

Journal of Proceedings

Missoula City Council

August 29, 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, Daniel Carlino, John P. Contos, Jordan Hess, Gwen Jones, Mike Nugent, Jennifer Savage, Amber Sherrill, Sandra Vasecka, Heidi West

Members Absent: Mirtha Becerra, Kristen Jordan

Administration Present: 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 Acting Mayor Gwen Jones at 6:00 PM.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

2.1 Minutes from the August 8, 2022 Meeting

The minutes were approved as submitted.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT - NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Acting Mayor Jones We will take public comment on non-agenda items, so nothing that we are actually hearing on our agenda tonight. You can comment on anything not on the agenda. Come on up and please say your name and try and keep it to 3 minutes please.

Kevin Hunt Thank you madam president, members of the Council. My name is Kevin Hunt. I reside at 308 Parkside Lane, and I come before you at this time because I read with great interest that the Council had sent back some proposed questions certain Councilors wanted to be able to ask of the prospective interviewees for our prospective interim mayor to be selected from among those who have applied. One of those had to do with whether the applicant would consider changing the manner in which the head of MRA is appointed, whether for example recurring Council approval and there was a very odd reason that I read was given for why the majority of the Council decided to censor that kind of question and send it back for review, that it doesn't represent the views of a majority of the Council. I'd like to quote for you section 52 of, of Mason's rules that you operate by which is entitled equality of members. It states, "in public bodies, the equality of members is presumed it would seem that for any democratic group to be able to operate acceptance of the principle by quality of members is essential unless that equality is recognized there's no basis upon which it can be determined who or what number has authority to speak for the group and to make its decisions." I want to emphasize the last sentence that it has, which is equality seems essential also to secure the acceptance and good faith of decisions of the group." I'd like to suggest to you that each and every one of the members of this Council has an equal right and ability that can't be quashed by the majority of the Council to ask any question of an applicant that they deem to be of a primary interest to their constituents in the Ward they represent. You are elected not only to serve the City but to represent your constituents of your Ward and there are awards in which a very major issue among Councilor's constituents is the manner in which MRA is, is comprised, how they make their decisions and, and that the appointee of the head of MRA isn't subject to confirmation by, by the Council. And to, for a majority of this Council to say that account an individual Councilor can't exercise their

equality among you and their right to represent their own constituents violates the principle. Every, every tract of parliamentary law I know of Jefferson's rules, Robert's rules, Mason's rules, it's.... I found it shocking as a matter of fact and I'd like to suggest to you that you couldn't have, couldn't enforce it anyway if you wanted to. So, I'm imploring you to permit any Councilor, during the interviews, to ask any question they feel is of primary interest to their constituents of, of, of an applicant as long as they ask it of every, every interviewee. And to do otherwise is just going to say that a majority of this Council is abusing its power, oppressing the rights of the minority, and the two primary purposes of every tract of American parliamentary law is majority rule, but protection of the rights of, of the minority and you will be destroying that and you will be violating the principle of equality of members if you in fact impose a majority imposes a requirement that no Councilor can ask a question that hasn't been approved by the majority. So, for that reason and I, I appeal to everyone, I feel, I appeal the sense of fairness of all of you to take a different path because it's not democratic as Mason's rules states. Thank you.

Acting Mayor Jones Thank you. Any other public comment on items not on the agenda?

Travis Mateer My name is Travis Mateer. I work downtown and so I on a daily basis see the failure of this city and the county to deal with chronic homelessness and so as we're reviewing the 10-year plan to end homelessness in which I'm actually quoted and as we are looking at why this community should be voting for the 5 million dollar crisis services mill levy; I think it's really important to be realistic about what's happening. This is the year anniversary of Johnny Lee Perry being shot in the back. He was shot in the back by sheriff deputies so that's a county issue but recently Dave Strohmaier one of your former colleagues said that the county and the city should really be more in alignment, when it comes to accountability. I agree, absolutely there needs to be much more accountability whether it's the city or the county when it comes to what we're doing with homeless services, when we're dealing with tax increases that are double-digit from the city and the county. I think there is a lot of alignment when it comes to policy and when it comes to failure. I sat in the corners and quest, and I watched Johnny Lee Perry bleed out, all right after he was shot in the back. Now to be fair, they did shoot him four times with non-lethal, so I did watch all of the body cam footage that was that was shown during that coroner's inquest, and I really questioned the crisis intervention training this being given. So, 50 yards away with a with the amplified microphone Johnny put the knife down johnny put the knife down, 30 minutes, and then they moved in, and they killed him. Johnny Lee Perry also assaulted Sean Stevenson, two dead black men in this community that I really hope more people know about and they will by the time I'm done. Thank you.

Acting Mayor Jones Any other public comment on items not on the agenda? Good evening Mr. Moore.

Bob Moore Hello. I'd like to come in again on some TIF matters.

Acting Mayor Jones If you could just state your name for the record please?

Bob Moore Bob Moore.

Acting Mayor Jones Thank you.

Bob Moore I'm sorry, I thought the you'd had said it. The more I look at this brochure that's totally 100% incorrect, the worse I get. I'll read this one tonight public private partnerships make the fund grow. Early in a district's life, the MRA encourages new private projects in the district by investing in parts of private projects that benefit the community. We have a habit of anything coming out benefits the community. These investments include things like sidewalks, street lighting for safety, community infrastructure like water and sewer lines, environmental remediation, historic preservation and deconstruction that makes the material, keeps the material out of our landfill. That's another big positive, always so he's saving the landfills. That's what landfills are for, to take trash. Investing in public private partnerships is necessary to build the revenue to fund public projects later in the life of the district. So, anybody picking this up, public private partnership, anybody believe that there's really a partnership here? When the average of

the development that you fund or give is around 10-15% maybe. So, let me ask you, let me ask you like the share of profit the Stockman Bank received. I've forgotten all their numbers, I think it's like two or three million dollars not sure, but it was a substantial amount of money. So, I wonder how much the city has obtained from this ownership of part of this vote? Where the money is given to, to Stockman Bank. I wonder how much money went to the hotels? Was that all funded just to provide funds or whatever else? Supposedly, if you read all of this, it talks about it's going to be for the future fund, going to ensure the future fund. There's a gas station over on, don't hold me to this, over on Jefferson and some other highway, and he had a, had a I don't know what you call it, had a where you wash clothes inside of his operation of the of the well of that. And I guess he wanted a casino, so he comes to the fine city mayor, and I guess Council, and I guess MRA. He gets, I think it was \$50,000.00 to help him transfer his laundry, laundromat that's what you call it to a casino. We need a casino like about like we do another fund to give away.

