

Journal of Proceedings

Missoula City Council

October 24, 2022, 6:00 pm

Council Chambers (in person) or TEAMS (virtually)

Attend in person: City Council Chambers, 140 W Pine, Missoula MT

Members Present: Stacie Anderson, Mirtha Becerra, Daniel Carlino, John P. Contos, Gwen Jones, Kristen Jordan, Mike Nugent, Jennifer Savage, Amber Sherrill, Sandra Vasecka, Heidi West, Sierra Farmer

Administration Present: Jordan Hess, Mayor, Marty Rehbein, Jim Nugent, City Attorney

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The virtual meeting of the Missoula City Council was called to order by Mayor Jordan Hess at 6:00 PM.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

3. PUBLIC COMMENT - NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Mayor Jordan Hess Next, we'll take public comment on non-agenda items. Is there any comment on items not listed on our agenda? Mr. Hunt.

Kevin Hunt Mr. Mayor would this be an appropriate time just to say a few words about a proclamation you have coming up tonight?

Mayor Jordan Hess That'd be.....

Kevin Hunt Thank you. My name is Kevin Hunt. I live in Ward 1 and I initially had planned to attend virtually tonight until I looked up the agenda and was just absolutely thrilled to see that tonight, you're going to issue a proclamation honoring Mae Nan Ellingson and I would just like to note that this may be the first time and certainly to an extremely deserving person but maybe the first time the Council twice in one year has issued a proclamation honoring the same individual. Now, Ms. Ellingson shared that honor with Robert Campbell back in June and there was a week named for both of them and it was unfortunately following the passing of Mr. Campbell, but I'm just elated to see that Ms. Ellingson will have a week proclaimed in her honor, all for herself tonight. She's a treasure. She's an icon of Missoula and of Montana, one of the co-authors of the most progressive declaration of rights in any state constitution in the United States, helped break the glass ceiling that kept women from getting law degrees at our own University of Montana, and I had the distinct honor of getting to know her when I was 15/16 years old. And to say that she was an influence on what I chose for a career and getting involved in political activism and practicing law, all kinds of things would be an understatement and I was so pleased to get reacquainted with her recently and[inaudible speaking]to catch up with her and I finally got thathe was giving a speech at the University of Montana or a presentation at the University of Montana about the, the con-con, the Constitutional Convention. So, anyway, thank you for doing this. I think it's just wonderful and certainly a deserving person. So, thanks.

Mayor Jordan Hess Thanks for your comments. We, we share in your elation. Any further public comments? Mr. Moore.

Bob Moore My name is, excuse me, Bob Moore. I've been looking at the experience our city is having in police matters, driving in Broadway today, an hour ago, a policeman was out chasing young men on a bike..... don't really know why, maybe he was stealing the bike, I don't know, but

he's doing something not right. And then I looked at this paper where Mr. Burt is running for justice of the peace. He is very, very, very unhappy with what is happening in our city. I would like to suggest that you ask some of these victims and they've rather have enough policemen to stop these criminals running around this city or would they rather have a 19 million dollar program for [inaudible]. I suggest to you that you might think that we'd probably would rather be safe and not be raped, not be violently beaten, than have that 19 million dollar, whatever it's going to be, 19 million dollars plus the interest on it for 20-30, years whatever it's going to be. Why the City Council permits this kind of criminal activity in this little town is absolutely incredible to me. Both of these people running for justice of the peace have the thoughts on the on the, the amount of people who are being beaten and robbed and so forth. Why you had rather be spending 19 million plus interest for whatever years and not have some the citizens protected in the city, city. Can somebody tell me that sometime? I'll guarantee you and I'll bet you any amount of money you want to bet these 14-15 people just named in this article, October or something, would rather have enough policemen that to stop this and forget about the 19 million dollars. Just my thoughts on it....

Mayor Jordan Hess Anyone else tonight? I've got one online comment, user identified as Dan. Dan, you should be able to unmute yourself and provide comment.

