

DRAFT - Missoula City Council Administration and Finance Committee Minutes

October 20, 2021

10:45 AM

ZOOM Webinar

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

Members absent: Heather Harp, Jesse Ramos, Bryan von Lossberg

1. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

1.1 Roll Call

1.2 Approval of the Minutes

1.2.1 Minutes from the 10/13/2021 meeting

The minutes were approved as submitted.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

3. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

3.1 Application of TDS Metrocom LLC for a Cable Franchise

Jim Nugent presented the information. We have never had cable companies complete head to head, pursuant to FCC. This has evolved and we had TDS reach out to us regarding coming to the area. Another company had originally reached out to us, but they ended up not following up, so we are only considering TDS at this point. We can only request of TDS what is currently being requested of Charter Communications with regard to line/fiber installation.

Public Comment was called for and there was none.

Moved onto consent agenda.

Moved by: Amber Sherrill

Set a public hearing for November 1, 2021 on a resolution regarding application of TDS Metrocom, LLC for a cable franchise.

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

ABSENT: (3): Heather Harp, Jesse Ramos, and Bryan von Lossberg

Vote results: Approved (9 to 0)

3.2 Security Contract for Poverello Center Shelter and Surrounding Neighborhood

Emily Armstrong presented the information. Please see the attached presentation for further details.

Heidi West - Is there a way when people need security, is there a phone number they can call, rather than 911?

Emily Armstrong - Yes, there is a 24-hour number

David Pritchard with Rodgers International security company gave the phone number - 406-396-9275

Gwen Jones - Will this number be distributed to local businesses and neighborhoods?

Emily Armstrong - Yes, we will be reaching out.

Mirtha Becerra - Will there be guidelines on how things are addressed as they arise, including when security addresses an issue or when law enforcement addresses an issue?

Emily Armstrong - Yes. We are very aware of the need for the communication for all the situations that will arise and how those will be handled.

Amber Sherrill - How many people will be at the Johnston Street shelter?

Emily Armstrong - Right now, it is one person, but we want the flexibility to have them there when needed, which is why it is listed as 24/7.

Amber Sherrill - HazMat situations with needles and human waste have been brought up. Who do people contact regarding cleaning up those items?

Emily Armstrong - At this point, I'm not sure who will be handling that. It is something we need to work through with Security and the Homeless Outreach team.

Amber Sherrill - I would love for that to be communicated with the neighbors.

Stacie Anderson - My question is regarding the temporary outdoor shelter; it is a partnership with the County and the Hope Rescue Mission. Who is paying for that security?

Emily Armstrong - They will be continuing to pay for those security services and staying as is.

Julie Merritt - Happy to make both of the recommended motions. I am glad we are taking this step. I think it is being mindful of providing support for the neighbors around these sites. Their concerns are valid. A very small number of people are causing these problems and I hope the security is successful.

David Pritchard - Regarding the needle issue, we can certainly put some receptacles around to dispose of needles and found substances properly.

Julie Merritt - I would encourage people to call 911 if they have issues so the correct responders can be sent out.

David Pritchard - I would emphasize that anything perceived as an emergency, 911 is called. For items involving general loitering, not bothering anyone, etc. then call our Security number.

Public Comment was called for and there was none.

Onto Consent agenda.

Moved by: Julie Merritt

Authorize the Mayor to sign and execute an agreement with Rodgers International PLLC for the provision of security services in the Cedar and Hawthorne St neighborhood funded by the City of Missoula.

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ABSENT: (3): Heather Harp, Jesse Ramos, and Bryan von Lossberg

Vote results: Approved (9 to 0)

3.3 Security Contract Amendment for Shelter Sites

Item 3.2 and 3.3 were discussed in conjunction with one another, so the minutes noted for item 3.2 are applicable also to 3.3.

Moved by: Julie Merritt

To authorize the Mayor to sign and execute an amendment to the contract with Rodgers International PLLC for the provision of security services at four shelter sites funded by the City of Missoula.

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

ABSENT: (3): Heather Harp, Jesse Ramos, and Bryan von Lossberg

Vote results: Approved (9 to 0)

4. ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 11:42