

DRAFT - Missoula City Council Budget Committee of the Whole Minutes

**August 11, 2021
1:30 PM
ZOOM Webinar**

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

Members absent: Jordan Hess, Sandra Vasecka

1. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

1.1 Roll Call

1.2 Approval of the Minutes

1.2.1 Approval of the minutes from the 7/28/21 Meeting

The minutes were approved as submitted.

1.2.2 Approval of the minutes from the 8/4/21 Meeting

The minutes were approved as submitted.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

None.

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 – FY 2022 Executive Budget

Various City departments will discuss budget items including Revenue Review, Central Services, HR, Health Plan & Permissive Medical Levy (PML), Mayor's Office, General Fund Review & Comparable Cities.

Julie Merritt - Thank you for updating the new requests and tax scenarios sheet.

Leigh Griffing - We have updated the calendar and the document Julie mentioned, which is an ongoing document we will update when there are changes.

Dale Bickell - Property Tax Trends. Discussed the times from his presentation, which is posted for review.

Bryan von Lossberg - I think there is an error on the mill value amount calculation.

Dale Bickell - We will take a look at that.

Heather Harp - Are you thinking the percentages will level out with TIF properties because of development outside of these areas?

Dale Bickell - We are always expecting and hoping the tax base inside increment districts will grow fastest. However, we want to maintain a balance in that and that is important to us. We will see tax base growth in areas in Sxwtpqyen, etc, which will help flatten this curve.

Jesse Ramos - Had a question on mill slides, which Dale will update. Would like to know what population numbers and what debt numbers were used in the calculations.

Dale Bickell - We can email this information out.

Central Services Presentation by Leigh Griffing and Mike Brady.

Presentation shown. Please refer to posted presentation on website for further details.

Stacie Anderson - in switching to Teams, O365, will it modify the platform for public meetings?

Mike Brady - Yes, but only once everything is operating and fully functional.

Jesse Ramos - Any chance the MRA/Parking staff can contribute to the finance budget for staff?

Leigh Griffing - They do, as we charge an administrative fee. We will be reviewing this amount in the future.

Matt Lawson - The CIP is to fund the 3rd courtroom. Matt showed this information onscreen; please refer to presentation for details.

Dale Bickell - Discussed Mayor's office request for person to assist with projects, funded by these projects.

Angela Simonson - HR Presentation; see posted presentation for specific details.

Angela Simonson & Leigh Griffing presented on the Health Plan Update. Please see attachments/presentation for details.

Dale Bickell - Most of the driving force of the cost of our insurance is the big claims. 80% of cost being driven by 20% of participants.

Bryan von Lossberg - I think the recommendations are sound and it is important to keep ourselves in a good place with the plan.

Bryan von Lossberg - Is there any public comment for anyone in attendance. Not seeing any takers there. What is on for this committee for next week?

Leigh Griffing - Monday - public hearing opens where there can be further discussion regarding mills, etc. Wednesday (18th) PW, P&R, CIPs and overview, Council requests, TBID and Business Improvement District (BID).

Bryan von Lossberg - Not seeing any raised hands. We will be adjourned.

4. ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 2:53