

Missoula City Council Committee of the Whole Minutes - DRAFT

December 14, 2022

4:00 PM

Council Chambers (in person) or TEAMS (virtually)

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

Members present: Stacie Anderson, Daniel Carlino, John P. Contos, Sierra Farmer, Gwen Jones, Mike Nugent, Jennifer Savage, Amber Sherrill, Sandra Vasecka

Members absent: Mirtha Becerra, Kristen Jordan, Heidi West

1. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

1.1 Roll Call

1.2 Approval of the Minutes

1.2.1 Minutes from November 16, 2022

1.2.2 Minutes from November 30, 2022

Approved as submitted.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

3. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

3.1 Resolution Relating to \$1,163,000 Special Road District Bond, Series 2023; Authorizing the Sale and Prescribing the Form and Terms Thereof and the Security Therefor

Introduced by Leigh Griffing, Finance Director. No comment from the public or council.

Moved by: Jennifer Savage

I move City Council pass a Resolution Relating to \$1,163,000 Special Road District Bond, Series 2023; Authorizing the Sale and Prescribing the Form and Terms Thereof and the Security Therefor

AYES: (9): Stacie Anderson, Daniel Carlino, John Contos, Sierra Farmer, Gwen Jones, Mike Nugent, Jennifer Savage, Amber Sherrill, and Sandra Vasecka

ABSENT: (3): Mirtha Becerra, Kristen Jordan, and Heidi West

Vote results: Approved (9 to 0)

3.2 Resolution Relating to \$3,420,000 Special Park District Bond, Series 2023A and \$924,000 Special Park District Bond, Series 2023B

Introduced by Leigh Griffing, Finance Director. No comment from the public or council.

Moved by: Jennifer Savage

Pass a "Resolution Relating to \$3,420,000 Special Park District Bond, Series 2023A and \$924,000 Special Park District Bond, Series 2023B (Taxable); Authorizing the Sale and Prescribing the Forms and Terms Thereof and the Security Therefor.

AYES: (9): Stacie Anderson, Daniel Carlino, John Contos, Sierra Farmer, Gwen Jones, Mike Nugent, Jennifer Savage, Amber Sherrill, and Sandra Vasecka

ABSENT: (3): Mirtha Becerra, Kristen Jordan, and Heidi West

Vote results: Approved (9 to 0)

3.3 Legislative Session Discussion

Information only.

Mayor Jordan Hess commented on how the City of Missoula will approach the 2023 state legislative session and invited legislators to introduce themselves. Those in attendance included Representative Marler, Representative-elect Carter, Representative-elect Karlen, Representative Keogh, and Representative Thane.

Senator Boldman spoke from her experience of six sessions on the legislature, her committees and adopting an urban/rural lens to look for partnerships at the legislature.

Senator-elect Curdy spoke on his priorities, such as a lack of tradespeople in the state and targeted tax relief.

Mayor Hess spoke to the City of Missoula's priorities (see attached presentation), including (1) local property tax relief and local option taxes targeted towards tourism. (2) Housing relief and housing bills, including supporting the finding in the Governor's Housing Taskforce that regulatory changes alone will not resolve this. (3) Protecting tax increment financing is also a priority. (4) Supporting mental health and crisis services. (5) Supporting the transition to renewable resources. (6) Reform records management.

Council President Gwen Jones spoke to the issues of houselessness and including over 500 people the City is aware of that various entities are attempting to provide housing assistance with over the winter.

Jessica Miller spoke to how the City will be tracking bills and communication will occur over the course of the legislature. Council can discuss legislative items by bringing them up in New Business each Monday night.

Shannon O'Brien introduced herself as well.

Sandra Vasecka asked if the legislative session will be hybrid again. Yes, citizens may testify remotely.

Sandra Vasecka also asked how the City priorities were adopted. Mayor Hess responded that these are the City administrative priorities, not necessarily the council priorities, but that they were selected based on the adopted policies of the City.

Stacie Anderson spoke to the alarming, continued attacks on local control at the state level.

Senator Boldman spoke to how different cities and administrations have moved forward on supporting or opposing bills in real time, and that it is important to legislators to understand how the City came to a decision. Mayor Hess and Council President Jones spoke to the way the City will handle upcoming bills, including discussing them in open meetings when possible and deferring to the administration when time does not allow something to come before the council.

Representative-elect Carter spoke in commendation of CAO Dale Bickell and the staff that supports him.

4. ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 5:04pm.