Matt Larson Yes this is Matt Larson. I'm facilitating a comment for my friend Dan, but he's not right here right now, so I'll go for now. I've also experienced some, some stuff with the policing in this town. I think it's a huge, huge expenditure and I think our community is definitely looking at that amongst a housing crisis, amongst the homelessness crisis, and while we're dealing with that, we're out here buying private police forces to police the streets as well. It's, it's absolutely ridiculous and it's gotten to an absolute breaking point, I believe, but it's one of many such as the water company, such as you know housing regulation. It's, it's a lot of different breaking points at once, so it must not be easy to sit on the City Council right now, but so it's commendable you know hats off to you all but I think it's something that we should all start to address is the overall cost of this thing and whether we need all the absolute newest toys and newest things that come out in policing as soon as they hit the streets, and especially when it comes from you know the sources that they come from such as like the killology research group recently and some of the other police spending that was happening at the sheriff's office for training purposes that was affiliated with some other groups. Anyway, we need to look at this as a community and I have my friend Dan here would like to speak now.

Mayor Jordan Hess Thank you Mr. Larson. Dan, you can go ahead, if we can get your name for the record.

Dangotten to come to City Council and congratulate all of you and talk to you but a long time ago here. [inaudible] a really bad sweater, long hair. We say hello and try and try and explain that all these people are coming to you out of a love for this home of theirs and to never forget that. I don't know if you remember me, some of you weren't there, but anyway I'm here right now and I just wanted to say I hear a lot about police brutality and crime and you know a few other issues as well, and I also noticed that on Sunday you know on the headline of that Missoulian, for people who still read it, that, that you know city leaders were reflecting on this plan to end the homelessness in 10 years you know, and that's coming right up the day after Friday or something they say. And you know it's, they're all related aren't they? They're all they're all kind of connected and so we kind of gotta you know we can't half-heartedly approach any of these issues that these people are coming to you about. We gotta, wholeheartedly do it or else you know there's it's just gonna balloon into the next area of systemic problems, and I just I really do hope that's at the forefront of yours all, well, parts and soon enough because I, I do see there's still issues with the people. Good luck City Council and once again I thank you. I love you.

Mayor Jordan Hess Thank you sir. Anyone else tonight? Seeing none, we can move on to our schedule of committee meetings. Ms. Rehbein.

4. **ANNOUNCE COMMITTEE MEETINGS, COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP APPOINTMENTS AND CHANGES TO COMMITTEE AGENDAS**

Committee of the Whole, October 26, 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Public Safety, Health, and Operations Committee, October 26, 11:15 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Climate, Conservation, and Parks Committee, October 26, 12:30 – 12:40 p.m.

Public Works and Mobility Committee, October 26, 12:55 – 1:15 p.m.

Housing, Redevelopment, and Community Programs Committee, October 26, 1:30 – 3:00 p.m.

Climate, Conservation, and Parks Committee, November 2, 9:00 – 9:35 a.m.

Housing, Redevelopment, and Community Programs Committee, November 2, 9:50 – 11:05 a.m.

Marty Rehbein And that is our committee schedule for the coming two weeks.

Mayor Jordan Hess Thank you Ms. Rehbein. Are there changes to that schedule? Seeing none, that'll stand as announced and we can now move on to our consent agenda.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Jordan Hess Items on the consent agenda were approved generally unanimously in City Council committees and we save a little time on Mondays by voting on those items as a package. Ms. Rehbein will read the list of items aloud, they are also on our printed agenda, and we'll invite public comment before we vote. Ms. Rehbein.

Mayor Jordan Hess Thank you Ms. Rehbein. I'll note on public comment online. Mr. Larson. Mr. Larson, you should be able to unmute yourself.

