

DRAFT - Missoula City Council Budget Committee of the Whole Minutes

**July 28, 2021
2:00 PM
ZOOM Webinar**

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

Members absent: Mirtha Becerra, Jesse Ramos, Amber Sherrill

1. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

1.1 Roll Call

The minutes were approved as submitted.

1.2 Approval of the Minutes

1.2.1 Approval of minutes from 7/21/2021 Meeting

2. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Public comment was called for. Matts Larson stated he had received a capital assets list and is requesting more data.

3. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

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

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

3.1 Referral – Fiscal Year 2022 Executive Budget

Discussion from City departments including Municipal Court, Attorney's Office, Redevelopment Agency, Parking Commission, Health Plan and Permissive Medical Levy.

Leigh Griffing - The health plan and permissive medical level will be discussed on 8/4, rather than today. Municipal Court, Missoula City Attorney's Office, Missoula Redevelopment Agency and the Parking Commission will be presenting today.

Municipal Court Presentation

Tina Reinicke and Jon Cammack presenting.

Discussed the requests for the funding of two new judge clerks, partial funding for Display System, robe cleaning, jury trial recording services and disposable face masks.

Discussed current caseloads. See presentation posted on the Budget website for specific details.

Bryan von Lossberg - Any questions?

John Contos - Are you looking for three more clerks?

Tina Reinicke - Just two.

John Contos - Do you think we can find qualified people?

Tina Reinicke - We do. The last five positions have been filled very successfully with local people. (All the new positions have been addressed in the Administration's budget.)

Stacie Anderson - Our hands are sort of tied as the legislature required the additional elected judges and we need to make sure the staff is necessary to accomplish this.

Julie Merritt - Not to be argumentative. The legislature didn't have to say we have three judges, they say they have to be elected, not appointed. I do think the information we saw fully supports there is a need for three judges and also more clerks.

Bryan von Lossberg - I realized I need to survey the room and Zoom. Not seeing additional questions.

City Attorney's Office Presentation

Jim Nugent & Kelleen Roseboom - Showed presentation for budget requests for the year, specifically with staff needs, and the upcoming anticipated legal services which will be needed. The items discussed are the individual budget items posted on the Budget website which can be reviewed for specific details.

Bryan von Lossberg - Any questions, Council members? Could you summarize which positions were included in the Mayor's budget?

Kelleen Roseboom - The Mayor's administration budget included everything, but the Civil Legal Assistant position.

Bryan von Lossberg - Any questions again? Seeing none and none among my colleagues.

Missoula Redevelopment Agency (MRA)

Ellen Buchanan and Jil Dunn presented information for the upcoming budget year, the financial specifics and the projects currently sitting out there. See the presentation posted for specific details.

Jil explained an overview of how the MRA does the budget process. The budget is really a rollover from one year to the next and funding source is from tax increment revenues. This comes from the taxable values and the mill levies.

Bryan von Lossberg - The presentation is very helpful. Thank you. Please post this in the budget documentation. No questions/comments from audience in person or online.

Parking Commission

Tiffany Brander introduced Ian Ortlieb, the new Parking Services Director.

Tiffany Brander shared her screen to show her presentation which included the mission of the Parking Commission, the overview and FY22 operating budget and items in CIP budget/Mayor's budget.

Bryan von Lossberg - Will upgrading the kiosks improve the speed?

Tiffany Brander - We are hoping so. We are trying to switch out the 3G AT&T modems with 5G Verizon modems, which seem to work better.

Bryan von Lossberg - Any questions with those present or online?

Jordan Hess - Thank you for your help. Wish you all the best, Tiffany, and welcome, Ian.

Bryan von Lossberg - I echo those sentiments.

Any public comment on any of the items heard today?

Not seeing any.

4. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 3:39 pm.