Acting Mayor Jones I think we're over 4 minutes Mr. Moore.

Bob Moore I request that you look at some of these things, not from a standpoint of how we can spend it but how we cannot spend it and still have the same result. Thank you.

Acting Mayor Jones Thank you. Anyone else in the room that wants to provide public comment on items not on the agenda. Come on up.

Liam Seymour Good evening. My name is Liam Seymour. I'm a resident of Ward 3. A little over a month ago, the Front Street properties were the topic of a Council meeting where tenants from those properties and from others came to ask for any kind of support possible from this Council. Maybe it wasn't the right place, maybe there was nothing to be done, and I don't want to speak for those tenants of that property, but I think it would have been nice to have a little more support in this matter. Some more acknowledgement that yeah even if there was no way to stop it or to slow it down that there were people out there who saw them and their struggles and were trying their best for some kind of creative solutions. In that meeting and in a committee meeting the week before, one of the owners of the property repeatedly said that this whole process of paperwork and forms would take at least 6 months and that they had no intention or desire to remove any of the tenants until then. This idea was pointed too often in the following discussions surrounding the property with comments along the lines of well yeah 6 months is at least a little bit of time for people to start finding other housing. The tenants at the Front Street units received their notice to vacate at the beginning of this month, more than 4 months before when they were led to believe they would be asked to leave. I know there wasn't a contract or a memorandum of us understanding or anything like that, but I hope that we can all see this like it is. They lied about how long people could stay in their housing, terrible. I said it last week and I'll say it again, but I think that for the amount that the housing crisis gets talked about here that it's just becoming normalized, it's bad out there for tenants. They can let the units become blighted, they can jack up the rents by 30% with no change to the units, and they can come to the City Council meeting and lie about how long they're going to let you stay in your housing. I know all of you have a really hard job and I know that it's made even harder because of things at the state level but you got to understand that it's bad out there for tenants. We know you can't do everything. We know that in some realms of housing, we're just going to have to go out after other levels of this system but there are absolutely things that can be done in Missoula, things that we can try. You got lied to by people, we all got lied to by people in this room in a Council meeting and I hope you're as angry about that as we all.

Acting Mayor Jones Any other comments on items on the agenda from anyone in the room? We're hearing....somebody needs to mute their remote. Okay. For anyone who is attending virtually, if you want to give public comment on items not on the agenda, please raise your hand. I'm not seeing any raised hands. Okay, so, we'll go forward with the agenda. Marty if you could go through the committee agenda please, next on our items.

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

Committee of the Whole, August 31, 9:00 – 9:55 a.m.

Public Works and Mobility Committee, August 31, 10:10 – 10:30 a.m.

Climate, Conservation, and Parks Committee, August 31, 10:45 – 11:45 a.m.

Housing, Redevelopment and Community Programs Committee, August 31, 1:15 – 1:35 p.m.

Public Safety, Health, and Operations Committee, August 31, 1:50 – 2:30 p.m.

Land Use and Planning Committee, September 7, 8:30 – 8:45 a.m.

Committee of the Whole, September 7, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Acting Mayor Jones Thank you Marty.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

Acting Mayor Jones And next if you could go through the consent agenda item 5 on our agenda.

Acting Mayor Jones Thank you Marty. Is there any public comment on the consent agenda? And I'll look in our virtual attendees, please raise your hand if you want to provide public comment on the consent agenda. Seeing none, any Councilor want to divide the question? Ms. Vasecka.

Aldersperson Vasecka I would like to separate 5.6 and vote on that separately.

Acting Mayor Jones Go ahead. I'm sorry, I wasn't listening....[inaudible]. Anyone else? I thought I saw another hand and got confused. Okay thanks. If you can divide out 5.3 and 5.6, Marty.

Acting Mayor Jones Thank you.

AYES: (10): Aldersperson Anderson, Aldersperson Carlino, Aldersperson Contos, Aldersperson Hess, Aldersperson Jones, Aldersperson Nugent, Aldersperson Savage, Aldersperson Sherrill, Aldersperson Vasecka, and Aldersperson West

ABSENT: (2): Aldersperson Becerra, and Aldersperson Jordan

Vote result: Approved (10 to 0)

5.1 Accounts Payable (claims) for checks dated 8/30/2022

Approve accounts payable in the amount of \$1,895,112.41 for checks dated August 30, 2022.

Vote result: Approved

5.2 Professional Services Agreement Amendment No. 1 with WGM Group for the Cooley St. and Stoddard St. Water Main Replacement Project

Approve and authorize the Acting Mayor to sign the Professional Services Agreement Amendment No. 1 with WGM Group, Inc. for the Cooley Street and Stoddard Street Water Main Replacement Project at a cost not to exceed \$25,411.00

Vote result: Approved

5.4 Ordinance Granting TDS Metrocom LLC Cable Television Franchise

First reading and preliminary adoption - Set a public hearing on September 19, 2022, on an ordinance Granting TDS Metrocom LLC Cable Television Franchise

Vote result: Approved

5.5 End of Year Report for CDBG/HOME Program Year 2021

(No quorum present) Set a public hearing for Monday, September 19, 2022, to review the City of Missoula Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) for HUD-Funded Programs for Program Year 2021.

Vote result: Approved

5.3 A Resolution Supporting the City of Missoula's Safe Streets and Roads for All Grant Application

Adopt and authorize the Acting Mayor to sign a Resolution to support the intent of and project contained in the 2022 South Avenue Safe Streets for All grant application, and commit to providing up to \$1,500,000 in local funds as match necessary to complete the project elements located within the current City limits.

AYES: (8): Alderperson Anderson, Alderperson Carlino, Alderperson Hess, Alderperson Jones, Alderperson Nugent, Alderperson Savage, Alderperson Sherrill, and Alderperson West

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

ABSENT: (2): Alderperson Becerra, and Alderperson Jordan

Vote result: Approved (8 to 2)

5.6 Legislative Lobbyist for 2023 Session

Approve and authorize the mayor to sign a contract with Central House Strategies in the amount of \$38,000 for lobbyist services for the 2023 Montana Legislature.

