service funds. Larger expenditures: IT, accounting software, audit services.
- Mayor: need for staffing increase? Zoeller: yes, currently only have 1 purchasing agent and have some space issues.
- **Public Comment:**
- None

TOPIC #6	Library
PRESENTER	Gavin Woltjer, Library Director
NOTES/OUTCOME	

- **Gavin Woltjer:** overview of services, community impact, expenditures and revenues, and supplemental budget requests. Internet services, website redesign and 2 full time security guards very beneficial.

- **Public Comment:**
- None

TOPIC #7	Municipal court
PRESENTER	Sheila Kolar, Municipal Court Judge
NOTES/OUTCOME	

- **Sheila Kolar:** overview of FY19 accomplishments, FY20 goals, operating budget, grant budget and grant budget breakdown. Review fines, fees, surcharges and restitution.
- Mayor: most grants expire soon, anticipate reauthorization? Kolar: trying to reauthorize.
- Joy: grants written by department? Kolar: yes, department handles own grant writing.
- **Public Comment:**
- None

TOPIC #8	Council Discussion
PRESENTER	
NOTES/OUTCOME	

- Ronning: Water week May 9th from 4-7 pm. Invite public to tour water treatment plant.
- **Public Comment:**
- None

TOPIC #8	Public Comment on Items Not on the Agenda
PRESENTER	
NOTES/OUTCOME	

- **Edward Arnold, 1323 Paul Revere Street, Billings, Montana:** Heights Task Force member. 2006 outline had recommended projects and public comments, 2013 outline was the same. Already have public comment requesting multi use facilities, restrooms, community center, etc. Encourage support from City.
- **Dennis Ulvestad, 3040 Central Avenue, Billings, Montana:** stop County pockets within City limits.