Matt Larson Sorry about that, having a network problems. Yeah, this is Matt Larson, Ward 3. I just wanted to comment about the 3760 Mullan Road Tavern and also one other item, the pedestrian or zero traffic death stuff. You know, I don't know what the zero traffic death stuff is, but you know if we could add some sort of light or some sort of like better signage and stuff to the crosswalk coming out of the Orange Street underpass, just near the freeway. I think that's one of the most awful crosswalks currently in Missoula. I think we could avoid some potential pedestrian deaths right there. It's, and if there was a light showing when a car enters into the far side of the, the tunnel, so you don't get caught on the crosswalk that would be awesome. I don't know if that, such technology exists, but I'm hopeful that the, the solution can be found amongst all the great minds on the City Council here tonight. I would also like to comment yeah on the casino that will be right near the Super Walmart, I believed owned by the press box guy. Shouldn't a study be done to the conclusive and and all in inclusive about what, what's happening here when we're adding a whole casino facility right near our Super Walmart where we have a lot of traffic? And I think it's it would be prudent, and it would be along the guidelines to do, to do a study maybe about this like traffic studies, you know low-income housing studies, I don't know whatever saturation studies. I don't know, I just don't, I don't think it helps, helps the neighborhood to add another casino in my, in my opinion but maybe that's just me extending my opinion onto the, the neighborhood at large. I don't know the, if it particularly hurts it either, but maybe that's the advantage of doing a study before we plop a huge casino right there but yeah that's just my two cents and I'm sure we can suss it out in public comments during the hearing. Thank you.

Mayor Jordan Hess Thank you Mr. Larson. Anyone else on the consent agenda? Okay seeing none, I've had a request from Ms. Vasecka to divide the question and vote on item 5.5 separately. Is there any Council comment of before we vote? Ms. Vasecka.

Alderperson Vasecka I just wanted to say that I do understand the intention behind this resolution, I just am not a very big supporter of road diet. So, that's why I'm not going to be supporting it tonight.

Mayor Jordan Hess Thank you. Anyone else? Mr. Nugent.

Aldersperson Mike Nugent I would just point out that the item in regards to the Mullan Road Tavern and Casino is to set up a public hearing.

Mayor Jordan Hess Thanks for highlighting that. Anyone else? Okay, we can have a roll call vote on the consent agenda as, as divided.

Marty Rehbein Okay, let's do a vote on items 1, 2, 3, 4, well everything except for 5.5. That's a lot easier way to say it.

Mayor Jordan Hess And the motion passes, all of those motions pass.

AYES: (12): Aldersperson Anderson, Aldersperson Becerra, Aldersperson Carlino, Aldersperson Contos, Aldersperson Jones, Aldersperson Jordan, Aldersperson Nugent, Aldersperson Savage, Aldersperson Sherrill, Aldersperson Vasecka, Aldersperson West, and Sierra Farmer

Vote result: Approved (12 to 0)

5.1 Accounts Payable (claims) for checks dated October 25, 2022

Approve accounts payable in the amount of \$ 1,308,630.83 for checks dated October 25, 2022.

Vote result: Approved

5.2 Professional Services Agreement with Morrison-Maierle Engineering for Wastewater Primary Effluent Pump Upgrade

Approve and authorize the mayor to sign a service agreement with Morrison-Maierle Engineering for engineering on the Wastewater Primary Effluent Pump Upgrade not to exceed \$28,510.00.

Vote result: Approved

5.3 Professional Services Agreement with Water and Environmental Technologies for the Missoula Airport Wells

Approve and authorize the Mayor to sign a professional services agreement with Water and Environmental Technologies for tasks 1 through 5 for the Missoula airport wells and preliminary engineering report.

Vote result: Approved

5.4 Resolution to vacate the public utility easement Lots M-1 through M-4 Pleasant View Homes No 5 Phase VI.

Adopt a resolution of the Missoula City Council of the City of Missoula, Montana vacating a public utility easement in the Pleasant View Homes Area. The first portion 15 foot wide by 205 foot long and the second portion of the easement is 20 foot wide by 508 foot long crossing Lots M-1, M-2, M-3 and M-4 of Pleasant View Homes No. 5, Phase VI – as recorded in the Missoula County Clerk and Recorder's office, Missoula, Montana.

Vote result: Approved

5.6 Resolution to create Public Utility Easements and Public Access Easements for 507 Simons Drive

Adopt a resolution to create a public utility easement and public access easement for 507 Simons Drive.

Vote result: Approved

5.7 Reappointments to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Board

Confirm the Mayor's reappointment of Kelly Sager and Erin Montgomery to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Board for terms beginning immediately and expiring on September 30, 2025.

