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# **Missoula City Council Meeting**

### July 26, 2021, 6:00 p.m.

### **ZOOM Webinar**

Members Present: Stacie Anderson, John P. Contos, Heather Harp, Jordan Hess, Gwen Jones, Julie

Merritt, Jesse Ramos, Amber Sherrill, Sandra Vasecka, Bryan von Lossberg

Members Absent: Mirtha Becerra, Heidi West

Administration Present: Mayor John Engen, Jim Nugent, City Attorney, Marty Rehbein

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The virtual meeting of the Missoula City Council was called to order by Mayor John Engen at 6:00 P.M.

### 2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

2.1 July 19, 2021, meeting minutes

The minutes were approved as submitted.

### 3. SCHEDULE OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS

3.1 Committee Schedule for the week of July 26, 2021

Committee of the Whole, July 28, 12:35 - 1:45 p.m.

Budget Committee of the Whole, July 28, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Budget Committee of the Whole, August 4, 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Publics Work Committee, August 4, 11:15 - 11:40 a.m.

Parks and Conservation Committee, August 4, 11:55 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

Committee of the Whole, August 4, 12:30 - 1:30 p.m.

### 4. PUBLIC COMMENT

<u>Mayor John Engen</u> We'll move on to the public comment portion of our agenda. This is your opportunity to comment on items not elsewhere on the agenda this evening, and I would ask you to keep your remarks to about three minutes, if possible. And Rabbi Franklin.

Rabbi Franklin Hi thank you and good evening. I am going to use far less than three minutes because I have to go teach a class in a little bit, but I just wanted to take the opportunity to thank the City Council for putting forward a resolution regarding the Montana State Legislature's proposal debate and passage of HB 112 and HB 113 and HB 427. I think you've done the right thing to counter that damaging decision making with a very beautiful resolution that is inclusive and supportive of Montana youth, their families,

this whole community and declaring support for transgender and all LGBTQ+ youth living within our community. And I'm just reading your words back to you, in fact, but what I would do wish to say is I'm here to support it both as an individual, as clergy, and also to say that the movements of which I'm part, the religious movements that I'm part of would support this 100%. So, thank you for the opportunity and I hope as it goes into, I urge you all to vote yes. Thank you.

Mayor John Engen Thank you Rabbi. And Western Montana DSA.

Josh Decker Hi Council and Mayor, this is Josh Decker. I'm sorry, my ZOOM got renamed, resident of Ward 1. I'm calling to ask in advance of the budget season that the public receives some clarity around last year's apparently scuttled LEARN Project that was put forward as an opportunity for the City to engage in a process of self-education about racial inequity and basic city practices, as it concerns race and by pocket community members. I'd just like to encourage City Council to give the public a detailed update of what happened to that 12-week process, the 12-week plan that was implemented at, during, in the midst of last year's budget cycle and that we haven't heard much about since then. So, I would encourage Council to formulate some sort of statement on the LEARN Project and update the public on the LEARN Project in advance of the upcoming budget season. Thanks, have a good evening.

Mayor John Engen Thanks Mr. Decker. And Blaine Doherty.

Blaine Doherty Hi Council, my name is Blaine Doherty. I live in Ward 3 in the Riverfront Neighborhood and yeah I'm a volunteer for the Housing Advocate Network and have been a renter for 13 years. And I was just looking to talk really quickly about the, the process that myself and somebody I've been helping find housing has been. So, basically, I have been helping my neighbor find housing for the past 3 months. She's 84 and on a fixed income. I should say she's also given me permission to share this story. She's also disabled. She grew up in Missoula and has lived the majority of her life here. She's an author, a painter, a teacher, and she's also a keeper of local history and I'm happy to tell you that Nan finally has a new home, but clearly, I'm mostly here to tell you how repulsively difficult it was to get Nan a new home. It took an entire year to get Nan into housing, alive and well. It took herself, of course, myself, Tara a social worker from St. Pat's, her friend Tim, many, many people at the Housing Advocates Network, a doctor, a psychologist, Missoula Housing Authority, and the list could go on. Usually, I feel kind of good about the notion that it takes a village, but here it took a village to make sure that Nan didn't end up homeless or worse. And I should say that it took a village to house a woman that could pay the rent but just couldn't pay three times, didn't have three times the income a month. She has some student debt, and she does not have a friend wealthy enough to be a co-signer. I think these are simple common things that I'm sure maybe potentially thousands of Missoulians live with and will be

just fine with until they are forced to find new housing. And some of the, I want to mention some of the details of just like what Nan and myself and others have been through in this process. So fortunately, Tara, a social worker, got her signed up for Missoula Housing Authority in January and that's what ended up coming through for us, 6 months later. However, in the process we were trying to work in the regular housing market. As I mentioned, that requires three times the monthly rent, which my neighbor doesn't even touch and to get around this, you can do a second or third deposit but even if you were trying to say find a one bedroom at \$700.00, you would end up needing \$1,400.00 to \$2,100.00 just in deposit money alone to move in, and many rental companies don't even allow that, they just want a cosigner. And so, I helped Nan look for housing almost every day, about 5-10 hours a week, depending on the difficulties and complexities of the paperwork mostly, for almost three months. And I can't overstate this enough, but the rental market in Missoula for renters right now is in a crisis state. And I'm saying this having been a renter in Seattle for 11 years, finding housing 5 different times and I have never in my life experienced such a wretched time of just finding a place to live. A few weeks ago, we went to an open house and by the time we left, 10 minutes after the opening time, there were easily 20 different parties looking at the same the same \$600.00 unit. I'm almost done here; sorry I'm going over time. Given the situation, I want to say it's not surprising that up until last week when we found out Nan had won the lottery of subsidized housing and got a place, she was not doing well. She is in, she is depressed but improving. She stopped alluding to suicide on a weekly basis. So, what to do? I asked my neighbor what she needed, and she thinks that there should be centralization of some kind. It's just too complicated to find housing, especially when it's on, when it's not on the regular market. She thinks we need rent control for the time being and that the depth of the crisis must be understood, especially by non-renters. I should say it takes a level of administrative professional experience to navigate the housing work, which means that friends and family are probably not going to be able to help at this moment, to the degree necessary. And in closing, thank you for your time. I just want to say that my hope is that the pandemic has taught us much about what we're capable of doing and must do during a crisis, even when we thought it impossible or unrealistic before. For nan, myself, and pretty much everyone I volunteer with and they're working with, it's been, the housing situation has been a crisis for some time and yeah thank you for your time. And I appreciate all that you already are doing on housing. Thank you very much.

