

Missoula City Council Public Safety, Health and Operations Committee Minutes

January 25, 2023

4:15 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, Sierra Farmer, Gwen Jones, Kristen Jordan, Mike Nugent, Jennifer Savage, Amber Sherrill, Sandra Vasecka

Members absent: John P. Contos, Heidi West

1. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

1.1 Roll Call

1.2 Approval of the Minutes for January 11, 2023

Approved

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

none

3. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

3.1 A resolution of the City Council of the City of Missoula, Montana, declaring its support for Legislation by the 2023 Montana Legislature restoring to local governments the power to regulate single use plastics.

Stacie Anderson gave background on the resolution restoring to local governments the power to regulate single use plastics. Sandra Vasecka asked if there is a house bill or an LC number yet? Stacie said there is an LC number. This is not in support of a specific house bill, but there is a LC 4078 draft.

Amber Sherrill made the recommended motion.

Liz Amitspika has organized speakers today to speak in support of this resolution. She made comments to show her support for the resolution.

Lee Brown, Missoula resident, asked the council to support the resolution restoring local government's power to regulate single use plastics.

Ted Guiland, Executive Director of a non profit called Recycling Works. He discussed recycling and how they turn garbage into raw materials.

Tim Scupca, Missoula resident, thanked the council for bringing this to the forefront. He comes from the building and construction community. Everyone needs to visit the landfill to understand what is going on. It is a serious problem. He is thankful that the city council is taking this resolution on.

Mary Jones, Missoula resident, commented on the plastic not going into the landfill. She picks up discarded plastic and knows there's a lot of plastic going on the street.

Jeremy Drake, Missoula resident, was involved in the zero waste plan for the City of Missoula and asked the council to support the resolution.

Amber Sherrill thanked everyone for coming out. She is in strong support of this and local control in general. She is hoping to ban some of the single use plastics.

Gwen Jones is in support of this. She encourages everyone to contact their legislators.

Sandra Vasecka thanked everyone who emailed and who spoke. She does disagree with this resolution.

Stacie Anderson is in support of this as a concept, but the underlying concept is giving back local control.

This will go on committee report.

Moved by: Amber Sherrill

Adopt a resolution in support for Montana state legislation that restores local government powers to regulate single use plastics.

AYES: (9): Stacie Anderson, Mirtha Becerra, Daniel Carlino, Sierra Farmer, Gwen Jones, Kristen Jordan, Mike Nugent, Jennifer Savage, and Amber Sherrill

NAYS: (1): Sandra Vasecka

ABSENT: (2): John P. Contos, and Heidi West

Vote results: Approved (9 to 1)

4. **ADJOURNMENT**

Adjourned