Vote result: Approved

5.8 Appointment to the Affordable Housing Resident Oversight Committee

Appoint Menodora LeMaster to serve as a regular member on the Affordable Housing Resident Oversight Committee, beginning immediately and ending on May 31, 2023, fulfilling the remainder of a vacated term, community member seat.

Vote result: Approved

5.9 Union Place Apartments Low Income Housing Tax Credits (LIHTC) Application

Set a public hearing for November 28, 2022 on the tax credit application for preservation and rehabilitation of Union Place Apartments.

Vote result: Approved

5.10 3760 Mullan Road Tavern and Casino Conditional Use

Set a public hearing for City Council on November 7th, 2022, on a tavern and casino conditional use application proposed for 3760 Mullan Road and refer the item for discussion at Land Use and Planning Committee on November 9th, 2022.

Vote result: Approved

5.11 Appointment to the Tourism Business Improvement District

Confirm the Mayor's appointment of Larry Lambert to the Tourism Business Improvement District for a term beginning immediately and expiring on December 1, 2026.

Vote result: Approved

5.5 A resolution establishing a Vision Zero policy to work towards zero traffic deaths and zero severe injuries

Adopt a resolution establishing a Vision Zero policy to work towards zero traffic deaths and zero severe injuries.

AYES: (10): Alderperson Anderson, Alderperson Becerra, Alderperson Carlino, Alderperson Jones, Alderperson Jordan, Alderperson Nugent, Alderperson Savage, Alderperson Sherrill, Alderperson West, and Sierra Farmer

NAYS: (2): Alderperson Contos, and Alderperson Vasecka

Vote result: Approved (10 to 2)

6. COMMENTS FROM CITY STAFF, CITY AGENCIES, COMMUNITY FORUM, NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCILS, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, OR AUTHORITIES

7. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

7.1 Proclamation - Mae Nan Ellingson Week

Mayor Jordan Hess We do have two special presentations tonight in the form of proclamations. I'm going to take them in the opposite order, so we'll take item 7.2 first.

WHEREAS, at age 24, Mae Nan Robinson Ellingson was the youngest delegate to Montana's Constitutional Convention and was voted one of the 10 outstanding delegates by those with whom she served; and WHEREAS, she was co-author of the uplifting and poetic preamble to the widely admired Bill of Rights that has for 50 years guaranteed equal rights for all Montanans; and WHEREAS, as an attorney for the Missoula City Council, she helped Shepherd groundbreaking projects whose lasting impact has been acres of open space, riverfront trails, and mountain trail easements; and WHEREAS, her work, as a nationally respected Bond Council made essential projects in cities and towns across Montana possible by writing the law that gave jurisdictions the ability to borrow money from the state at low interest rates; and WHEREAS, her wide-ranging philanthropic work, including leadership and raising funds for myriad projects most notably the magnificent Missoula Public Library and the Missoula Art Museum have made Missoula a more attractive, vibrant and appealing community. Now, therefore, I, Jordan Hess, Mayor of the city of Missoula in the State of Montana in the year of the 50th anniversary of the ratification of Montana's Constitution hereby recognize the week of October 24 through 28, 2022 as Mae Nan Ellingson week.

Mayor Jordan Hess And it, I, I want to first of all say that it is such an honor to read this proclamation. I have I just swore my fourth oath to preserve, protect, and defend the constitution of the state of Montana and it gives me a chill in my spine every time I do that and every time I think about that document because it is such, the process by which it was crafted and adopted is really an embodiment of, of the best version of ourselves in Montana. It is, it is public service and public administration and governance at its finest and I've been honored to get to know you Mae Nan over the years and to, to have this document as the foundation of how we do government. So, thank you. We have, I understand we have Carol VanValkenburg is going to say a few words.

