

DRAFT - Missoula City Council Budget Committee of the Whole Minutes

**July 21, 2021
10:50 AM
ZOOM Webinar**

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

Members absent: Heather Harp, Bryan von Lossberg

1. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

1.1 Roll Call

1.2 Approval of the Minutes

1.2.1 Approval of the minutes from the July 14, 2021 Meeting

The minutes were approved as submitted.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Public comment was called for and there were no attendees.

3. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Fiscal Year 2022 Preliminary Budget Webpage (documents are updated at least 30-minutes prior to the meeting):

<https://www.ci.missoula.mt.us/2790/FY2022-Preliminary-Budget>

Gwen Jones - Chairing the meeting for Bryan von Lossberg. We need to have a motion for a public hearing for the budget.

Sandra Vasecka set the motion.

Public comment was called for and none.

(Motion details listed under 3.1 Fiscal Year 2022 Budget)

3.1 Fiscal Year 2022 Budget

Setting public hearing for Fiscal Year 2022 Budget items.

Discussion of City Department Budget proposals (Police Department) & ARPA Overview

Sandra Vasecka made the motion to set the public hearing for the budget.

Leigh Griffing - The Police will be presenting and then we will cover an overview of ARPA.

Jaeson White from the Police Department shared his screen with information for the Fiscal Year 2022 Budget, including the accomplishments in Fiscal Year 2021 and global goals for Fiscal Year 2022. Please see attached presentation for all details.

Gwen Jones - Could the command center and negotiations vehicle be combined?

Jaeson White- They really have two separate applications and it wouldn't be as effective to have them combined.

Julie Merritt - Regarding the additional personnel for the corporal positions. It seems PD never has all positions filled and lots of vacancies. Could the existing FTEs available be reallocated to meet the new FTE positions?

Jaeson White - That would come at the cost of having officers to put in those positions and degrade the ability to meet our current service levels being met. We are constantly running behind, but we do get caught up here and there.

Stacie Anderson - Regarding the request for reserve officers in the bailiff program. Do the 3.25 FTEs cover the workload needed? We want to set the example for our community of employing at a living wage. Would full time employees be better?

Jaeson White - Comes down to the fact these positions are better served at part time due to needs of the position and the staffing. This number of FTEs will adequately cover our needs.

Julie Merritt - Can we get the budget items updated on the website earlier so we have time to review?

Leigh - Can do.

Stacie Anderson - What is the Night Out program?

Jaeson White - There is a national organization who does a national Night Out. It is a community relations building outreach effort done across all 50 states. It is a way for the community to get out and meet police officers and for us to meet the public. It is August 3 from 5 to 8 pm. People can look at our resources, check out the patrol cars, provide crime prevention tips, child safety seat installers available, etc. It gives us an opportunity to engage with the public.

Gwen Jones - There are no other questions and I see no one in the audience for Public Comment.

We have 10 minutes for the ARPA presentation.

Leigh Griffing - This is just an informational item. See attached presentation for specific details.

Gwen Jones - I will let Bryan know that when he runs BCOW next week, people may have questions after they have had time to review the information.

Dale Bickell - If you look at what the Mayor has funded in his budget and the American Rescue Plan Act guiding principles, you can see how the Mayor has guiding principals for use of these funds. We are working in close contact with Missoula County in use of these funds.

Gwen Jones - Any questions on any of this? I don't see any at this time and there is no one in attendance for Public Comment.

Moved by: Sandra Vasecka

Set a public hearing for August 16, 2021, with final consideration on August 23, 2021, for Resolutions on the fiscal year 2022 Budget, CIP, Resolutions increasing certain fees, Permissive Medical Levy, and the work plans and budgets for the Downtown Business Improvement District, Tourism Business Improvement District, Park District #1, and Road District #1.

AYES: (9): Stacie Anderson, Mirtha Becerra, John Contos, Jordan Hess, Gwen Jones, Julie Merritt, Jesse Ramos, Amber Sherrill, and Sandra Vasecka

ABSENT: (3): Heather Harp, Bryan von Lossberg, and Heidi West

Vote results: Approved (9 to 0)

4. ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 11:50