<u>Mayor John Engen</u> Thank you. Seeing no additional takers among our attendees, we'll move on to our consent agenda items.

### CONSENT AGENDA

<u>Mayor John Engen</u> Items there were approved generally unanimously in committees, and we saved a little time by considering these items all at once on Monday nights. The Council and I will ask comment before we vote. Ms. Rehbein.

AYES: (10): Alderperson Anderson, Alderperson Contos, Alderperson Harp, Alderperson Hess, Alderperson Jones, Alderperson Merritt, Alderperson Ramos, Alderperson Sherrill, Alderperson Vasecka, and Alderperson von Lossberg

ABSENT: (2): Alderperson Becerra, and Alderperson West

Vote result: Approved (10 to 0)

# 5.1 Accounts Payable (claims) for checks dated July 27, 2021

Approve accounts payable in the amount of \$2,488,036.15 for checks dated July 27, 2021.

Vote result: Approved

### 5.2 Audit contract

Approve three-year contract with Anderson Zurmuehlen for audit services in the amount of \$283,500.00.

Vote result: Approved

# 5.3 Appointment to the Building Code Board of Appeals

Confirm the Mayor's appointment of Bill Schaff to the Building Code Board of Appeals, as a Master Plumber, for a term beginning immediately and expiring on June 30, 2024.

Vote result: Approved

# 5.4 Construction Management/General Contractor Agreement with Western Interstate Construction for the 1337 W Broadway Remodel Project

Approve and authorize the Mayor to sign a Construction Management/General Contractor Agreement with Western Interstate Construction to perform both preconstruction design services and construction management services for the 1337 W Broadway Remodel Project in the amount of \$1,850.00 for design services plus ten percent (10 %) will be added to the actual cost of materials, subcontractors and labor to pay for margin, equipment, and overhead.

AYES: (7): Alderperson Anderson, Alderperson Harp, Alderperson Hess, Alderperson Jones,

Alderperson Merritt, Alderperson Sherrill, and Alderperson von Lossberg

NAYS: (3): Alderperson Contos, Alderperson Ramos, and Alderperson Vasecka

ABSENT: (2): Alderperson Becerra, and Alderperson West

Vote result: Approved (7 to 3)

#### 5.5 Fiscal Year 2022 Budget

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.

Vote result: Approved

### 5.6 Reappointment to the City Board of Adjustment

Confirm the Mayor's reappointment of Sandy Mitchell to the City Board of Adjustment for a term beginning immediately and expiring on June 30, 2024, and reappointment of Joseph Suchanic and Don Briggs to the City Board of Adjustment as regular members for terms to begin July 1, 2021 and expiring on June 30, 2024.

Vote result: Approved

5.7 Referral-Grant Approval and Memorandum of Understanding for direct purchase of **Polaris Ranger** 

Ratify the Mayor's execution of the grant award from Firehouse Public Safety Foundation for the requested Polaris Ranger XP1000 NorthStar Crew Premium with Fire/Rescue Skid, Horns & Lights valued at up to \$34,578.00 and approve the Memorandum of Understanding to direct purchase such equipment from Grizzly Harley-Davidson in the amount of \$34,578.00.

Vote result: Approved

Mayor John Engen Thank you Ms. Rehbein. Question or comments on the consent agenda? Oh, I'm sorry Ms. Vasecka.

thanks?

<u>Alderperson Vasecka</u> Thanks. I'm going to separate 5.4 of the remodel, the remodel agreement for the Broadway Houses. I disagreed with the purchase of these buildings to begin with. So, I spoke about it during committee meetings last week. So, I will be voting no on that separately.

<u>Mayor John Engen</u> Pardon me. Any further discussion? All right seeing none. Anyone in the audience care to comment? Seeing none there, Ms. Rehbein will have a roll call vote on all but 5.4.

Mayor John Engen And the consent agenda is approved and there were no hands in the audience.

- 6. COMMENTS FROM CITY STAFF, AGENCIES, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AUTHORITIES AND THE COMMUNITY FORUM None.
- SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Mayor John Engen We do have a couple of proclamations and I'm going to get those opened here.

- 7.1 Proclamation - Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) 31st Anniversary Day WHEREAS, disability is a natural part of the human experience and approximately 11.7% of the Missoula population lives with one or more disabilities; and WHEREAS, 31 years ago the Americans with Disabilities Act, the ADA, for the first time a comprehensive declaration of civil rights for disabled people, was adopted and became law on July 6, 1996; and WHEREAS, the ADA has expanded opportunities for American's living with disabilities to participate in the mainstream of American life, to enjoy employment opportunities, to purchase goods and services, and to be treated as equal and valuable members of our society; and WHEREAS, we recognize that while barriers to equal opportunities may have improved for people living with disabilities since 1990 there has been much more work to do in that, to ensure equal access to employment opportunities, the voting process, housing, health, and other issues associated with quality of life. In addition to striving to reduce additional barriers, labels, and stigmas, still too all often used and inflicted upon disabled individuals, I, therefore, John Engen, Mayor of the City of Missoula in the State of Montana hereby recognize the 26th day of July to as commemorate the 31st anniversary of the American's with Disabilities Act, the ADA, and would like to thank dozens of hard-working people who make sacrifices of themselves and for many of the disability community advocates and policy makers who work tirelessly to ensure that people living with their disabilities have access to the same rights and opportunities as everyone else and to dedicate ourselves to continuing their work for more just, accessible, and inclusive community.
  - 7.2 Proclamation Missoula National Night Out

WHEREAS, the National Association of Town Watch is sponsoring a nationwide crime prevention program on August 3, 2021, entitled National Night Out; and WHEREAS, the 38th Annual National Night Out provides an opportunity for law enforcement to build and enhance community relationships. A community is safer when you know your neighbors, your surroundings, and your law enforcement professionals; and WHEREAS, this is an opportunity for the citizens of the City of Missoula to be aware of the work that is being done on their behalf, the importance of crime prevention programs, the impact their participation can have on reducing crime, and to be aware of what the Missoula Police Department is doing to provide public safety; and WHEREAS, the Missoula Police Department will be participating in and hosting the 38th National Night Out Celebration on August 3, 2010 at City Hall located at 435 Ryman Street from 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. in the evening. Now, therefore I, John Engen, Mayor of the City of Missoula in the State of Montana, hereby recognize the 3rd day of August 2021 as Missoula National Night Out.

