

Missoula City Council Public Works Committee Minutes

**June 22, 2022, 10:55 am
ZOOM Webinar**

Members present: Mirtha Becerra (chair), Daniel Carlino, John P. Contos, Gwen Jones, Kristen Jordan, Mike Nugent, Jennifer Savage, Amber Sherrill, Sandra Vasecka, Heidi West

Members absent: Stacie Anderson, Jordan Hess

1. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

1.1 Roll Call

1.2 Approval of the Minutes

The minutes were approved as submitted.

1.2.1 PW Committee Minutes from June 15, 2022

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

3. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

3.1 Pattee Creek Restoration Letter of Agreement

Mackenzie Tenan presenting,

This Agreement is connected to the presentation from last week's Public Works Committee regarding the Pattee Creek Restoration. This Letter of Agreement is from the Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), and they are offering the City of Missoula another \$5,000 for future Pattee Creek projects. The projects would include outreach and education to more homeowners in the area. This will also help create a Friends of Pattee Creek group.

Moved by: Amber Sherrill

Approve and authorize the Mayor to sign the Letter of Agreement to accept grant funds of \$5,000 with the State of Montana, Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)

AYES: (9): Mirtha Becerra, Daniel Carlino, John Contos, Gwen Jones, Kristen Jordan, Mike Nugent, Amber Sherrill, Sandra Vasecka, and Heidi West

ABSENT: (3): Stacie Anderson, Jordan Hess, and Jennifer Savage

Vote results: Approved (9 to 0)

3.2 Construction Services Agreement with Western Excavating, Knife River and Paulson Electric for Emergency Repair Services.

Logan McInnis presenting,

Missoula Water has contracted with these three contractors for several years. These agreements allow Missoula Water to contact the company in emergencies and get them started working right away. Missoula Water would like to continue these contracts to have a company in place for emergencies.

Moved by: Amber Sherrill

Approve and authorize the Mayor to sign Construction Services Agreements with Western Excavating, Knife River and Paulson Electric for emergency repair services for the City of Missoula Utilities in FY23 for a cost not to exceed \$24,999.00.

AYES: (8): Mirtha Becerra, Daniel Carlino, Gwen Jones, Kristen Jordan, Mike Nugent, Amber Sherrill, Sandra Vasecka, and Heidi West

ABSENT: (4): Stacie Anderson, John Contos, Jordan Hess, and Jennifer Savage

Vote results: Approved (8 to 0)

3.3 South-Sussex Bypass Right-of-Way and Public Utility Easement Vacation

Jeremy Keene presenting,

This discussion is carried over from last week's Public Works Committee meeting. This is the South Sussex bypass right-of-way vacation request. The proposed vacation would reroute the traffic with intersection improvements to South and Stephens and Sussex and Stephens to maintain traffic flow. A new round-a-bout would be added at South and Stephens, and some utilities would have to be relocated. The new proposal re-establishes the grid network, enhances access to trails and fairgrounds, increases safety and traffic flow, and reduces crossing distances. Sidewalks in the area would be completed, and the busses will have better access to Missoula County Public Schools. In addition to these benefits, there will be a housing benefit. The housing complex will set aside 20 percent of units (22 units) to be restricted for people earning up to 80 percent of AMI. The estimated impact per unit would equal eleven households a year and 242 households over a thirty-five-year Period of Affordability. Committee members discussed how many affordable housing units should be required in development. Mr. Carlino moved an amendment that the committee members discussed and voted on.

Moved by: Daniel Carlino

Mr. Carlino moved to Amend Condition 8 for the first sentence to read: The developer shall set aside a minimum of twenty percent of residential rental units which shall not be less than twenty-two units for household earning up to eighty percent of the area medium income for a minimum of seventy-five years.

AYES: (1): Daniel Carlino

NAYS: (9): Mirtha Becerra, John Contos, Gwen Jones, Kristen Jordan, Mike Nugent, Jennifer Savage, Amber Sherrill, Sandra Vasecka, and Heidi West

ABSENT: (2): Stacie Anderson, and Jordan Hess

Vote results:Failed (1 to 9)

Moved by: Sandra Vasecka

I move the City Council: Adopt a resolution calling for removal of Sussex Ave between South Avenue and Brooks Street from the Missoula Urban Area Highway System; and, Adopt a resolution of intention to vacate the South-Sussex Bypass right-of-way that cuts diagonally through Block 32 of Homevale Addition, and the Public Utility Easement that was created when the alley was vacated, as shown in Exhibit A, and subject to the conditions of approval and set a public hearing time July 18, 2022

AYES: (10): Mirtha Becerra, Daniel Carlino, John Contos, Gwen Jones, Kristen Jordan, Mike Nugent, Jennifer Savage, Amber Sherrill, Sandra Vasecka, and Heidi West

ABSENT: (2): Stacie Anderson, and Jordan Hess

Vote results:Approved (10 to 0)

4. ADJOURNMENT