

Billings City Administrator Weekly Report

March 6, 2020

- 1) Draft 2020 City Council Priorities** – Enclosed is the latest version of the proposed 2020/2021 draft City Council Priorities as a result of Council discussions on the 2nd of February and 2nd of March. You will notice four items that are **highlighted in yellow**. Of the four items - to my knowledge, three items were not specifically discussed by the Council during the priority discussions on February 2nd or March 2nd. Therefore, I don't know if it is the Councils' intention to leave them off of the proposed priorities or if it was assumed they would be carried forward. Other items like improving the Safety of Billings and complete Project Re-Code were identified as high priorities in both the 2019 and 2020 discussions. The fourth item is also identified with **. The March 2nd draft included ??? but we failed to discuss and receive direction. Please come prepared to discuss these four items before adopting the proposed 2020 priorities Monday March 9th.
- 2) BUILD Grant meeting** – City, County, State and BSED staff and some elected officials met to discuss our community's efforts to receive a 2020 BUILD Grant (Cole, Shaw, Brown, Pitman & Jones attended). Applications are due May 18th. The group debriefed on our 2019 BUILD Grant application for improvements and committed to supporting both the State's Lockwood Interchange application and the City's Inner Belt Loop application.
- 3) Council Orientation Sessions** – On Monday, March 9th there will be an orientation on the budget from 3:30 – 5:00 pm in the City Hall Conference Room. All council members are welcome to attend. I encourage anyone who did not have orientation on this to consider attending.
- 4) Council Photo** – The 2020 Council photo will be taken on Monday, March 16th before the Work Session; please dress accordingly. The photographer has requested you be in the council chamber by 4:25 pm.

Have a great productive weekend!

Proposed 2020/2021 City Council Priorities

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HIGH

Improve the safety of Billings

- Adopt Public Safety Mill Levy (PSML) Ordinance for 2020 ballot measure
- Educate the community on the impacts of the PSML
- Implement 911, PD, FD, Code Enforcement, Legal, Municipal Courts strategies to improve safety
- Resolve criminal justice system facility space deficiencies
- **Adopt spa/message parlor business license ordinance**
- Pursue supplemental funding sources (Impact fees, increase cost of fines, BUFSA)
- Support critical partnerships w/Substance Abuse Connect, Yellowstone County, and Continuum of Care partnership
- Continue improving "Safe Routes to Schools"

Complete Project Re-Code

Complete Airport Terminal Reconstruction Project (2023)

Advance West-End Reservoir and Water Treatment Plant Projects (reservoir 2022/H2O 2024)

Create a Park Development Fund

Improve Communication with our citizens

- Create a Public Information Officer position for the City
- Overhaul City Website

Approve 2021 Legislative Agenda/Priorities

Implement Lean Six Sigma/Continues Improvement program

MEDIUM

Improve Intergovernmental Collaboration

Stimulate Downtown Revitalization

- Improve legislative tools
- Implement downtown transportation study/one-way conversion plan
- Install traffic light N 27th/MT Ave
- **Implement the One Big Sky Plan**
- **** Consider extending and/or expanding ???** Downtown Tax Increment Finance District

Complete the Cost of Services Study

Resolve Heights Water Issues

Improve Transportation/Land-use System

- Advance Billings Bypass Interchange project – including adjacent land use and utility extension plans and Targeted Economic Development District (TEDD)
- Inner Belt Loop – including adjacent land use and utility extension plans
- **Molt Road/Highway 3 connector - including adjacent land use and utility extension plans**

Improve city parks and trails system


- Complete - Centennial Park improvements Phase I
- Adopt - Coulson Park Master Plan
- Adopt Castlerock Park Master Plan
- Advance Poly Vista Park partnership w/Landan's Legacy Foundation
- Advance Marathon Loop

Determine scope of the South Billings Recreation Center

Future Consideration

 Increase Grant Writing Resources

 Housing – Study Affordable Housing in General

 ~~Targeted Economic Development District (see above Improve Transportation/Land Use system)~~

 Create a Storm Water Utility

 ~~Elimination of All Lead Pipe Service Lines (Underway)~~

 Budget Process Review

 Update Neighborhood Plans (West Side Plan priority)

3 Items transferred from 2019 Council Adopted Priorities (not specifically discussed in prior draft 2020 versions)

**** No direction provided during the March 2 Council discussion.**