<u>Mayor John Engen</u> Thank you Ms. Jones, you made my easy. I don't know where my 15 pair of readers are around here this evening, so thank you for that. We have no additional special presentations this evening.

### 8. PUBLIC HEARINGS

Mayor John Engen We do have one public hearing and state law and our own Council rules set guidelines for providing community comment in a formal way on a variety of issues, and following a staff report on each of these, the Council will open a public hearing. Those public hearings will remain open until the next Council's regular meeting, which we provide opportunity for additional comment after this evening and then we'll take these items up at their next regular meeting. So, our one public hearing this evening is on an Ordinance to Amend Impact Fee Chapter 15.66 of Missoula Municipal Code, and I believe that Mr. Bickell has our staff report this evening.

8.1 Ordinance to Amend Impact Fee Chapter 15.66 of Missoula Municipal Code

<u>Dale Bickell</u> Good evening Council members. Can you hear me okay?

<u>Mayor John Engen</u> We can hear you Dale.

<u>Dale Bickell</u> I have a very brief PowerPoint presentation so I will share my screen. And you are seeing my screen now?

Mayor John Engen We are.

<u>Dale Bickell</u> So this is a simple cleanup of the, our Impact Fee Ordinance. The main change is to change the committee membership to conform with State Law. When, when the original State Law was

sessions ago, but that, but that required a certified public accountant. That was repealed several sessions ago, but that, but that requirement still exists in the City's Ordinance. In consultation with the impact, the advisory committee, they agreed that this this requirement is overly onerous and, and we have the, the longtime member who was a CPA, Jim Galipeau, is coming off the board and while, while the committee felt that it wasn't necessary to have a CPA, they, they were interested in looking for someone with some government experience, financial experience. So, this change simply strikes that language here, an ordinance. And then while we're updating this, we took a couple opportunities to clarify some other things in the ordinance. This is to, to strike the term development services throughout the ordinance. There's an example of that and, and replace that with community planning development and innovation. And finally, it is to clarify that the Impact Fee methodology ports will be set by a resolution like all of our other fees, rather than be listed specifically in the ordinance. Our last two methodology reports were adopted by resolution, and this clarifies that, that will be the case in the ordinance. That is the very simple changes that we had and I'm available for any questions.

Mayor John Engen Thank you Mr. Bickell. If I could get you to take the PowerPoint down for me Dale.

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And I in the audience, I have no comment from the audience, but a number of Council Members would like to speak. Ms. Harp.

Alderperson Harp Thank you Mayor. Dale, I do have one question and I guess going back to why State Law changed something around I guess the composition of the committee. What was the rationale behind recommending a CPA for an Impact Fee Committee, knowing that there's a lot of numbers that are involved?

<u>Dale Bickell</u> Thank you Ms. Harp. The question is why did the Legislature here start with that requirement or why did they remove it?

Alderperson Harp Why did they remove it?

<u>Dale Bickell</u> Oh and I think there was a lot of difficulty in, in other areas around the state where they couldn't actually, weren't able to recruit a certified public accountant to serve on the impact, the advisory committee.

<u>Alderperson Harp</u> Will, will the recommendation for our particular impact group or Impact Fee Group still try and have somebody with that expertise?

<u>Dale Bickell</u> Hopefully with some, some finance expertise, yes.

Alderperson Harp .....we achieve that, thanks.

Mayor John Engen Seeing no other questions, this public hearing will remain open for a week.

### FINAL CONSIDERATION

<u>Mayor John Engen</u> We have one item for final consideration. These items have had a public hearing and Council will now make a decision with regard to these final consideration items. There is only one this evening and this is a Resolution in Support of Transgender and LGBTQ+ Youth in Missoula.

Alderperson von Lossberg That comes in Committee of the Whole, so I'll be happy to make the motion. The motion is to approve a resolution of the Missoula City Council regarding the 2021 Montana State Legislature's proposal, debate, and passage of HB 112 and proposal and debate of HB 113 and HB 427. Finding those actions to be ill-informed and damaging to Montana youth, their families, and their community and declaring that the Missoula City Council supports transgender and all LGBTQ+ youth living within our community.

Mayor John Engen Motion is in order. Is there discussion on the motion? Ms. Jones.

<u>Alderperson Jones</u> Mr. Mayor I was going to say I know that people are here to comment and I'm not sure if you wanted to take public comment prior to discussion, prior to debate on Council, but I know that people are on the line wanting to comment so.

<u>Mayor John Engen</u> I can certainly do that first. We begin with Grace Decker.

Grace Decker Hi, thank you Mr. Mayor, thank you Council Members. My name is Grace Decker I am a resident of Ward 1 and I have the privilege and honor of serving as MCPS School Board Trustee since 2015. I just wanted to thank the Council and the Committee of the Whole and the sponsors for bringing forward this resolution. It is very much echoes the sentiments behind MCP's adoption of a strong policy, our policy #3210, that protects all of our students from discrimination including around issues of sex and gender. Our language says that educational opportunities will be available for all students without regard to race, color, national origin, sex, religion, creed, physical or mental disability, economic or social conditions, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender non-conformity, and actual or potential marital or parental status. It goes on to say that no student shall be denied equal access to programs, activities, services, or benefits on the basis of those. This policy was adopted by our board in 2015 with quite a bit of input and support from Council and MCPS stands by its policy. We are a district that believes in supporting all of our students and it is very encouraging and reassuring to see City Council adopt a resolution that makes a similar stand in support of all of the kids who grow up in our community. We know that recognition and support of all kids helps prevent suicide and mental health problems and we stand together with you as elected people supporting our community. Thank you for putting this resolution forward and I urge you all to vote in support.

Mayor John Engen Thank you Ms. Decker. Seeing no.....oh I'm sorry Tracy Ledyard.

John Ledyard Hi, am I being heard?

Mayor John Engen You are.