AYES: (9): Alderperson Anderson, Alderperson Carlino, Alderperson Contos, Alderperson Hess, Alderperson Jones, Alderperson Nugent, Alderperson Savage, Alderperson Sherrill, and Alderperson West

NAYS: (1): Alderperson Vasecka

ABSENT: (2): Alderperson Becerra, and Alderperson Jordan

Vote result: Approved (9 to 1)

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

None.

7. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

7.1 Proclamation - Suicide Prevention Week

Acting Mayor Jones We do have two proclamations tonight that I will read, pull it up here. The first one is a proclamation for Suicide Prevention Week.

WHEREAS, this proclamation recognizes suicide as a community-wide problem and suicide prevention as requiring a community effort; and WHEREAS, Montana's suicide rate is the third highest in the nation and is ranked among the top five states with the

highest rates of suicide for the past four decades; and WHEREAS, since 2017 Missoula county has suffered 143 suicides; and WHEREAS, suicide by firearm accounts for 50% of all suicides in the U.S. and 62% of all suicides in Montana, and guns stored in the home are used for suicide 40 times more often than for self-defense; and WHEREAS, it is important to support our new national suicide prevention lifeline call center here in Missoula, along with our new mobile response units who can effectively and empathetically intervene in crisis situations; and WHEREAS, our community will support suicide prevention efforts to the maximum extent possible with initiatives like Project Tomorrow Montana, which works to reduce Missoula County suicide deaths and attempts through educational programs and evidence-based policy. Now, therefore, in coordination with the National Suicide Prevention Week, I, Gwen Jones, acting Mayor of the City of Missoula in the State of Montana do hereby recognize the week of September 7th through the 13th 2022 as Suicide Prevention Week.

Acting Mayor Jones And it is signed by me on the 7th day of September, year 2022. And we have a second proclamation that I will read. This is a proclamation regarding International Overdose Awareness Day.

7.2 Proclamation - International Overdose Awareness Day

WHEREAS, the city of Missoula does affirm and acknowledge the harm and hardship caused by drug overdose; and WHEREAS, we recognize the purpose of International Overdose Awareness Day as remembering loved ones lost to overdose and ending the stigma of drug-related deaths; and WHEREAS, we resolve to play our part in reducing the toll of overdose in our community, which claimed the lives of more than 1,484 Montana residents between 2009 and 2020, with countless more affected forever; and WHEREAS, we ask the Missoula community to join us in recognizing International Overdose Awareness Day, as we saw a 77% increase in fatal overdose in 2020 in our County; and WHEREAS, we affirm that the people affected by overdose are our sons and daughters, our mothers and fathers, our brothers and sisters, our neighbors and deserving of our love, compassion, and support. Now, therefore, I, Gwen Jones, acting mayor of the City of Missoula, do hereby recognize the 31st day of August 2022 as International Overdose Awareness Day.

Acting Mayor Jones And it is signed by me. I believe we have someone here to speak to it, who should be, if you can raise your hand please, if you were going to speak to this from the health department or city-county health department. Ms. Beczkiewicz, did you want to speak to this? Raise your hand. I'm not seeing a raised hand, so that's all right. We'll go forward but these are important issues covered in these proclamations and I appreciate that they've been brought in for, in front of us.

8. FINAL CONSIDERATION

None.

9. PUBLIC HEARINGS

9.1 Street Lighting Improvement District Assessments for fiscal year 2023

Acting Mayor Jones We do have several public hearings. State law and City Council rule set guidelines for inviting community comment in a formal way on certain issues. Following a staff report on each item, the City Council and the Mayor invite community comment. City Council holds a public hearing open for a week and then we vote, unless there's a requirement for final action on the night of the public hearing. We have several motions tonight. We'll do 9.1 first Marty and then we'll do all of the 9.2 sections, if that's all right with you? So, 9.1 is the Street Lighting Improvement District Assessments for fiscal year 2023. And we have Ms. Rehbein here to present a little staff report on that.

Marty Rehbein I don't know if you'll be happy or not that I don't have PowerPoint. I know you see a lot of it.

Acting Mayor Jones Just speak to it, that's fine.

Marty Rehbein So, tonight I'm bringing to you the City Street Lighting Improvement District Assessments. The City of Missoula has had street lighting districts for a lot of the course of our history. These districts are located throughout the community. They're not consistent from block to block or house to house and the districts are but the lighting isn't. So, last year, NorthWestern Energy installed some LED lighting in these districts. They converted the, the lights in the districts to LED and City Council directed Public Works and Mobility to take a look at these districts to see if there was any savings in these districts that might go toward improving the lighting in a particular district. And during the course of this last year, Public Works and Mobility determined there isn't enough savings to address any of the gaps between block to block or house to house in any of these districts and so we are proposing this evening and that City Council apply 50% of those, that windfall savings that occurred in fiscal year 21, this year and 50% next year. That means that this year's assessments totaled \$269,457.00. Last year's assessments were \$368,471.00 and so this means that there'll be a 27% decrease when you look at this just at these districts as a whole. And I've had a couple of questions from the public about these dollar figures, so these represent this, these dollar figures represent the total for all of the districts. And generally folks when you look on your property taxes and you see a street lighting district there, the assessment method is generally in these districts the amount of front footage that your property has in the street compared to other properties that are located in the district and so they are portioned by district and then by the, the footed, front footage not square footage front footage that a house bears to the other properties in the district. So, I am here to answer any of your questions. Next year, we'll be applying the remaining 50% in order to reduce any other increases in this district and then the following year, it'll just be on a cost basis of you know what the what the charge through is from NorthWestern Energy for the lighting. We just pass it on through to the district and the repairs. Oh, I should also mention that you know lighting does provide a general benefit to the city. So, the city's road district number one does pay for 10% of the cost of lighting in letting improvement districts every year.

Acting Mayor Jones Thanks Marty. So, I'm going to take 9.1. We'll just go through the whole sequence for 9.1 and then we'll do 9.2. For 9.1, is there any public comment on the street lighting improvement district assessments? Check online, I see none. Are there any questions from Council on this item? Seeing no raised hands, I would look for a motion from Mr. Hess.

Alderpersion Hess Thank you Mayor Jones. I move we adopt a resolution of the Missoula City Council levying and assessing a special assessment and tax on the lots, pieces and parcels of land situated within all special lighting districts of the City of Missoula, Montana, in the amount of \$269,457.00 to defray the cost of street lighting in special lighting districts during the fiscal year 2023.

Acting Mayor Jones Thank you. Any public comment on the motion that is in order? If you're virtual, you can raise your hand. I'll call on you. I'm not seeing any raised hands. Any Council comment? Seeing none, we will have a role called vote Marty.

