

**City of Missoula
Committee of the Whole Agenda**

Date: February 19, 2020, 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Location: City Council Chambers

140 W. Pine Street, Missoula , MT

Members: Stacie Anderson, Mirtha Becerra, John P. Contos, Heather Harp, Jordan Hess, Gwen Jones, Julie Merritt, Jesse Ramos, Amber Sherrill, Sandra Vasecka, Bryan von Lossberg, Heidi West

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1. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

1.1 Roll Call

1.2 Approval of the Minutes

1.2.1 Minutes from the January 29, 2020 meeting

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3. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

**3.1 Joint City/County resolution establishing a
Food Policy Advisory Board**

Heidi West

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Recommended motion:

Adopt a joint City/County resolution implementing one of the recommendations of Joint Resolution 6889 and establish a Missoula Food Policy Advisory Board to provide policy recommendations to increase security of Missoula's local food system, promote sustainable agriculture that enhances the local economy, connect food access programs to local, nutritious food, build regional self-reliance and climate resiliency

4. ADJOURNMENT

Missoula City Council Committee of the Whole Minutes

January 29, 2020

10:40 AM

City Council Chambers

140 W. Pine Street, Missoula , MT

Members present: **Stacie Anderson, Mirtha Becerra, John P. Contos, Heather Harp, Jordan Hess, Gwen Jones, Julie Merritt, Amber Sherrill, Sandra Vasecka, Bryan von Lossberg, Heidi West**

Members absent: **Jesse Ramos**

1. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

1.1 Roll Call

1.2 Approval of the Minutes

1.2.1 Minutes from the January 15, 2020 meeting

The minutes were approved as submitted.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

von Lossberg - There are no members of the public present.

3. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

3.1 Review items held in City Council committees

von Lossberg - We are doing our yearly review of items held in committee. There are four items on this list: a joint meeting of the Missoula County Board of County Commissioners and the City Council, the Max Wave project and permitting update, the water utility litigation update and the Missoula Economic Partnership update. I would like to keep all four of these items on this list. The joint meetings with the County do not reference all the types of meetings we hold with the County, but we do have meetings and I would like to keep this on here. We had a COW meeting where we received an update on the Max Wave project. This is still in the works so it seems pertinent to keep this on. The water utility litigation is on going. We also receive periodic updates with Missoula Economic Partnership and I will be contacting them to arrange another one. I would like to keep all of these items on our held list.

Merritt - I would like to keep all of these as well. Considering that Gallatin County is suing the City of Bozeman, I think it is important to maintain that relationship.

von Lossberg - Michelle Cares is the current sponsor of the the joint meeting with the County Commissioners. Ms. Hands, please replace Ms. Cares with Me. There are other updates with various organization and projects that aren't on here. We address those as they arise.

West - When I first started with Council, we used to have a regular meeting with the University. Should we have that again?

von Lossberg - I don't want to get in to a discussion here because that is not on the agenda. However, I would like to change the nature of those get togethers so I welcome ideas. If you have and ideas, please chat with me. Marilyn Marler started these meetings when she was on City Council. She worked at the University and was able to coordinate those meetings with the University President and his cabinet.

Harp - How can we be better communicators among ourselves with the various things we are involved in? Can we have quarterly updates in this committee so we are each apprised of what the members of the Council doing?

von Lossberg - Will you submit a referral for this quarterly update?

Harp - I will.

Merritt - I thing it would be good to have a regular check-in the Missoula County Public Schools.

von Lossberg - Will you put in that referral?

Merritt - Yes.

von Lossberg - Gwen and I met with the new superintendent of Missoula County Public Schools along with the County Commissioners. Although the Commissioners are scheduling that quarterly, I think we schedule an update as well.

Harp - About a year ago we did a tour with our service organizations, I would be happy to initiate that again. We did something similar to a town hall meeting with the service clubs.

von Lossberg - That is a good idea, but we don't need a referral to initiate that.

No motion—review held items and identify those that can be removed and/or assigned a new sponsor.