John Ledyard Hi, this is John Ledyard. I am chiming in, I guess, on my wife's computer setup, but anyway. I first of all, I want to thank you Mr. Mayor and the Council and Ms. Jones for asking me to chime in tonight, I'm kind of excited to take part. Secondly, I would like to echo what Grace Decker had just said. I completely agree with everything she said, wholeheartedly. So, I've been working with kids my entire adult life, both my two sons have graduated from Hellgate, my wife's been an employee there for quite a long time. I totally agree with the fact that I think you guys thought those bills were ill-informed and damaging. I don't think they're gonna do anybody any favors in Montana. I get to work with all kids at Hellgate and I get to try to make as many interactions with as many different kids as I can. The kids that fit into this transgender and LGBTQ+ community are kind, nice, non-threatening kids and they deserve our support just like all kids deserve our support and they need to be reassured that Missoula is a welcoming and safe place for them to live. Thanks very much for your time, I appreciate it. Mayor John Engen Thank you Mr. Ledyard. Ms. Zephyr.

Zooey Zephyr Hi, hello, thank you Mayor, thank you City Council. My name is Zooey Zephyr, chiming in again here. I'm a resident of Ward 4 and I am a transwoman. I'm a transwoman who testified at the Legislature, spoke to the Governor's Office, and have talked to you all for the past few weeks. I want to keep my comments brief tonight and say that I chatted to you about what we hope Missoula will be. I chatted to you about the reality for a lot of trans people in Missoula today. That it is a place where harassment exists and where the actions of the State Legislature have emboldened that harassment and deepened the levels to which people are willing to go to hurt me and my community. I, the importance of this resolution is a signal to the people in my community in Missoula and across the state. We have people who are leaving the state, we have people who are ending their lives, we have people who are terrified non-stop of what it means to be trans in Montana. This resolution is the first step in telling us what we want it to be like to be trans in Montana and in Missoula and it is a promise we will make as we go forward to make Missoula better. I know there's work on a non-discrimination ordinance revision and I know that there's work outside of city government as well to make our community safer, but tonight by taking this action and voting to approve this resolution, you help us in my trans community believe for a second that we have something to hope for after what has been a very painful year. Thank you so much and I urge you all to vote yes.

<u>Mayor John Engen</u> Thank you very much. I see no additional hands up in the audience. <u>Alderperson Jones</u> Actually, there is more comment Mr. Mayor. Mayor John Engen Oh, I'm sorry. Ms. McKnight.

Spider McKnight Hi there. Thank you Mayor. This is Spider McKnight and I'm also a resident of Ward 4 and a business owner here in town. And I too would like to speak in favor of this resolution, and I want to speak to a very specific argument that I anticipate will come up. I haven't talked to some of you personally and it's going to be about the element of fairness and sports, and I just I just want to reiterate I've talked to some of you personally that, you know, I hear a lot of times a couple, couple weeks ago we were talking about not legislating what if, what if this happens. I'd rather talk about what is happening and I think we're also afraid enough that a trans athlete. Some of the arguments I heard were that a trans athlete might have an advantage. I don't agree with that, but I also think that the what if, what if somebody is a lot better than somebody else is very different than what is. And I think Zooey just spoke really wonderfully towards what is and that what is, is that our kids are hurting. Our trans kids are hurting, our trans kids need our support, our trans kids need to know that they belong and for me that is so much more important and vital for us as a community than the what if somebody might win a race that somebody else doesn't, which again, I don't think that any of the statistics show that that's actually happening. So, I'm going to appeal to all of you again and say this is really, really important and I'm going to say that in terms of fair, it's also not fair that some of us feel comfortable in the gender that we were assigned at birth and other people don't. And if we want to talk about fairness, let's really think about that. It's not really fair that some of you can legislate based on an experience that's not a lived experience for other people. So, please keep all of that in mind and vote for this resolution. Thank you very much.

<u>Mayor John Engen</u> Thank you Spider and call, last 4 digits are 9039. Caller 9039. Hello caller 9039? Caller 9039 Hello, can you hear me?

Julie Johnson Okay great, thank you. My name is Julie Johnson, I am a career public health nurse. I have worked with kids from newborns through adolescence and I would strongly encourage you to support this, as I do not feel it is government's place to legislate this type of things. These decisions should be left up to doctors and medical providers and parents and, as a community, I see our role as supporting kids to become decent human beings whatever path they may take. So, I thank, thank you for your time and that would be my, I would encourage you to support this.

Mayor John Engen Thank you. Great, seeing no hands up in the audience. Ms. Merritt.

<u>Alderperson Merritt</u> Thank you. I want to thank all the folks who took the time to come and comment. We really appreciate your words and your intentions, and I want to thank Ms. Jones and Mr. von Lossberg for bringing this forward. I will be fully in support of this resolution. I know it sadly does not

change the laws that were passed at the State Legislature this year, the very damaging bills that were passed, but it says to the people in Missoula that we support you no matter, no matter what your decisions are about your life, we support you. I think that the bills in the State Legislature were built upon this ridiculous myth that there's some bright line test between boys and girls and our biology has, the science of biology has evolved so much over time, and we know that that is, is simply no longer true. And as Spider said, it's, it is unfair if people are forced to live a life that is not, not what they know is their truth. So, I'm fully in support of this and I hope that everyone else on Council will be too. Mayor John Engen Pardon me. Thank you Ms. Merritt. Other hands up, Ms. Jones. Alderperson Jones Thank you. I wanted to speak to this tonight, so I've got a few notes because I spearheaded this project of bringing this resolution. I think it's so important that we hear this. When House Bill 112, 113, and then eventually 427 came out in the Legislature, I was appalled that first of all they would take an action to do this and then I was also appalled that these were brought at the very get-go in January, which signaled that it was a clear priority for this Legislature. So, I disagree with these bills on so many levels but I kind of wanted to focus my thoughts tonight on what I think the important points are that I want to make. I'm a parent of three kids and to me a community needs to take care of its people and one of its biggest job is taking care of its kids, helping them grow up in an extremely complicated world. So, these bills cut against that, for me, very deeply and that's one of the main reasons why I thought it was so important to bring this. I know that it was extensively debated on the Legislature floor that especially regarding I won't even go into the, the medical House Bill 113, which I thought was unbelievable that they would interfere in the private life of transgender youth, and the doctor, and their family and those relationships, and ultimately that did not pass but the sports bill did pass, which bans transgender youth, specifically a male who's transitioning to a female from participating in interscholastic sports. And I know that one of the extensive arguments on the floor of the Legislature was that it's not fair, it's not fair that someone play on a on a female team who possibly has any more muscle mass or, or somehow has an advantage. And I really wanted to address that tonight because I think it's very important to see what the Legislature truly has done with these bills and especially the sports bill. If you talk to any educators or coaches or administrators in our schools or read any studies, it is very apparent that kids who participate in extracurriculars, be it drama, music, journalism, whatever and including sports, they tend to do better in school. They have better graduation rates, they have higher grades, higher test scores, less depression, better attendance, less, lesser statistics of using alcohol and drugs, and all in all, they're better engaged. So first of all, to ban someone from having an experience which would help them grow up and become a better person and