Acting Mayor Jones Thank you.

Moved by: Alderpersion Hess

Adopt a resolution of the Missoula City Council levying and assessing a special assessment and tax on the lots, pieces and parcels of land situated within all special lighting districts of the City of Missoula, Montana, in the amount of \$269,457.00 to defray the cost of street lighting in special lighting districts during the fiscal year 2023.

AYES: (8): Alderperson Anderson, Alderperson Carlino, Alderperson Hess, Alderperson Jones, Alderperson Nugent, Alderperson Savage, Alderperson Sherrill, and Alderperson West

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

ABSENT: (2): Alderperson Becerra, and Alderperson Jordan

Vote result: Approved (8 to 2)

9.2 Resolution levying assessments for Park District 1, Road District 1, Tourism Business Improvement District and Downtown Business Improvement District for fiscal year 2023

Acting Mayor Jones Next we have item 9.2. There are numerous motions underneath this. This is entitled Resolution levying assessments for Park District 1, Road District 1, Tourism Business Improvement District and Downtown Business Improvement District for fiscal year 2023. Marty did you want to introduce these items?

Marty Rehbein I'd be happy to. So, last night, the city, excuse me, not last night, last week, Monday, the City Council adopted the budget and work plans for the Road District number 1, for Park District number 1, for the Tourism Business Improvement District, and the Downtown Business Improvement District. The statutes for these particular districts require that City Council, following the adoption and work plans of the budgets, do the tax levies and set the method of assessment at least in the case of Park District number 1 and Road District 1, and so that is what you're being asked to do this at this evening's public hearing. Last week, you approved a work plan in the amount of \$7,202,828.00 for Park District number 1. The action this evening that you're being asked to consider and that we're holding a public hearing on is to levy the taxes necessary to be able to fund that work plan and budget. We do have an exhibit to the resolution that indicates the assessments attached to tonight's agenda that shows what every property owner is subject to under that district. Likewise, Road District 1, last week, you approved a work plan and budget for Road District 1 totaling \$6,882,020.00. I think it goes without saying the Park District number 1 goes to fund all park activities. Road District 1 funds things in the public works and mobilities department street division, the engineering division, central services vehicle maintenance or fleet services division. You're being asked to set a method of assessment and again, we have a list of the properties and the amount that folks are being assessed. Since the beginning of both of these districts, the method of assessment has been to assess the work plan and budget dollar figures against the proportionate share, each property has their taxable value has to the remaining properties in the district. So, the larger your taxable value is, the more you pay in this district and the smaller your taxable value is the smaller your proportionate share of those costs is. For Tourism Business Improvement District, the City of Missoula, like many communities and all larger cities in Montana, has a Tourism Business Improvement District, that is city-wide. This is a tax that is collected in the amount of \$2.00/per occupied room night. That money is spent by the Tourism Business Improvement District to promote tourism, tourneys, tournaments, conferences and otherwise get heads in the beds of the participating hotels that are in this district, which is city wide. The Downtown Business Improvement District was created in generally the downtown area. This district assists with things like the downtown police officer, the clean team that you see going around downtown Missoula, they assist with trash and rubbish removal, and many other programs. The Downtown Master Plan is something that has been funded and successfully carried out by the Business Improvement District, so it's generally a district that revitalizes the downtown and helps to keep it vibrant. This district is, is administered by board of trustees and it and the TBID must be reauthorized every 10 years by the property owners in the district and both of these districts were recently reauthorized. The work plan that was approved by City Council last week for the Business Improvement

District was totaled \$390,172.82. There is an exhibit attached to your agenda materials this evening. This shows the amount that each property owner is liable for that is in this district, that is attached to your agenda this evening. And I think I'll stop there, oh I should say that the Business Improvement District method of assessment is set in its foundational documents, when the district was created it is a flat fee plus a percentage of the taxable value for private parcels in the district. The city, county, and parking commission also have assessment formulas and pay into this district.

Acting Mayor Jones Thank you Marty. All right, any public comment on this item? I'll look virtually to see if we've got anybody attending that way. All right, seeing no public comment, any questions from Council? Ms. Vasecka.

Alderperson Vasecka So, all of these districts, are they just they're not voluntarily to be in it, it's just a district that's an area that's around in the part of the city and then so you can't opt out of it if you're in that district for any four of these? Is that correct?

Acting Mayor Jones Are you? Marty can help with this. Are you discussing the Business Improvement District?

Alderperson Vasecka That was my, my first question, but then I kind of am lumping it in with all the other districts. A constituent asked me if like the Park District, the Road District, Tourism Business Improvement District and the Downtown Business Improvement District, if you can, if they're voluntarily to be in them or if it's just like if you're in a, a special improvement district, you're just located in that area? If that makes sense?

Acting Mayor Jones Marty are you able to answer that? Otherwise, I think Dale was on the line also.

Marty Rehbein I can answer that. So, when these districts were created, at least for the Tourism Business Improvement District and the Business Improvement District, City Council received a petition from property owners in the district to indicate that they wanted to be in and they had to hit a threshold of I can't remember what the statute says off hand, but a certain percentage of property owners in the district had to petition to create these districts. Then, we sent out notice to the property owners that were proposed to be included in the district and observed a protest period, during which there was a three ways that each of the, the Tourism Business Improvement District, and the Business Improvement District could be defeated, that was not the case, so these districts are created. They are lawful taxing districts, and it is not optional to pay the fees in them now that they have been established. With the Road and Park District, those districts were initiated by City Council. During the creation process of both of those districts, the city, their city, those are two districts are city-wide districts. The city sent out proper notices to all of the property owners and observed a protest period. Likewise, there is a trigger in that statute where these districts could have been defeated but they were not and so they have been created and participation in them via paying your taxes is not optional at this juncture. So, the opportunity to protest the creation of these districts exists when they're created or in the case of the Business Improvement District and the Tourism Business Improvement District when they have to be reauthorized every 10 years, but the annual assessments are not optional.

Acting Mayor Jones So are there any other questions?

Alderperson Vasecka Nope, that was a very good explanation. Thank you.

Acting Mayor Jones Oka, let me check online from any of our other Councilors who are zooming in. Okay, seeing no other questions, Mr. Hess for the motions please.

Alderperson Hess Thank you. So, I'll make all of these motions and then I'd like to speak to them, if that's okay?