4. ADJOURNMENT

10:51 am



City of Missoula, Montana
Item to be Referred to City Council Committee

Committee: Committee of the Whole

Item: Joint City/County resolution establishing a Food Policy Advisory Board

Date: February 6, 2020

Sponsor(s): Heidi West

Prepared by: Same

Ward(s) Affected:

<input type="checkbox"/> Ward 1	<input type="checkbox"/> Ward 4
<input type="checkbox"/> Ward 2	<input type="checkbox"/> Ward 5
<input type="checkbox"/> Ward 3	<input type="checkbox"/> Ward 6
<input type="checkbox"/> All Wards	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A

Action Required:
Adopt resolution

Recommended Motion(s):

I move the City Council: Adopt a joint City/County resolution implementing one of the recommendations of Joint Resolution 6889 and establish a Missoula Food Policy Advisory Board to provide policy recommendations to increase security of Missoula's local food system, promote sustainable agriculture that enhances the local economy, connect food access programs to local, nutritious food, build regional self-reliance and climate resiliency

Timeline:

Referral to committee:	February 10, 2020
Committee discussion:	February 19, 2020
Council action (or sets hearing):	February 24, 2020
Public Hearing:	n/a
Deadline:	n/a

Background and Alternatives Explored:

This resolution builds on Resolution 6889, which establish CFAC (Community Food and Agriculture Coalition), by establishing an advisory policy board to make recommendations to both the County Commissioners and the Missoula City council. The board is tasked to coordinate and collaborate with existing local, county, regional and state food and agriculture programs; bring to the attention of City Council and Missoula County Commissioners new programs and opportunities related to food and framing; and to provide policy recommendations that focus on:

- 1) Increased access to affordable, nutritious and safe food for all Missoula city and county residents.
- 2) Enrollment in nutrition assistance programs to those who qualify.
- 3) The sustainability of human and natural resources necessary for agriculture (including agricultural land, important breeds/cultivars, water, skilled labor, capital and markets).
- 4) Development of small to mid-sized business in the food and farming sectors.
- 5) Strong, vibrant local food systems in Missoula city and county.
- 6) Make recommendation on state and federal policies

Financial Implications:
None at this time.

Missoula County and City of Missoula
Joint Resolution on Food and Agriculture
Resolution 2020-

A JOINT CITY-COUNTY RESOLUTION IMPLEMENTING ONE OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF JOINT RESOLUTION 6889 AND ESTABLISH A MISSOULA FOOD POLICY ADVISORY BOARD TO PROVIDE POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS TO INCREASE SECURITY OF MISSOULA'S LOCAL FOOD SYSTEM, PROMOTE SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE THAT ENHANCES THE LOCAL ECONOMY, CONNECT FOOD ACCESS PROGRAMS TO LOCAL, NUTRITIOUS FOOD, BUILD REGIONAL SELF-RELIANCE AND CLIMATE RESILIENCY.

WHEREAS, pursuant to article II, part II, section 3 of the Montana Constitution, inalienable rights, all persons have certain inalienable rights that include the right to a clean and healthful environment, pursuing life's basic necessities, and seeking their safety, health and happiness in all lawful ways; and,

WHEREAS, it is within the power and responsibilities of local governments in Montana to secure and promote the public health, safety and general welfare of the individuals within their respective local government jurisdictions; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Missoula and Missoula County have identified actions related to local food and agriculture that are critical to achieving the goals set forth in adopted planning documents, including the '*Our Missoula*' Growth Policy (2015), the Missoula County Growth Policy (2016) and its Land Use Element (2019), and the *Climate Ready Missoula* climate resiliency plan (2020, pending adoption); and,

WHEREAS, projected climate impacts highlight numerous vulnerabilities related to local agriculture, in addition to vulnerabilities related to the global food system, and therefore building resiliency will require strategies to support local agricultural producers, as well as increase the productivity of local agriculture and expand distribution of local food; and,

WHEREAS, a healthy agricultural sector is essential to the well-being of our community due to benefits such as food security, open space, wildlife habitat, economic activity, health promotion and quality of life, and is integral to the long-term security of our food system; and,

WHEREAS, Missoula County is losing many of its working farms and ranches due to problems associated with low economic returns from agriculture, pressures from development, and access to affordable agricultural land; at the same time, new economic opportunities have been created in the food system, such as growth in direct and intermediary markets for local food; and,

WHEREAS, a major challenge in rebuilding our local food system is devising strategies to address the need for farmers and ranchers to earn a fair price for their products while maintaining consumer affordability; and,

WHEREAS, greater availability and access to high quality, sustainably and locally produced foods contributes to improved health outcomes for Missoula County residents and promotes ecologically sound agricultural practices that preserve the health of local ecosystems over the long term; and,

WHEREAS, cost of living issues, specifically low wages and the high cost of housing, pose significant barriers to accessing healthy, nutritious foods for low-income individuals and their families; emergency food providers see an ever-increasing need for their services; and government food assistance programs remain underutilized; and,

WHEREAS, six out of 10 adults in the United States have a chronic disease; increased access to healthy food can help people manage diet-related diseases and prevent complications; area hospitals are increasingly experimenting with prescriptions for nutritious foods; and,

WHEREAS, there are a variety of Missoula County community partners, organizations and agencies that work on various issues regarding food and farming in Missoula County; no existing entity takes a holistic policy-oriented approach to solving these issues locally.