figure out and develop their tools for how they're going to deal with life, to ban them from that is very, very damaging, and to me, that's the value of sports. I think when we talk about it not being fair, to me that goes to winning, which it's really fun to win in sports but if that's all you think sports are about, it's not. Sports are an extracurricular, which helps someone belong to a community. It helps people learn how to work hard and develop a work ethic, you have the support of your surrounding teammates and coaches and parents, it builds your self-esteem, you learn how to overcome obstacles and having raised three kids and who've all done a ton of sports, that's the value of this. The value is not in winning, that is just one teeny tiny, teeny tiny piece of sports. So, when I hear that it's not fair, I feel like that misses the point of what these extracurriculars are for and to have cut this opportunity out for these kids is, is a really damaging horrible thing to do. So that's why I thought, on so many levels, a statement needed to be made tonight regarding these issues and I hope that this passes, and I hope it passes unanimously tonight because I think that's the statement that should be made in Missoula. And I'll just read the last section that I wrote in the resolution. I believe wholeheartedly that Montana's LGBTQ+ and transgender youth are entitled to respect, privacy, inclusion, safety, and security and the City of Missoula supports these youth to help them thrive and reach their potential, which in turn enriches all of us and strengthens our community. I do believe that 100% and I'm very much in favor of this and hope the rest of Council is too.

Mayor John Engen Thank you Ms. Jones. And Mr. Hess.

Alderperson Hess Thank you Mayor. I want to thank Ms. Jones for taking the lead on, on authoring and sponsoring this important resolution and I'm, I'm really proud to co-sponsor it along with Mr. von Lossberg. I want to say unequivocally that transgendered individuals are valued members of our community in Missoula, that they are supported and loved, and that this Council will not sit idly as this Legislature erodes the civil liberties of our transgender friends and neighbors. And that we need to do more and that we will do more to support our trans community in Missoula. House Bills 112 and, and 113 and 427 are not from the Montana that I know and the Montana that I grew up in. The Montana that I grew up in valued individual privacy and individual dignity and safety. These actions by this Legislature, which purportedly supports limited government is government overreach of the most heinous kind. Inserting government into the private lives and private medical decisions of a disadvantaged youth population and it is unconscionable, and it is not the Montana that I know. This resolution reaffirms that the City of Missoula supports its transgendered citizens. This resolution is a statement of values, a statement that we believe that all people need to be treated with dignity and in the coming months, I look forward to taking more actions on this. I look forward to updating our non-

discrimination ordinance and I look forward to being the Montana that, that I believe we can be. Thank you.

<u>Mayor John Engen</u> Thank you Mr. Hess. With that, seeing no additional comment....Oh I'm sorry, Ms. Sherrill.

Alderperson Sherrill Thanks. Like my colleagues so far, I support this resolution. While I understand it doesn't change legislative action at the wide level. You know, as Zooey said, the signal and I think it's a really important signal from this Council. I'm, I'm thankful for Ms. Jones for leading it and my other colleagues for answering it. You know legislation, this Legislature's action, I feel are an affront to human rights, as well as a physician's ability to manage their patients. They're damaging a group of our youth that already struggles with depression and I think this legislation is, it's mean, and I think it's immoral. I also want to say as a mother of two female athletes, one that's in high school and one that's playing in college, I fully support this resolution because as been said, it is about, is about way more than the game. You know the NCAA back in 2010, and that's the organization that oversees a number of different sports, I think all the sports in college, and it's got about a thousand different universities, you know got input, input from their membership as well as subject matter experts and they fully supported the inclusion of transgender athletes. I find it hard to stomach that our Legislature decided without input of physicians are anywhere close to the level of research that the NCAA did, that they knew what was smart and what was a smart and an equitable policy on this. You know, I feel like my job here on Council is not to know everything, but to figure out who knows more about me than an issue that I'm deciding on and to talk to those people. I do not feel like our Legislature did that at all and I think this is a horrible disservice to the people of our state. And again, I, I agree with everything my colleagues have said and I really appreciate everyone's support.

Mayor John Engen Thank you Ms. Sherrill. Mr. Contos.

Alderperson Contos Yes, thank you Mr. Mayor. Can you hear me?

Mayor John Engen We can.

Alderperson Contos Still trying to figure it all out...You know I've given this a lot of thought. I've received a few phone calls from people expressing their views on this, and setting Christianity aside, you know being a parent of three children that's a major responsibility. All three of our children are adopted, that's not an easy process but we've taken it very seriously. As many of you know, my wife is a schoolteacher. There are years where the child comes in as a boy and the next year, it comes in identifying itself as a girl. And you know, my wife's okay with that because she says you know they need some time to figure this out for themselves. And I think even with our kids, you know, I've, I have

learned... Of course, the first one you make a lot of mistakes. The second and third, you kind of get a little bit better and I, I've learned to just kind of let some things move without a lot of me interfering and they do have a tendency to work themselves out. I, I think the thing that, that I take very seriously is, you know children under the age of 18, they really don't have a full understanding of a lot of things. Their brains aren't fully developed. You know, you take a, a battle situation, you know it's the 18-year old's that are charging into war, yippie ki yay let's go get them, while the older folks are in the back usually because of their rank, but it's that whole idea, is they're not, they're not quite there yet. I think for a child or someone under 18 to make a decision to become the opposite sex through operations or surgeries or injections, that's for life, that's, that's pretty big. Now I think once they get to the age where they can make a decision on their own after they viewed life a little bit better, I feel like that's all right, that's their call, but I think for people under 18, they're just not there yet. So, I won't be in support of this, but those are my feelings. Thank you.

Mayor John Engen Thank you Mr. Contos. And Mr. von Lossberg.