Acting Mayor Jones Sure. We call. Go ahead and give the motion, we'll call for public comment, and then we'll come back to you.

Alderperson Hess Okay. So first, I move that we adopt a resolution of the City Council of the city of Missoula, Montana, levying and assessing the lots and parcels within the city of Missoula Park District Number 1 in the amount of \$7,202,828.00 for the costs associated with providing certain maintenance, purchasing and improvement services in fiscal year 2023 for city-owned facilities, land and equipment under the responsibility and care of the city of Missoula Parks and Recreation Department; providing for a method of assessments; and providing for other matters properly relating thereto. Next that we adopt a resolution of the City Council of the city of Missoula, Montana levying and assessing the lots and parcels within the city of Missoula Road District number 1 in the amount of \$6,882,820.00 for the costs associated with provided with providing certain maintenance, purchasing, and improvement services in the fiscal year 2023 for city-owned facilities, land, and equipment under the responsibility and care of the city of Missoula Public Works and Mobility Department Street Division and Engineering Division, Central Services Vehicle Maintenance Division, providing for a method of assessments and providing for other matters properly relating thereto. Next that we adopt a resolution of the levying annual assessments on the hotel located in the Tourism Business Improvement District in the city of Missoula Montana for fiscal year 2023 in the amount of \$2.00/per occupied room night in accordance with 712.1132 MCA. And finally, that we adopt a resolution levying taxes on the lots, pieces. and parcels of land located in the Downtown Business Improvement District of the city of Missoula for fiscal year 2023 and Ms. Rehbein there is a dollar amount missing in the recommended motion. Do you have that?

Marty Rehbein I do. It's \$390,172.82.

Alderperson Hess In the amount of \$390,172.82 in accordance with 712.1132 MCA.

Acting Mayor Jones Thank you. Any public comment on the motion, which is in order? And if you're virtual, you can raise a hand and I'll call on you. All right, seeing none, back to you Mr. Hess for comment.

Alderperson Hess Thanks. I want to, I guess just, we have a lot of people in attendance tonight and I want to clarify that this is largely a housekeeping measure to, to levy the budgeted items that were finalized in our budget last week. And the reason this came today versus last week was that we were waiting essentially for that budget to be adopted, so that we had the final numbers to put into the into these resolutions. So, this is kind of the, the next, the final step of our budget process to adopt these resolutions that now that we know what the actual assessments are. So, straightforward and I'll be in support of these motions.

Acting Mayor Jones Thank you. Any other comments from Council on this item? Ms. Vasecka.

Alderperson Vasecka While I did approve the budget last week, I do disagree with some things that are in the budget and these levies, I voted against them last year and I will continue on that and vote against them this year. I don't really like the, I guess I don't necessarily like the process of adding on another tax when it's not completely voluntary by everybody in the district. So, that's why I'm not going to be supporting it tonight.

Acting Mayor Jones Thank you. Any other comments from Council? Seeing none, if we can do votes, Ms. Rehbein, I believe your recommendation was to do individual votes on each motion, correct?

Marty Rehbein You can do individual votes or on all four, if you wish, at a time but if the votes are going to be different on each one, we probably should do it separately.

Acting Mayor Jones Ms. Vasecka do you want to separate out one or two items or?

Alderperson Vasecka No, I'll be consistent so we can vote on them all together.

Acting Mayor Jones Okay. Anyone else want to separate out any of the items? Seeing none, we can do one vote on all items then.

Marty Rehbein Okay, so this is a roll call vote on the resolution for Park District number 1, Road District 1, the Tourism Business Improvement District, and the Downtown Business Improvement District, all for fiscal year 23.

Acting Mayor Jones Thank you Marty.

Adopt a resolution of the City Council of the city of Missoula, Montana, levying and assessing the lots and parcels within the city of Missoula Park District Number 1 in the amount of \$7,202,828.00 for the costs associated with providing certain maintenance, purchasing and improvement services in fiscal year 2023 for city-owned facilities, land and equipment under the responsibility and care of the city of Missoula Parks and Recreation Department; providing for a method of assessments; and providing for other matters properly relating thereto

AYES: (7): Alderperson Anderson, Alderperson Hess, Alderperson Jones, Alderperson Nugent, Alderperson Savage, Alderperson Sherrill, and Alderperson West

NAYS: (3): Alderperson Carlino, Alderperson Contos, and Alderperson Vasecka

ABSENT: (2): Alderperson Becerra, and Alderperson Jordan

Vote result: Approved (7 to 3)

Adopt a resolution of the City Council of the City of Missoula, Montana, levying and assessing the lots and parcels within the City of Missoula Road District Number 1 in the amount of \$6,882,820 for the costs associated with providing certain maintenance, purchasing and improvement services in fiscal year 2023 for city-owned facilities, land and equipment under the responsibility and care of the City of Missoula Public Works and Mobility Department's Street Division and Engineering Division, Central Service's Vehicle Maintenance Division providing for a method of assessments; and providing for other matters properly relating thereto.

AYES: (7): Alderperson Anderson, Alderperson Hess, Alderperson Jones, Alderperson Nugent, Alderperson Savage, Alderperson Sherrill, and Alderperson West

NAYS: (3): Alderperson Carlino, Alderperson Contos, and Alderperson Vasecka

ABSENT: (2): Alderperson Becerra, and Alderperson Jordan

Vote result: Approved (7 to 3)

Adopt a resolution levying annual assessments on the hotels located in the Tourism Business Improvement District of the City of Missoula for fiscal year 2023 in the amount of \$2 per occupied room night in accordance with 7-12-1132 MCA.