Carol VanValkenburg Mae Nan asked me to speak for her because she has laryngitis, and the reason, in part, is that we first met almost 45 years ago when I was a reporter for The Missoulian and she was the attorney for the City Council and that's a long and interesting different story, but the remarks that she asked me to deliver today are these. Dear Mayor Hess and City Council members, thank you for this honor and it is truly an honor and thanks to my friends who have made the effort to give me this recognition; it is a privilege for me. The City of Missoula has been so very good to me over the last 44 years. It all began in 1977 when I came to work in the city attorney's office shortly after graduation from law school. With a diverse, bipartisan, forward thinking City Council and two wonderful Mayors, Bill Craig and John Toole, the City of Missoula made leaps forward in beautifying and revitalizing our community in the six years I worked for the city.. Most notable, in my opinion, and with considerable opposition initially from the business community and a couple of lawsuits, the City Council successfully passed a sign ordinance, a landscaping ordinance, and a parking ordinance that Dan Lambros acknowledged a while ago were instrumental in making Missoula a better place to live and to attract business. During that time, the Council also created its first tax increment district and combined that with special improvement district assessments to issue bonds to finance our first parking garage. And then there was the first open space bond that

allowed the creation of the riverfront walk on the south side of the river and the first conservation easements in our hills and set our community on the way to being a leader in protecting and enhancing the land, rivers, and mountains. Working on those bond issues exposed me to the practice of municipal finance and acquainted me with Dorsey and, Whitney which then enabled me to continue to work with City Council and Mayors Dan Kemmis, Mike Kadas, and John Engen over the next 33 years to accomplish many city goals and objectives. One of the last things I did for the City on a pro bono basis was to assist Mayor Engen, Ellen Buchanan, and stakeholders in finding solutions for our beautiful Ogren Allegiance Stadium and Field. That was one of the more gratifying endeavors because it was important to Mayor Engen and to the hard work and vision of Hal Frazier and Play Ball Missoula. And finally, I am sure I have never enough thanked Mayor Engen and this Council and the MRA enough for its commitment of tax increment funds to enable us to build the fourth floor of our library, which we celebrated earlier this night. I'm sure John Engen would say, if he were still here, Mae Nan never shied away from giving me her opinion or her asking me for help on a project that she was working on. In closing, I have been profoundly professionally and personally enriched in countless ways by this city and this community. I am so grateful I was fortunate enough to be part of this community and I'm grateful to my friends for urging the City Council to issue this Proclamation. And perhaps one of the best things that arose out of my days in the city attorney's office was meeting and becoming fast friends, I just read this, now with a woman who is reading my remarks. With gratitude, Mae Nan Ellingson.

Mayor Jordan Hess That was well-deserved recognition for a lifetime of good work and service. Thank you.

Mae Nan Ellingson There was never this many women on the City Council when I served, that's great progress. Thank you.

Mayor Jordan Hess Mae Nan Thanks Mae Nan. And that's it, that's, that's..

7.2 Proclamation - Children's Grief Awareness Month

WHEREAS, 46,000 Montana youth will experience the death of a parent or sibling before their 25th birthday; and WHEREAS, many individuals feel misunderstood in the wake of loss, thinking that their grief is invisible to those around them; and WHEREAS, all bereaved youth need advocates supporting them as they navigate a world without their person; and WHEREAS, effective grief support can help mitigate against possible negative outcomes by fostering positive coping mechanisms and resiliency; and WHEREAS, recognizing this month serves to build a foundation of support for grieving youth, strengthening a national community of bereaved individuals, support service organizations, and community members; and WHEREAS, our community is committed to supporting one another, working to raise awareness of children's grief and ensure that no child grieves alone. Now, therefore, I, Jordan Hess, Mayor of the City of Missoula in the State of Montana hereby recognize the month of November 2022 as Children's Grief Awareness Month.

Mayor Jordan Hess Is there anyone in the audience that's here on behalf of this Proclamation tonight? Okay, so we'll move on to our next proclamation.

8. FINAL CONSIDERATION

9. PUBLIC HEARINGS

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

10.1 Budget and Finance (BF) committee report

10.2 Climate, Conservation and Parks (CCP) committee report

10.3 Committee of the Whole (COW) committee report

10.4 Housing, Redevelopment, and Community Programs (HRCP) committee report

10.4.1 Minutes from the October 12, 2022 Meeting

10.4.2 Minutes from the October 19, 2022 Meeting

10.5 Land Use and Planning (LUP) committee report

10.6 Public Safety, Health and Operations (PSHO) committee report

10.6.1 Minutes from the October 19, 2022 Meeting

10.7 Public Works and Mobility (PWM) committee report

10.7.1 Minutes from the October 19, 2022 Meeting

11. NEW BUSINESS

12. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

Mayor Jordan Hess I'll pass on communications from the Mayor.

