

**DRAFT - Missoula City Council Administration and Finance Committee Minutes**

**December 8, 2021  
12:30 PM  
ZOOM Webinar**

**Members present:** Mirtha Becerra, Heather Harp, Jordan Hess, Gwen Jones (chair), Julie Merritt, Jesse Ramos, Amber Sherrill, Sandra Vasecka, Heidi West

**Members absent:** Stacie Anderson, John P. Contos, Bryan von Lossberg

**1. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS**

**1.1 Roll Call**

**1.2 Approval of the Minutes**

**1.2.1 Minutes from 12/1/2021 Meeting**

The minutes were approved as submitted.

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Public comment called for and there was none.

**3. COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

**3.1 City Council meeting schedule for 2022**

Gwen Jones - I hope you all had a chance to look at the schedule. Schedule was posted to review. Discussion was had on the proposal.

Heidi West - Made the motion.

Sandra Vasecka arrived at the meeting.

Public comment was called for and there was none.

Onto the Consent Agenda.

**Moved by:** Heidi West

Set the City Council meeting schedule for 2022 and direct the City Clerk to publish notice of the schedule in the newspaper.

AYES: (8): Mirtha Becerra, Jordan Hess, Gwen Jones, Julie Merritt, Jesse Ramos, Amber Sherrill, Sandra Vasecka, and Heidi West

ABSENT: (4): Stacie Anderson, John Contos, Heather Harp, and Bryan von Lossberg

**Vote results: Approved (8 to 0)**

### **3.2 Approve City Council Food Policy Advisory Board bylaws**

Marty Rehbein - The county has approved these and now they are before council for approval.

Gwen Jones - I reviewed them and did not see any issues.

Heidi Jones - I think we could clean up the language a bit next year as to who participates on the board, but since the county commissioners have already approved this, we can just go with how they are written.

Amber Sherrill - My concern is that when there are new members on this committee, it is challenging to search through, so I think cleaning up the words next year is a good idea. I am happy to make the motion.

Public comment was called for and there was none.

Onto Consent Agenda.

Ms. Anderson joined the meeting.

**Moved by:** Amber Sherrill

Approve the City/County Food Policy Advisory Board bylaws

AYES: (8): Mirtha Becerra, Jordan Hess, Gwen Jones, Julie Merritt, Jesse Ramos, Amber Sherrill, Sandra Vasecka, and Heidi West

ABSENT: (4): Stacie Anderson, John Contos, Heather Harp, and Bryan von Lossberg

**Vote results: Approved (8 to 0)**

### **3.3 Eric Hallstrom Confirmation as Chief Operations Officer**

Mayor Engen - Discussed the appointment of Eric Hallstrom as the COO for the City of Missoula.

Gwen Jones - We had some great applicants. I think Eric is definitely my choice. He has a legal background as an attorney and has worked in the public sector. He understands the value and the importance of strategic plans and how to implement and measure that plan.

Eric Hallstrom - We are very excited.

Heather Harp - Dale and the Mayor, could you speak to the value of what this position brings to the table and how this will help the City?

Dale Bickell - The COO is over the area of internal services that we consider Business Tools and Information at the City and how we report to the public. This will implement the organizational pillar of our plan.

Jordan Hess - This has been a robust and thorough process which results in getting the best of the best talent. I would like to make the recommended motion and welcome you, Eric. I look forward to working with you.

Public Comment was called for and there was none.

Onto Consent Agenda.

**Moved by:** Jordan Hess

confirm the Mayor's appointment of Eric Hallstrom as the City of Missoula's Chief Operations Officer

AYES: (8): Mirtha Becerra, Heather Harp, Jordan Hess, Gwen Jones, Julie Merritt, Jesse Ramos, Amber Sherrill, and Heidi West

ABSENT: (4): Stacie Anderson, John Contos, Sandra Vasecka, and Bryan von Lossberg

**Vote results: Approved (8 to 0)**

#### 4. **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 12:58.