AYES: (7): Alderperson Anderson, Alderperson Hess, Alderperson Jones, Alderperson Nugent, Alderperson Savage, Alderperson Sherrill, and Alderperson West

NAYS: (3): Alderperson Carlino, Alderperson Contos, and Alderperson Vasecka

ABSENT: (2): Alderperson Becerra, and Alderperson Jordan

Vote result: Approved (7 to 3)

Adopt a resolution levying taxes on the lots, pieces and parcels of land located in the Downtown Business Improvement District of the City of Missoula for fiscal year 2023 in the amount of \$390,172.82 in accordance with 7-12-1132 MCA

AYES: (7): Alderperson Anderson, Alderperson Hess, Alderperson Jones, Alderperson Nugent, Alderperson Savage, Alderperson Sherrill, and Alderperson West

NAYS: (3): Alderperson Carlino, Alderperson Contos, and Alderperson Vasecka

ABSENT: (2): Alderperson Becerra, and Alderperson Jordan

Vote result: Approved (7 to 3)

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

10.1 Budget and Finance (BF) committee report

10.1.1 Minutes from the August 17, 2022 Meeting

10.2 Climate, Conservation and Parks (CCP) committee report

10.3 Committee of the Whole (COW) committee report

10.3.1 Minutes from the August 24, 2022 Meeting

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

10.4.1 Minutes from the August 24, 2022 Meeting

10.5 Land Use and Planning (LUP) committee report

10.5.1 Minutes from the August 24, 2022 Meeting

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

10.6.1 Minutes from the August 24, 2022 Meeting

10.7 Public Works and Mobility (PWM) committee report

10.7.1 Minutes from the August 24, 2022 Meeting

11. NEW BUSINESS

11.1 Public Forum Missoula County Pallet Shelter

Acting Mayor Jones We do have two items under new business. The first 11.1 is Public Forum Missoula County Pallet Shelter. I'm not sure if we have anyone here to present briefly on this. It looks like we are setting a public forum hearing on September 12, 2022 and we will be hearing this in Land Use and Planning Committee on September 7, 2022. Mr. Hess did you have any information to add to this item other than that we're just setting these dates?

Alderperson Hess I can speak to it briefly. So, when an item, there was a, an attorney general's opinion in the 1980s that, that basically indicated that other units of government don't need to follow a local zoning. So, this is Missoula county that is proposing a project that does not meet our zoning. They do have to, they do have to do a public forum, which is basically a public forum for, for them to hear from the public and there was a recent state law change that that brought these to City Council, so we've seen this is the second one we've seen since that that state law change in the 2021 legislature. We don't

have any power to act on it but it's basically just an opportunity, we can't say no to the project, but it's basically just an opportunity for the project to get some public, for the for the public to be able to view the project. So, this is, this is coming before us for new business because there's a 30-day statutory timeline to get these done, and so this is why we're seeing it tonight and then the primary presentation, public forum presentation would just be on September 12, 2022.

Acting Mayor Jones All right, thank you. Any questions from Council regarding this item? I'm not seeing any, then any public comment on this item? And I would be looking, I don't see any public comments, so if I could have a motion Mr. Hess.

Alderpersion Hess I move we set a public hearing on September 12, 2022 to provide a public forum and take public comment on an application from Missoula County to provide amenities for temporary and emergency shelter at 2340 Mullan Road through the Temporary Use, Emergency Homeless Shelter, and Group Living uses, and refer this item to the Land Use and Planning committee for a preview on September 7, 2022. Per Title 20 Zoning Code, City Council must conduct this public forum, but has no power to deny, approve or condition the proposed use.

Acting Mayor Jones Thank you. That motion is in order. Any public comment on this item? Seeing no public comment, any other questions or comments from Council? Seeing none, we'll have a roll call vote to get the hearings.

Moved by: Alderpersion Hess

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AYES: (10): Alderpersion Anderson, Alderpersion Carlino, Alderpersion Contos, Alderpersion Hess, Alderpersion Jones, Alderpersion Nugent, Alderpersion Savage, Alderpersion Sherrill, Alderpersion Vasecka, and Alderpersion West

ABSENT: (2): Alderpersion Becerra, and Alderpersion Jordan

Vote result: Approved (10 to 0)

11.2 City Council appointment to fill Mayor Vacancy

Acting Mayor Jones Okay, the next item of business is 11.2, City Council appointment to fill the Mayor Vacancy. Tonight, the phase that we are in is nominating people who have given written applications, nominating them, elevating them to the next stage to be interviewed on September 7, 2022. So tonight, I will take public comment on this item and then we will go to Councilors who will name their nominees to be interviewed. Each Councilor has the option of nominating one person. So, before we start, is there any public comment on this item? If so, please come up and state your name, and try and keep it to 3 minutes.

Maggie Bornstein Hi, thanks, it's Maggie Bornstein for the record. I'm being vain [silence].

Acting Mayor Jones It's, it's one. It's on now.....[silence]

Alderpersion Anderson Acting Mayor, I don't mean to interrupt Ms. Bornstein, but we can't hear her virtually.

Acting Mayor Jones All right, hang on a second. The switch is.... you know okay.... try it now okay....

Maggie Bornstein Okay....

Acting Mayor Jones Okay, just start over, and state your name.

Maggie Bornstein Can you?

Acting Mayor Jones Go ahead and speak.

Maggie Bornstein Sure. Again, my name is Maggie Bornstein for the record. In summary, people in this community, particularly women are really still excited with, what it what a fleet of wonderful candidates. Though I will say I've heard from a lot of women feeling like that there was a lack of representation in female applicants and there's a number of reasons why we know that's true, like our society more broadly and culturally locally and I would say a lot of it is really hard to manufacture out of a community, but I will say a lot of it is how we show up for women in our lives every single day. I've done youth mentorship to girls in our community. I have a little sister and I think of, I encourage you all to implore the reasons why you're sitting here today and consider the people who encouraged you to put yourselves forward and take a chance on yourself and think about maybe women in your life you can extend that gratitude and grace too because it's missing. It shows it's missing and yet we still have such a lovely field of candidates, and I don't want to negate that, but thanks so much.

Acting Mayor Jones Thank you. Anyone else that wants to provide public comment? Go ahead and step up.

Kevin Hunt My name is Kevin Hunt. I live at 308 Parkside Lane. I, I know I emailed all of you or most of you earlier today and I'm sure you got so inundated with emails, you've probably haven't had a chance to look at it yet, but I'd like to suggest that because of certain perceptions in the community, whether they're accurate or not, I think it's very important that people who have experience and are qualified and who are not already sitting on the Council have, be elevated to the next level and I'm thinking of two people in particular. I'm thinking of Fred Rice and I'm thinking of Patrick Weasel Head, my, my only concerns about Mr. Weasel Head, who I have a great amount of respect for is his commitment to homeless outreach services, but through the interview process that's something that can be expanded upon, clarified, and then from there an intelligent decision can be made. I think what's really unfortunate, whether it's accurate or not, but I certainly trust my sources is that there's certainly a very strong public perception that this entire process is perfunctory in pro forma and that there are six if not seven votes already predetermined and locked up for who is the eventual interim Mayor's going to be and I think to the extent that you try to disabuse us of this misconception if it is a misconception, it will certainly suit you well in 2023 when people are up for election because the public feels that in fact there was true consideration given and this process isn't really perfunctory. I'd like to strongly encourage you to elevate Mr. Rice, who his, his application aside from being of a very high quality, I think you're going to have a lot more credibility in what you do if you have someone who's not currently sitting among you, who takes the reins, but has extensive experience and has served on this Council before, is fair-minded, and isn't already the favorite pick of the majority that's censoring other people's questions and not adhering to the equality of members. Thank you.