13. GENERAL COMMENTS OF CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mayor Jordan Hess And we can begin general Council comments with Ms. Anderson.

Aldersperson Anderson Thanks so much and I think it's very fitting that we, this week is Mae Nan Ellingson Week because it's also the week that it's John Engen's birthday. And so, there are not a lot of people who can say that they had such a long-lasting and robust influence on our community, and I think all of us who are still in the public service realm are thankful for the work that they have done, and we hope to carry on. So, thanks so much.

Mayor Jordan Hess Ms. West.

Aldersperson West So, I would just like to invite everyone to the Westside Park grand opening this Saturday from 4:00 to 6:00 pm. It's been a couple of years in the making and I'm really excited that it's open to the public. We're still waiting for one giant piece of equipment to get installed, but in the meantime, it's, it's worth celebrating. So, the grand opening event is on Saturday from 4:00 to 6:00 pm. We have some food trucks. We have the Hellgate band making cotton candy and we have [inaudible] DJing a hopefully costume dance party on that wonderful new rubber surfacing. So, I hope to see all of you there in costume, dancing.

Mayor Jordan Hess Mr. Contos.

Aldersperson Contos I'll pass. Thank you.

Mayor Jordan Hess Mr. Nugent.

Aldersperson Mike Nugent Thank you Mr. Mayor. A couple quick things. It is Domestic Violence Awareness Month and I just wanted to highlight that Officer Rebecca Potter and Officer Tyler Schwartz were the MPD 22 domestic violence officers of the year in awards given out last week, as was Angie Bakken from the city attorney's office was the prosecutor of the year, so congratulations to all of them on their work in such an important field. And then secondly, I just point out that our tax bills are available online and people can go look for them. They'll be mailed in the coming week, I believe, is what the press release I saw said, but I did go look and did some math and my tax bill last year was \$5,498.03 and my taxes this year are \$5,764.20, which is a 4.84% increase year over year. And I bring that up just to highlight that the way we talk about taxes at City Council and, and County Commissioners, and in the media really isn't telling the whole story of our tax bill. We get focused on the general fund and how it shifts, but there's a lot more that goes into the tax bill. So, for the most accurate information, when you hear people talking about how much their taxes went up this year, mine went up 4.84%, which is a far cry from

11%, it's a far cry from 10%. So, I just think that it's worth pointing out that we need to look at the full picture when we're having these conversations.

Mayor Jordan Hess Ms. Becerra.

Aldersperson Becerra Thank you. I just wanted to remind Council members and the community that we have the JEDI Community Network Summit coming up on October 27 and 28, 2022. On the 27th at 6 30 p.m., there's a public keynote speaker, it is James Whitfield, co-founder of Be Culture, that's open to the public at 6:30 at the University's UC Ballroom. So, I would encourage anyone who wants to learn more about these efforts in the community to attend that presentation. Thanks.

Mayor Jordan Hess Mr. Carlino.

Aldersperson Carlino Yeah, I just wanted to, just say that I look forward to working with everybody on Wednesday to try and figure out some solutions to ensure that everybody at the ACs has a home to go to in a few weeks and work to come up with some sort of plan that works for every resident there to ensure that they all have housing in the future.

Mayor Jordan Hess Ms. Jones.

Aldersperson Jones Excuse me. Yes, I wanted to go a couple weeks back in time and talk about October 10, 2022, which was Indigenous People's Day. I'm not sure who all was able to go to the celebration of the renaming of Higgins Street Bridge to Bear Tracks Bridge, but it was a wonderful, wonderful celebration. It was a gorgeous day before our winter weather hit, it was beautiful and sunny. The speakers were amazing, there were electeds, there were dignitaries, and there were elders from the tribe that came down that said wonderful, wonderful things. And it was, although it was remembering a very harsh history, it was also very positive and looking forward in terms of healing and mending and I think the significance and symbolism of renaming the bridge to Bear Tracks Bridge is, is a really good thing going forward. I wanted to say thank you to Dave Strohmaier who was instrumental in all of this and especially Martin Charlo and the elders and the culture committee from the tribe were also very, very instrumental in all of the groundwork that was laid and the foundation for the decision, as to what name and the symbolism behind the name. So, I just wanted to call attention to that. I hope people have been able to take a look at the new plaques that have been put up down on Third Street and Higgins at the south and southwest end of the bridge. It tells a lot of amazing information and history and just a really positive thing. So, just wanted to share that. Thank you.

