

## **Missoula City Council Public Works Committee Minutes**

**March 1, 2023, 10:00 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 (chair), Daniel Carlino, John P. Contos, Sierra Farmer, Gwen Jones, Mike Nugent, Jennifer Savage, Amber Sherrill, Sandra Vasecka, Heidi West

**Members absent:** Kristen Jordan

### **1. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS**

#### **1.1 Roll Call**

#### **1.2 Approval of the Minutes**

##### **1.2.1 PWM Committee Minutes February 15, 2023**

The minutes were approved as submitted.

### **2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

### **3. COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

#### **3.1 A resolution of the Missoula City Council delegating authority to set compost prices to the Director of Public Works or their designee.**

Logan McInnis presenting,

The City is asking for the ability to designate price changes for compost, top dress, and other products to the Public Works and Mobility Director or their designee. The City has kept the prices of the products the same since it acquired Garden City Compost. The current prices have been in place for about ten years. This resolution does not include the tipping fees; they will still go before Council.

Mr. Nugent wondered why we could delegate the authority to set compost prices but not Splash Montana prices. Mr. McInnis replied he was unsure what the difference was but that the City attorney authorized it.

Ms. Vasecka asked if the authority is designated to the Public Works Director, would future price increases still come before the Council. Mr. McInnis replied that they would not.

Ms. Jones asked for clarification from staff on why these services can be delegated, but the Splash Montana and Parks ones are not. Ms. Becerra said she feels there is a difference between services and fees, but she would also like more clarification. Mr. McInnis said that any fee has to be approved by Council. He added that buying a product like you would from compost is not a fee. Like dipping dots at Splash Montana, Council would not approve a price change to them.

Mr. Carlino asked what the City was planning on charging for fees. Mr. McInnis gave an

example that compost is now twenty-six dollars a yard, and they plan to raise it to thirty dollars a yard.

**Moved by:** Mike Nugent

Approve the resolution delegating authority to set compost prices to the Director of Public Works and Mobility or their designee.

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

ABSENT: (1): Kristen Jordan

**Vote results: Approved (11 to 0)**

### **3.2 Professional Services Agreement with WGM for Scott Street Surface Infrastructure Improvements Project – Phillips to Otis**

Brandt Dahlen presenting,

This is a professional services agreement with WGM for preliminary design and cost estimate for surface improvements on Scott Street from Otis Street to Phillips Street. These improvements include sidewalks, two-way protected bike lanes, turn lanes, street lighting, and asphalt resurfacing. This also could include other items to still be determined. A walking tour will occur tomorrow at 1:00 pm, starting at Westside Park. WGM was selected out of three proposals.

**Moved by:** Heidi West

Approve and authorize the Mayor to sign a Professional Services Agreement with WGM for consulting services on the Scott Street Surface Infrastructure Improvements Project – Phillips to Otis, at the cost not to exceed \$99,912.

AYES: (12): Stacie Anderson, Mirtha Becerra, Daniel Carlino, John Contos, Sierra Farmer, Gwen Jones, Kristen Jordan, Mike Nugent, Jennifer Savage, Amber Sherrill, Sandra Vasecka, and Heidi West

**Vote results: Approved (12 to 0)**

## **4. ADJOURNMENT**