Acting Mayor Jones Come on up.

Teigan Avery Hi, I'm Teigan Avery and I want to say first off thank you acting Mayor Jones and City Council for all the hard work that you do. It does not go unnoticed even though it might feel like it. I want to especially shout out the roundabouts going in on Mullan. So, I, in case you didn't get my email today, I want to introduce myself and also for the benefit of the public, I'm Teigan Avery one of the applicants for Mayor and just to

let you know who I am. I'm a recent graduate of the University of Montana. I just got my Master of Economics and I'm what some people might call a certified nerd and I became a certified nerd after spending a year researching and interning with the City of Missoula focusing on affordable housing in Missoula, which I started as a 19-year-old. So, therefore, a certified nerd and I applied today to be the Mayor of, to interview with you for Mayor of Missoula because I plan to use the knowledge from my research in the classroom and from my lived experience to guide Missoula towards a forward-looking, livable, lovable Missoula with evidence-backed policy. My economics training has revealed to me that the individual issues that Missoula encounters are a part of a system, whether that is housing, businesses, taxes, climate, transportation, schools or public health, and that none of these problems can be solved in a vacuum. And I also seek to channel the energy of Missoulians, of City Council, and of city staff towards planning for the future while living in the present and respecting the past. So, I hope not to just speak at you but to speak with you on September 7, 2022, in an interview and to have a deeper dialogue about the things that I think I can contribute to this city and the passion that I have for this city through more than a note card speech and explain why I love roundabouts so much. Thank you.

Acting Mayor Jones Do we have public comment from anyone in the room? If anyone is attending virtually and they want to provide public comment, please raise your hand, I'll call on you. I'm not seeing any raised hands, so and no other public comment in the room, so we will go forward with nominating people to be interviewed for the Mayoral vacancy. I'm gonna wait for our clerk to be all ready.

Marty Rehbein I have all of the names right here on the desk and we're gonna throw them in the hat, as they get nominated. My family is in heavy construction, so I had this in the back of my car and then we'll draw them out to determine the interview order.

Acting Mayor Jones Thank you. Okay, so please raise your hand if you would like to nominate anyone. Ms. Sherrill.

Alderperson Sherrill Thanks and I'm having trouble with my computer, so I know you can hear me, but I don't know for sure if you can see me. I appreciate, I first want to say that I really appreciate all the applicants, and this was a talented pool of people, so I really appreciate that. I am going to nominate Jordan Hess and if I may speak to it, president or Mayor Jones?

Acting Mayor Jones Go ahead.

Alderperson Sherrill I think that this is a really big decision for us. I was elected to do what I believe is right for the city. I've been entrusted with that by my constituents, and I take that responsibility very seriously. I believe this is the time to appoint a candidate who we believe is the best applicant for our community right now. Beyond that, I believe in the democratic process and next November all our voters and not just the 12 of us, will decide who our next Mayor will be. I believe we need to appoint a Mayor who has experience to step in as seamlessly as possible, to keep the city running smoothly until that time. To me, this means having a deep full understanding of our policies, our departments, our funding and our staff. I believe this appointment needs to be, needs to have a long-standing trusting relationship with staff that's built on many years of experience. Jordan has been on the Council for nine years and was part of the development of many of the policies we currently operate under. He is our Vice President of Council and has chaired our Land Use and Planning Committee for many years, which if any of you watch those committee meetings, they are very technically challenging committees and they are the most controversial usually. Jordan is not always the loudest in the room but he is many times the most thoughtful and insightful. If you look back at past meetings, many of us have said at some point in time how much we hate speaking after him, myself included. This is because he is able to take complex issues with many sides and articulate them clearly and thoughtfully. He's able to

consider public concerns as well as input from Councilors he doesn't agree with to print to frame his opinion. As I said, I have read all of the applications and there are a lot of really talented people who applied. I am nominating Jordan because I don't think any of those applicants have the level of experience in municipal government, understanding of our policies and funding, or the trust and relationships in our staff but I do want to say that I really, really appreciate the quality of the applications that we received but I do think that all of those things for an appointment from this body are really important. That being said, I know we will have the opportunity to interview many other candidates and I am going to look forward to, to doing that but my nomination is Councilman Hess.

Acting Mayor Jones Thank you. Next, we have Jennifer Savage.

Alderson Savage Hi everyone. I am in an airport one of the busiest airports in the world actually, and so it's a little hard to speak but I would like to nominate Mike Nugent and I feel like it will be a disservice to Mike for me to try and speak to his candidacy right now and hoping I would get an opportunity to do that later, but I just want to make sure that he's nominated.

Acting Mayor Jones That does sound like a busy airport. Thank you. Stacie Anderson.

Alderson Anderson Thank you Acting Mayor Jones. I would like to nominate Patrick Weasel Head and to quickly speak to that. I think that he brings a diverse lived experience, as well as previous Council experience and we, I think, would benefit from having a deeper conversation with him outside of just his application.

Acting Mayor Jones Thank you. Mr. Carlino.

Alderson Carlino Yeah, I'd like to nominate Teigen Avery for the Mayor interview. I think it'd be important to have a young person's voice and somebody who understands the urgency of the issues and also to have at least one applicant who's not a man for the job, that's been held by a man this entire time up until acting Mayor Gwen Jones, but I also think, I was really impressed with Ms. Avery's application and, and her research on the issues with housing and I'd like to hear more from all the applicants. I think it's; it would actually be a great service to the community to hear from all the people that applied and allow a public interview for as many people as possible. And even a candidate forum I think would be great, but yeah.

Acting Mayor Jones Thank you. Any other nominations? Any other hands raised? Let me check online, oh Ms. Vasecka.