WHEREAS, the City Council, Mayor and County Commissioners committed in joint Resolution 6889 to establish a food policy advisory committee.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Missoula City Council and the Missoula Board of County Commissioners hereby establish a Food Policy Advisory Committee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the board shall become effective after passage by the majority of the Missoula City Council, Mayor, and the Missoula Board of County Commissioners and shall continue unless terminated by the City Council, Mayor and commissioners.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Missoula City Council and the Missoula Board of County Commissioners shall each appoint from their respective governing body membership a City Council member and a county commissioner to serve as non-voting members on the Food Policy Advisory Board.

Section 1. Membership

A) The board will consist of seven voting members; three appointed by the commissioners, two appointed by the City Council, one appointed by the Mayor, and one appointed by the Community Food and Agriculture Coalition. In addition, there will be two alternate, members who serve on the board and vote in the absence of a regular member. One alternate shall be appointed by the commissioners and one shall be appointed by the City Council. The County's member shall be the first alternate and the City's alternate shall be the second alternate. The first alternate shall be called to vote first in the event of an absence or vacancy. The second alternate shall be called to in absence or vacancy of two regular members or in the event the first alternate is not available.

B) For the first year, members shall be appointed in a staggered manner: one-third for a one-year term, one-third for a two-year term, and one-third for a three-year term. Thereafter, members shall be appointed for a term of three years, beginning on Jan. 1, or as soon as possible thereafter, and expiring on Dec. 31.

C) In the event of a member's inability to serve or resignation, the appropriate appointing body shall appoint another person to serve for the remainder of the unexpired term.

D) The appointing bodies may consider candidates who represent or specialize in these suggested areas: local agricultural producers; retail food outlet (specifically a retail grocery and/or a local restaurant); educational institutions; emergency food providers; a nongovernmental organization or researcher working in the area of health, nutrition or medical care; nongovernmental organization or researcher working in the area of local food systems and/or sustainable agriculture; a Missoula city/county established farmer's market; a food-related, non-farm business; the youth community and other related fields of expertise required to accomplish the purpose of the advisory board.

E) Missoula County Community and Planning Services will provide administrative support to the Missoula Food Policy Advisory Board.

F) The Community Food and Agriculture Coalition member will provide professional services support for the board. The board can invite staff/subject matter experts to attend Food Policy Advisory Board meetings as needed.

G) The board will select its own chairperson annually and adopt its own bylaws.

Section 2. Duties and Responsibilities (Charge)

The Food and Policy Board will advise elected officials on policy initiatives to support the following:

- 1) Increased access to affordable, nutritious and safe food for all Missoula city and county residents.
- 2) Enrollment in nutrition assistance programs to those who qualify.
- 3) The sustainability of human and natural resources necessary for agriculture (including agricultural land, important breeds/cultivars, water, skilled labor, capital and markets).
- 4) Development of small to mid-sized businesses in the food and farming sectors.
- 5) Strong, vibrant local food systems in Missoula city and county.
- 6) Make recommendation on state and federal policies

A) Coordinate and collaborate with existing programs within Missoula city/county, as well other county and state regional food policy organizations.

B) Bring to the attention of Missoula County and the City of Missoula new programs and opportunities related to food and farming.

The Missoula Food Policy Advisory Board shall serve as an advisory board and has no authority to take official action on behalf of the City Council, the Mayor, and the County Commissioners.

Section 3. Meetings

The first meeting for the Missoula Food Policy Advisory Board shall be held on or before April 15, 2020. Meetings shall be held monthly during business hours. They must open to the public, follow Montana open meeting and public participation laws, and minutes shall be recorded within 30 days of board approval and made available to the public.

Section 4. Report/Evaluation

The Missoula Food Policy Advisory Board shall prepare an annual report for the City Council, the Mayor the County Commissioners and the public on the progress and successes related to its purpose, duties and responsibilities. The city/county or its designee shall evaluate the board every three years to determine its success in improving the food environment in Missoula city/county.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS _____ DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2020

ATTEST: MISSOULA COUNTY

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Tyler Gernant, Clerk and Recorder

Josh Slotnick, Chair

Dave Strohmaier, Commissioner

Juanita Vero, Commissioner

ATTEST: CITY OF MISSOULA

APPROVED:

Martha L. Rehbein, CMC, City Clerk

John Engen, Mayor