

DRAFT - Missoula City Council Budget and Finance Committee Minutes

January 11, 2023

11:45 AM

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, Sierra Farmer, Gwen Jones, Kristen Jordan, Mike Nugent, Amber Sherrill, Sandra Vasecka, Heidi West

Members absent: Jennifer Savage

1. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

1.1 Roll Call

1.2 Approval of the Minutes

1.2.1 Minutes from the November 30, 2022 Meeting

The minutes were approved as submitted.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment offered.

3. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

3.1 Reappointment to the Missoula Civic Television Advisory Commission

This is to confirm the reappointment of Nevin Graves to the MCTAC.

Sandra Vasecka made the motion.

Sandra - I have worked with Nevin and would be very happy to support this.

No public comment.

Amber Sherrill arrived at the meeting.

Onto Consent agenda.

Moved by: Sandra Vasecka

Confirm the Mayor's reappointment of Nevin Graves to the Missoula Civic Television Advisory Commission for a term beginning January 1, 2023 and expiring on December 31, 2025.

AYES: (10): Stacie Anderson, Mirtha Becerra, John P. Contos, Sierra Farmer, Gwen Jones, Kristen Jordan, Mike Nugent, Amber Sherrill, Sandra Vasecka, and Heidi West

NAYS: (1): Daniel Carlino

ABSENT: (1): Jennifer Savage

Vote results: Approved (10 to 1)

3.2 MRA Fiscal Year 2022 Year-End Budget Amendments

Jil Dunn presented the information to the group. Please see the attached presentation for further details.

No public comment.

No questions by Council.

Mike Nugent made the motion.

Onto consent agenda.

Moved by: Mike Nugent

Set a public hearing for February 6, 2023 with final consideration on February 13, 2023 to consider approving a resolution amending the annual appropriations for the City of Missoula, Montana as set forth in the fiscal year 2022 budget that amends the total Missoula Redevelopment Agency (MRA) budget including decreasing revenues and transfers in by \$312,193 and decreasing expenditures and transfers out by \$1,342,961 in order to recognize final audited beginning fund balances as of July 1, 2021, appropriate revenue based on final property valuations and mill levies, anticipated grants and bond proceeds, administrative and project related revenue and expenditures during the fiscal year and incorporate on-going construction projects and bond issues with related debt service that were carried forward from fiscal year 2021.

AYES: (11): Stacie Anderson, Mirtha Becerra, Daniel Carlino, John P. Contos, Sierra Farmer, Gwen Jones, Kristen Jordan, Mike Nugent, Amber Sherrill, Sandra Vasecka, and Heidi West

ABSENT: (1): Jennifer Savage

Vote results: Approved (11 to 0)

3.3 Caras Park River Access Design Contract Amendment

Nathan McCleod discussed the project. The City of Missoula received a grant for construction of the Caras Park River Access. This ties in nicely with the improvements made last year. It will provide an ADA access to the water's edge of the river. People with mobility issues can get down to the water. It also improves/increases the river viewing area. The construction is funded by the grant, but the planning is outside the grant. This is to cover the planning phase of this project.

Linda McCarthy with the Downtown Association said they are committed to this project and bringing dollars to the table. They are in partnership with the City on this grant.

Gwen Jones - This has been huge on the implementation of this Parks' Plan.

Sandra Vasecka - I am concerned about the other funding mechanism that is not the grant. What would the future of the project look like if this were to be voted down.

Nathan - I am not sure. Without a design, we cannot build the project. I am really hoping this is not voted down today. Being on City property we want to make sure we can control the design, so it is safe, etc. If design is turned over to someone else, this could be problematic.

Linda - The other option would be to turn down the grant.

Amber Sherrill - Thank you to the Downtown Foundation and Downtown Partnership. This is huge! It is pretty astounding the number of people floating through there. It shows how much our community goes toward the River now that it is clean. There is a good place to go in and a good place to go out.

Linda - I think there were 80 floaters an hour using the river at the last survey.

Gwen - I would imagine with the pandemic, those numbers actually went up and will continue to go up.

Mirtha Becerra - I would be happy to make the motion. I think the Downtown Association is a catalyst for items like this and when we partner with them, is a win-win for everyone. I feel this project will enhance the vitality of our downtown.

Mike Nugent - I would echo those sentiments. I think this river access will be a great addition to downtown.

Gwen - This is an amazing grant opportunity and if we have to help leverage the use of this grant, I am happy to do this.

No public comment.

Onto Consent agenda.

Moved by: Mirtha Becerra

Approve and Authorize the Mayor to sign the contract amendment to add design and optional construction administration services for Caras Park River Access to the existing Clark Fork River Restoration and Access professional services contract for an amount not to exceed \$131,308.50

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ABSENT: (1): Jennifer Savage

Vote results: Approved (11 to 0)

4. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 12:21.