Alderson Vasecka There we go, thank you. I also looked at all the applications and was very, very impressed. There, there were ranges of backgrounds, ranges of ages, ranges of amount of time in Missoula and I was, I gotta say it was it was really interesting reading all the applications and seeing all the and the answers. I, as many of you know, I did endorse Jacob Elder in his Mayoral campaign last year, and I am well I have not made a decision yet because that would be unfair to the applicants and to the interviewees, I would like to see him move forward and I would like to see him interview with all the Councilors and I am excited to see the entire interview process before we all make a decision. This is, it's a lot of pressure to be put on 12 people to decide the next interim Mayor of, of Missoula, while when it usually is elected by all the voters in Missoula. So, it's tremendous, a tremendous amount of pressure for us and I'm not taking this lightly, but I do want to see how, I want to see him move forward. His values, the majority of his values do align with mine, a lot of his political leanings do align with mine, and I like how he doesn't, doesn't seem to be too far left, too far right. He seems to be very much of a moderate and I like that, and I would like to see that in our Mayor so I will be nominating Jacob Elder to the interview process.

Acting Mayor Jones Thank you. And Ms. West.

Alderperson West I think this is one of the saddest and hardest exercises I've ever gone through, and I think there were lots of really awesome candidates here and I think I want to add Fred Rice to the list of interviewees. I think he, his resume is pretty impressive, and I would like to hear more from him, I guess it's that next week, next week.

Acting Mayor Jones All right. Any other raised hands to nominate? And I'm looking online, going, going, gone. All right, so we will close nominations and Ms. Rehbein, would you like to choose the order in which we have? I believe we have six interviews.

Marty Rehbein We'll hold it and have Mr. Hunt draw.

Acting Mayor Jones All right then.

Kevin Hunt I'm just now having some narcolepsy.

Acting Mayor Jones Okay.

Kevin Hunt I can't raise my hand afterwards.

Marty Rehbein Jacob Elder, we'll see you at 9 00 a.m. Jordan Hess. So, we have Jacob Elder interviewing first. Jordan Hess will be interviewing second. Fred Rice will be entering third. Teigan Avery will be interviewing fourth. Two more. Okay, Mike Nugent's going to be interviewing fifth and there's only one more name in the hat, so I'll draw that one. And that of course is Patrick Weasel Head. So, our interview order will be Jacob Elder, Jordan Hess, Fred Rice, Teigan Avery, Mike Nugent, and Patrick Weasel Head. We will be doing six interviews on September 7, 2022. Interviews start at 9 00 a.m. and we'll be talking about questions this coming Wednesday. It's my understanding that will establish the length of the interviews based on the number of questions that we ask, yes?

Acting Mayor Jones Yes and I had a communication from the League of Women Voters. They'll be running the interviews, so, I'll, I'll communicate with them regarding timing and how long per interview, but we're looking probably at between 45-50 minutes per interview, but we'll finalize it with the amount of questions that we have and have very specific start times for everyone so that they can be here, and it will be in chambers in person

Marty Rehbein So, the city clerk office will update our website to indicate who, which of these folks who applied have made it through for the interviews and the interview order, and we'll provide the notice of the update on our committee schedule. That'll probably be reissued this Friday. Good luck to the folks who applied and thank you, er to the folks who are interviewing and thank you to all of people who applied. It's always gratifying to see we have a lot of people who are willing

Acting Mayor Jones Thank you Marty. Thank you everyone for your participation in this and I think we've got the process queued up.

City Council members selected 6 candidates to interview on September 7, 2022. Following is the list of candidates in the order in which they will be interviewed:

Jacob Elder

Jordan Hess

Fred Rice

Teigan Avery

Mike Nugent

Patrick Weasel Head

12. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

Acting Mayor Jones To wrap up this meeting, I will pass on communications from the Mayor, but we'll go to general comments from Council members.

13. GENERAL COMMENTS OF CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Acting Mayor Jones And Sandra I'll start with you on your end.

Alderperson Vasecka Thank you. This weekend is labor day weekend. Labor day is a holiday that pays tribute to contributions and achievements of American workers, and it was created by the labor movement in the late 19th century and became a federal holiday in 1894. that's why you have Monday off for most, most folks and I hope that you all enjoy what I think is the end of summer and have a safe holiday weekend. Drive safe, play safe. but have fun.

Acting Mayor Jones Thank you. Ms. Sherrill.

Alderperson Sherrill Yeah, thanks. On the safety front, I just want to add a reminder to everyone driving around town that school starts on Wednesday and it really, in my neighborhood that really changes the flow of traffic and it really changes how many kids are on their bikes and walking and I think it's important that, especially those of us that are don't have kids getting ready to go to school that they'd be reminded about that.

Acting Mayor Jones Mr. Hess.

Alderperson Hess I'm grateful for everyone's pulling together within the community, within city staff, in what's a really challenging time for, for our city with, with the loss of Mayor Engen, and I'm, I'm just grateful for, how, for the outpourings of support and for the kindness and thoughtfulness of so many in our community.

Acting Mayor Jones Mr. Carlino.

Alderperson Carlino Yeah, I just want to encourage all the Mayor applicants that didn't make it to an interview or did make it to the interview to consider running for City Council next year or consider running for Mayor next year. I wish we could interview you all but unfortunately the rules are rules I suppose, but definitely consider running. I think anybody is qualified to run for local office here in Missoula and we should encourage everybody to run, and I want to just speak to Mr. Seymour's comments earlier about the Front Street homes. Yeah, those 5 units are going to have to be vacated and it's going to be torn down for luxury condos here soon, and not to say that we could have stopped that as a Council, but I think if we had sent it back to committee and delayed it, people would still have their home a few days from now.

Acting Mayor Jones Mr. Nugent.

Alderperson Mike Nugent Thank you. I would just echo Councilman Carlino's comments about thanking everybody for applying. I know this is a very unusual situation and it's, it's an unusual way to, to fill a vacancy but I, I think one thing Councilman Carlino said was that you know young or old, you're allowed to be involved in your government and those are the rules and I think it's great that we saw so many people who were throwing their names.

Acting Mayor Jones Mr. Contos.

Alderperson Contos I'll pass.

Acting Mayor Jones Ms. West.

Alderperson West Last weekend was River City Roots Festival and I just want to thank everyone who had a hand in pulling that event off. It was pretty awesome, so thanks to everyone who put in a lot of hard work.

Acting Mayor Jones Ms. Savage, if you're able to hear us.

Alderperson Savage I'll pass.

Acting Mayor Jones Ms. Anderson.

Alderperson Anderson I will pass as well.

14. MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS, REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

14.1 Administratively approved agreement report

15. ADJOURNMENT

Acting Mayor Jones We will stand adjourned.

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

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

Gwen Jones, Acting Mayor