Mayor Jordan Hess Ms. Farmer.

Aldersperson Farmer Yeah, thank you. I just wanted to say to all of you that did work on the Westside Park. Thank you for all the work that you did. I have the pleasure of living on Sherwood Street, so it's in my neighborhood and as soon as the gate came down and probably a few days before the gate came down there were kids playing in the park and it's been packed ever since and it really just brings a lot of life back into the community, and it tells you how important parks are and especially in that neighborhood. So, thank you all for your hard work on that.

Mayor Jordan Hess Ms. Jordan.

Aldersperson Kristen Jordan I'll pass tonight. Thanks.

Mayor Jordan Hess Ms. Savage.

Aldersperson Savage Yeah, just another quick call out to the Westside Park group and I know our own Heidi West had a lot to do with getting that thing moving and keeping it going and through a pandemic and it's beautiful. And I agree with Ms. Farmer, it is such an integral part of that Westside block and so it's really great to see it with kids on it again. In that same note, I mean, I just wanted to remind everyone that the Northside-Westside Neighborhood Leadership Council is

meeting tomorrow night from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Bird Street Bistro. There will be free Big Thai food truck and we are going to talk about neighborhood issues. Also, there will be a second meeting to talk specifically about Northside infrastructure issues. We are nailing down a date, hopefully we will have a date by tomorrow that we can announce at this leadership Council meeting tomorrow night. That'll particularly be specific to the Northside but there are two opportunities for you to come and engage. Thanks.

Mayor Jordan Hess Ms. Vasecka.

Aldersperson Vasecka Thanks. I just wanted to remind everyone that general season for hunting has started. So be safe and careful, all of you hunters and hikers and recreators out in the woods. Since we're not meeting next week for Halloween, I wanted to remind everyone to be, be safe that day as well. It's really dark outside now, so make sure you have, have ample lighting, either your porch light or a flashlight for your kiddo. I also did learn something and wanted to pass it on. Apparently having a blue trick-or-treat bucket means that the child may or may not have or may have autism and so even if they don't say Trick-or-Treat still give them candy, they might just be non-verbal. With that, everyone have a have a safe next couple of weeks.

Mayor Jordan Hess Thank you. And Ms. Sherrill.

Aldersperson Sherrill Yeah thanks. I was worried you were gonna forget about me and don't ask any child what their costume is just say they look great. I learned my lesson when a child cried on my front porch when I asked what they were supposed to be, so, I have not done that since. I am not, I'm not getting any commissions from this, so I just wanna, I am reading this book it is *The Affordable City* by Shane Phillips. If you have not read this book, I suggest you do it, even if you're only make it through the introduction in the appendix, it will show you how complicated city policies are around affordable housing, but it also feels somewhat hopeful. I'm not done with it, but I would really hope that anyone watching that's interested in that topic specifically and any of my colleagues that want to borrow it once I'm done, you're welcome to. It has been, I've spent a lot of time in the, the last week, my husband says I keep driving every conversation back to this book and to affordable housing. So, he's getting a little bored with it, but it is really fascinating, and it makes you think about how you how, how we our pro development, pro-environment, and pro renter all at the same time, and just how incredibly complicated pulling those three things together is so. And I'm happy to be back in Missoula.

Mayor Jordan Hess Thank you Ms. Sherrill.

14. MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS, REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

14.1 Administratively approved agreement report

15. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Jordan Hess So, with no further business, thank you for your service. We'll be adjourned.

The meeting adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

Martha L. Rehbein, CMC, Legislative
Service Director/City Clerk

Jordan Hess, Mayor