Alderperson von Lossberg Thanks. First off, I want to thank Council VP, Gwen Jones, for her work on this and Jordan for co-sponsoring. We discussed this, in sort of theory, while the Legislature was going on and I really appreciate the work she did and reaching out to people in the community, around the language, it's, it's difficult to do and I'm really appreciative. My colleague Mr. Hess mentioned how this was not representative of the Montana you know he was born and raised in, and I think that there's a good segue there to be clear that this legislation didn't come from Montana at all. This is copycat legislation that is being driven by extreme right-wing organizations. You can reference reports from organizations like the Human Rights Network and you can track the states that picked up this kind of legislation and copy it and they try to jam it through Legislatures with little input. And fortunately, there was a lot of input here in Montana but it still, in several cases, passed, but, but this was not asked for by Montana constituents and, and it's disappointing to see this kind of copycat legislate, legislative work get, get pulled in and then tried to be jammed through without the input, without heading the input of professionals. So, I think that parts is important. I want to recognize particularly, you know we've heard a lot of good comments from colleagues, and we've had a lot of important public comment from folks in the community. I want to particularly recognize Zooey Zephyr's comments, both in committee, at the beginning of the public hearing tonight, as well and all through the legislative action, along with a lot of other folks as well. And that had to be incredibly difficult and as Zooey pointed out and others have pointed out, you know this resolution does identify necessary and important updates to our NDO and as well as alluding to the job, that we, the better job that we can do in helping navigate, helping people

navigate that process. And as others have said, we're committed to that. Quickly, on the fairness issue, others have touched on this. The fairness issue is an absolute red herring. This is legislation as someone named Wyatt Ronan, from the Human Rights Organization I referenced before, says this is an effort being driven by national far-right organizations attempting to sow fear and hate. And that is simply what this kind of legislation is about. It is about fear and hate with a guise of, under the guise of some sort of fairness issue elsewhere and it's a complete red herring. I think one of my constituents in Ward 1 put it the best, he wrote in and provided public comment and he said government at its best should uplift people, not use mean-spirited government overreach to discriminate against its own citizens. I couldn't agree with that sentiment more and I'm very proud to support this.

Mayor John Engen That's terrific and I have Ms. Vasecka.

Alderperson Vasecka Thanks and I do want to thank everyone who came to the, to the meeting tonight to, to voice their stories and, and give their input on this resolution. When I, what I first mentioned when this resolution first came up that there were parts of it that I agree with and parts that I do disagree with, but first of all I would like to say to all the members of the LGBTQ+ community, you are absolutely welcome here. I don't want any part of my words tonight to be misconstrued into thinking that any Montanan, any American, is unwelcome. You all matter and whoever you, however you choose to live your life is up to you, and up to you alone. I 100% support your right to choose how to live your life and how you choose to pursue happiness. With that being said, I do agree with the majority of this resolution. The decisions between a patient and their doctor is just that, the decisions between them and them alone, unless a minor is involved and then decisions between them, are between the patient, the parents, and the doctor, and them alone. The government, I believe, has no business is interfering with those decisions. I also agree that equal educational and extracurricular activities should and from my understanding are available to all students. My only concern with this resolution is that by supporting it, we will be supporting biological males competing against biological females during athletic competitions and I, I just can't support that. I have to stick up for the female athletes. In the resolution, it states that "their ability to participate in legal extracurricular activities through their public educational institution is being refused on account of their sex." Participation is not being refused, that's just untruthful. They're not being banned. It just states that biological males have to compete with other biological males, instead of the gender in which they identify as. And because schools are a public entity and are funded with our tax dollars, I do believe that the government has a right to make that rule. I have discussed this issue at length with colleagues, family members that I usually disagree with, community members because I have an open mind about this, and I don't come to this decision

lightly, but I haven't heard an argument that has convinced me. And it really surprised me that friends and family that I usually disagree with, actually did agree with me on this one issue. How you want to pursue happiness is up to you alone until it does infringe on the rights and opportunities of others. I mentioned earlier that I absolutely do support the equal opportunity but what about the biological females that want to compete, don't they deserve equal opportunity as well? All the progress that has been made to allow for women's rights in women's sports, what about that progress? Women had to fight for the right to vote, to wear pants, and to compete in sports. Until recently women's sports wasn't even a thing, we didn't even get to compete in the Olympics until the 1920's. And now there are women athletes competing from all over the world in the Olympics today. I don't want to throw all that progress out the window. I don't want it going back to being a man's world. So, for that reason, respectfully, I am not going to be able to support this resolution tonight.

Mayor John Engen Okay, who am I missing at this moment? Ms. Anderson.

Alderperson Anderson Thank you so much, Mr. Mayor. Thanks so much to my colleagues. I should know better to go towards the end and speak after my eloquent colleagues, Ms. Jones, Mr. von Lossberg, Ms. Sherrill, Mr. Hess, and Ms. Merritt. I thank you for your comments tonight. And I think that we might be missing what the point of this resolution is. To me, this resolution is about basic humanity, and this resolution doesn't undo any of the bills that were passed during the legislative session, as horrendous as they were. This is just simply us here in Missoula saying, you know what, we see things differently. We see things as fair and equal and if you know, and we can't change the sports, that's not in our jurisdiction, this you know the NCAA, as Ms. Sherrill pointed out, is the governing body of college sports, elite sports and they have figured out how to handle this issue. The Montana State Legislature does not have any part in this, and we don't have any part in this either. This resolution is simply to say that after an awful, awful legislative session where it was about hate and other, that, that is not something that we're going to stand for here in Missoula. We can't change the laws. We can't overturn them. We can't mandate how the school district allows for students to support, to participate in sports, but we can say that we support our LGBTQ+ and transgender community, that we value them. I really appreciate Ms. Zephyr and the work. She has been in all of our meetings, and she has spoken, and she is a young woman who just wants to go live her life but yet she has to come before us, a legislative body, and ask for basic humanity. She, her words that she spoke last week have really stuck with me and I wrote them down. She said all she wants to be is safe, welcome, seen, and human. As Spider likes to talk about our lived experiences, I am a cisgender, heterosexual, white woman born at the latter part of the 21st century in Montana. I have a tremendous amount of privilege. I have never

had to go ask for basic humanity, to be seen for me and people like me. And that is the basis of this resolution, basic humanity. That we see you, we value you, and the fact that people in this community feel that they need to come and ask for that, from a governing body, what is wrong with us? Why is that just not a given? So, I will be in support of this, and I absolutely think that this resolution should be a unanimous vote because this is just simply saying, we see you, we hear you, we value you, and you are safe, you are welcome, you are seen, and you are human. Thanks so much.

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Alderperson Ramos Perfect, thank you Mr. President and Mr. Mayor. So, I'll just, I'll try and this as quickly as I can. I've spent a long, long time thinking about this and how he's going to vote tonight. And to me, it's really unfortunate that everything's kind of all lumped together in this, in this resolution and I understand that a lot of work went into it and I'm not going to criticize from the back seat, but it's unfortunate because I actually agree with most this resolution. I disagree with the nanny state on almost every level, especially some of the bills that did fail in the Legislature, and I just want to make something 100% and I want you to read my lips. I support all LGBT youth living in this community. I acknowledge that transgender youth are a value part of the community and I value their voice in the community and they are very, very welcome in this community. To me, I don't really have a dog in this fight. For one, I'm a man and for two, and most importantly, I'm an awful athlete. I mean I look like a giraffe on ice skates. I was never even in the running for a scholarship, it was never on the table for me, but I know many young ladies whose career's hinged on a level playing field in sports. I typically live by the mindset that, that I have a hard enough time paddling my own canoe without trying to paddle somebody else's and I certainly agree with that tonight. And I believe that everyone's rights need to be protected from the government, but as Ms. Vasecka stated, I don't think that, that playing in the sport that that matches your, your birthing or your, your birth chromosomes is an infringement on rights at all. If this was a private school, again I would not care at all, but because public schools are subjected to public policy, I think that we do have a say as elected officials and what goes on here. And I want the transgender community to know that they can reach out to me, and I'll fight just as hard for their rights as anybody else's. I do not see this as a discrimination at all. No one has seen, as Ms. Vasecka said, that transgender youth cannot compete in sports. That is not even on the table and if it was, of course, I'd be opposed to that. That would be disgusting, and I'd be the loudest voice in the State Legislature saying that, that was ridiculous and, and unconstitutional but that's not what's happening here. I have no problem at all with trans boys participating in boy sports so, so biological females that transitioned into boys that they want to play in boy sports, go for it. I don't think there's any issues with that at all

but to me there's way too much evidence to suggest that trans women competing in sports is unfair to young ladies. For example, in 2016, Craig Telfer ranked 200th in men's 400-meter hurdles, in 2017 he ranked 390th in men's 400-meter hurdles, in 2018 Craig transitioned to become CeCe, and in 2019, she ranked first in women's 400-meter hurdles. I've listened to and read the comments about Laurel Hubbard, the first transgender athlete to compete in Olympics and the ladies that have worked their whole lives to compete, and they are very, very concerned about it. They're not transphobic, they're not any of that, they just think it's, it's not fair, and, in fact, it's not. Ms. Hubbard is 43 years old, the oldest weightlifter by far in the Olympics, bar none, with either gender and her next biggest competitor is only 21 years old. Why do you think that is? Even with the testosterone requirements, her levels are still 500% than the average female. So, I'm just stating some of these facts using the science to tell you why I can't support this tonight. Having a level playing field is what sports is all built on, that's why we have gendered sports. That's why we have varsity, junior varsity; we have class A, B, C, D. We have different age categories, first grade, second grade, eighth grade. We have college. We have NFL. We have all of these different professional levels, all to level the playing field, to make sure that everybody's really competing and doing their best in what is scientifically and biologically possible. So again, I consider myself of any anti-establishment movement and that certainly includes the LGBTQ movement. I certainly support their rights and I've long, long been a defender of the rights of the LGBTQ+ community and still am today. This is anecdotal, but I'm supporter of Caitlyn Jenner and I actually hope she becomes the next governor of California; I think that would be phenomenal. And again, transgender males in boys' sports, I have no issues with at all. My goal as a politician has always been to be irrelevant. I want to give all the power to the people and the Legislature, and the Governor were elected, in fact, by the people. I see myself as just a reference, referee and just there to call balls and strikes and foul balls and I see this unfortunately as a foul ball only in the sense with transgender boys competing, transgender girls competing in women's sports. If we had this vote even 10 years ago, I'm guessing that it would have been unanimous in keeping women's sports for biological women. The fact that it's changed so quickly, it's just been bizarre for me to even see, but I was very on the fence about this until I spoke to dozens of female athletes I know, mostly democrats actually who told me that they believe it's unfair to have biological transgender females competing in women's sports, but they're literally afraid to say anything. They're afraid of being harassed, bullied, and subsequently beaten into submission and I believe that I was elected to give a voice to those folks that feel like they can't speak their mind. Again, all this being lumped together is why I'm voting against it and it's simply to protect women's sports. I reiterate, I believe the trans community is a valued part of the community and I will

fight for their rights as hard as anybody else's but I'm not in support of this simply to protect women's sports. I agree one million percent that Montana's LGBTQ+ youth are entitled to respect, privacy, inclusion, safety, and security. The City of Missoula supports these youth to help them thrive and reach their potential, which in turn enriches all of us and strengthens our community. I just want everybody to know that that is truly what I believe and unfortunately I think that uh because of my vote I'm gonna be labeled as this racist, transphobic, bigoted piece of crap. When that's not the issue at all, but I know that that the left can be brutal when it comes to this stuff. So, I'm prepared for it but just, just so people know just to set the record straight, I support 100% the trans community. I support transgender uh males competing in boy sports, I just can't get over the fairness issue and I'm talking to spoken to many, many constituents on the upside the aisle, young ladies that are afraid to speak out against this. So, I'm voting no in support of them and in support of uh women's sport. So, thank you for listening, this is a lot longer than I anticipated but it's very important to me to make my position clearer. Thank you.

Mayor John Engen Thank you Mr. Ramos. And Ms. Harp.

Alderperson Harp Thanks everybody. I, I really appreciate all of my colleagues' comments tonight. I think it really, I think it underscores that a lot of, all of you, have taken the time to really think about this and how it affects you, and your family, and this community. I saw first-hand how it created, elicited fear in me because I didn't know what to expect coming from that person and I, over time, came to realize that they were just trying to fit in in their own unique way. I have been an athlete all of my life. I started playing kickball, moved up to field hockey, moved into basketball, volleyball, track and field, softball, soccer, and as an adult, I play hockey. Hockey is a sport that traditionally has been very tough and I kind of didn't want to actually get involved in the sport for a long period of time because of stigma, but over the last 15 years, I have played this wonderful sport and it's given me incredible joy, as all of you know because I've been welcomed as a female on a team, both on my women's only team, but also on a team that is composed only of men and I am the sole woman on it. That means I share a locker room with both men and women, sometimes those men are, are gay, sometimes the women are lesbians, sometimes they're who knows what. It's none of my business to keep them off of the ice. I am a biological female and I play on a team with biologic men all the time and I compete against them all the time. Over the course of my experience as an athlete, I feel that I have learned some really amazing things and I think all of us realize that sport teaches us tremendous lessons in life. One is resilience, another is just a healthy dose of competition, conflict resolution, I think we all can value that today and what it means to be a good sport but by and large, the most important thing that I teach my daughters as athletes and the teams that they play on, is that in order to be a good leader, you first have to learn

how to follow and that is best taught in sports. And, and we, and sports are often celebrated at the at the high school level and then at the collegiate level, of course, and for men in particular at the professional level and less so for women, but by and large there's a vast majority of American's who play co-wreck sports. And that has to be, in my opinion, open to everybody no matter how they identify their, their sexual orientation. Discrimination against who gets to be an athlete, shortchanges our future leadership and transgender folk benefit just as you and I do when we feel welcomed and loved and free to become the person we are yet becoming. I urge my colleagues for those of you who thought you or agreed with the vast majority of this resolution to find heart in that vast majority of the resolution and I know nothing is ever perfect, but this is a resolution that I believe we can all stand behind, at least 51% of it. So please, please vote yes.

Alderperson von Lossberg I believe you're muted Mr. Mayor.

<u>Alderperson Sherrill</u> You're muted Mayor.

Mayor John Engen I apologize. Seeing no additional comment, we'll have a roll call vote.

## 9.1 A Resolution in Support of Transgender and LGBTQ+ Youth

Moved by: Alderperson Jones

Approve a resolution of the Missoula City Council regarding the 2021 Montana State

Legislature's proposal, debate and passage of HB 112 and proposal and debate of HB 113 and

HB 427; finding those actions to be ill-informed and damaging to Montana youth, their families

and their community and declaring that the Missoula City Council supports transgender and all

LGBTQ+ youth living within our community.

AYES: (7): Alderperson Anderson, Alderperson Harp, Alderperson Hess, Alderperson Jones,

Alderperson Merritt, Alderperson Sherrill, and Alderperson von Lossberg

NAYS: (3): Alderperson Contos, Alderperson Ramos, and Alderperson Vasecka

ABSENT: (2): Alderperson Becerra, and Alderperson West

Vote result: Approved (7 to 3)

### 10. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

Mayor John Engen We'll move on to communications from the Mayor. I will simply apologize. I have had a very long day and it's very warm in my office right now, and I was nodding off a little bit and I apologize for that, that's not what you all deserve for me. I'm more awake now, so with any luck I won't, won't fade away again. Summer and smoke come together, I'm afraid.

### 11. GENERAL COMMENTS OF CITY COUNCIL

Mayor John Engen We'll begin general comments from City Council Members with Ms. Harp.

Alderperson Harp Thank you Mayor. I noticed the dozing so I'm glad you're, you're awake. I just wanted to let folks know we have uh our Missoula County Fair starting the week of August 9th, make it the 10th, sorry and I heard a little rumor that our Missoula Water is going to be doing a taste test and putting our Missoula water up against potential competitors. So, I don't know if it's going to come to fruition or not but hopefully cross your fingers, we've got a little something going on there.

Mayor John Engen Mr. Ramos.

<u>Alderperson Ramos</u> Pass, thank you Mr. Mayor.

Mayor John Engen And Ms. Anderson.

Alderperson Anderson I will pass as well, thank you Mr. Mayor.

Mayor John Engen Ms. Merritt.

Alderperson Merritt Thanks, I just will remind folks again. Since we had the proclamation about the Americans with Disabilities Act celebrating its 31st anniversary. The Out to Lunch on Wednesday is in part a celebration of the ADA and I hope that everyone can come and join us and also support our Downtown Association. Thanks.

Mayor John Engen Mr. Hess.

Alderperson Hess I'll pass, thanks Mayor.

Mayor John Engen Ms. Jones.

Alderperson Jones I'll pass, thank you.

Mayor John Engen Mr. Contos.

Alderperson Contos I'll pass, thank you.

Mayor John Engen Mr. von Lossberg.

Alderperson von Lossberg Pass.

Mayor John Engen Ms. Sherrill.

Alderperson Sherrill I'm going to pass as well. Thank you.

Mayor John Engen And Ms. Vasecka.

Alderperson Vasecka I'll pass as well, thank you.

- 12. COMMITTEE REPORTS None.
  - 12.1 Administration and Finance committee (AF) report12.1.1 July 21, 2021, Administration & Finance Report
  - 12.2 Budget Committee of the Whole (BCOW) committee report

- 12.2.1 July 21, 2021, Budget Committee of the Whole Report
- 12.3 Committee of the Whole (COW) committee report
- 12.4 Land Use and Planning (LUP) committee report12.4.1 July 21, 2021, Land Use and Planning Report
- 12.5 Parks and Conservation (PC) committee report12.5.1 July 21, 2021, Parks and Conservation report
- 12.6 Public Safety and Health (PSH) committee report12.6.1 July 21, 2021, Public Safety and Health Report
- 12.7 Public Works (PW) committee report
- 13. NEW BUSINESS None.
- 14. ITEMS TO BE REFERRED None.
  - 14.1 Administration and Finance committee referrals
  - 14.2 Budget Committee of the Whole referrals
  - 14.3 Committee of the Whole referrals
    - 14.3.1 US Census Findings
    - 14.3.2 Resolution Establishing the City's commitment to a Just, Equitable, Diverse, and Inclusive (JEDI) Missoula
    - 14.3.3 Missoula's Rental Market and Rental Assistance Programs Informational only
  - 14.4 Land Use and Planning committee referrals
  - 14.5 Parks and Conservation committee referrals
  - 14.6 Public Safety and Health committee referrals
  - 14.7 Public Works committee referrals
    - 14.7.1 Contract for Janitorial services
    - 14.7.2 Referral Professional Services Agreement with IMEG for Lower Rattlesnake for water system improvements
    - 14.7.3 Referral Professional Services Agreement with IMEG for N. 2nd and Cottonwood
    - 14.7.4 Noise Ordinance Variance for the REED Condominium Project
- 15. MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS, REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS None.
  - 15.1 Administratively approved agreement report

# 16. ADJOURNMENT

<u>Mayor John Engen</u> As always, I thank you for your service and we will be adjourned.

The meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

Martha L. Rehbein, CMC, City Clerk

John Engen, Mayor