

# Missoula City Council Public Safety, Health and Operations Committee Minutes

August 9, 2023

12:10 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, John P. Contos, Gwen Jones, Mike Nugent, Amber Sherrill

**Members absent:** Daniel Carlino, Sierra Farmer, Kristen Jordan, Jennifer Savage, Sandra Vasecka, Heidi West

## 1. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

### 1.1 Roll Call

### 1.2 Approval of the Minutes for August 2, 2023

The minutes were approved as submitted without a quorum present.

## 2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Missoula resident, Travis Mateer, said that he is investigating how a homeless man died in our community because we were not able to keep him safe. He says that the man died when he was violently assaulted at the Poverello. This morning he was talking to a reporter from the Wall Street Journal for a story that should be posting next week.

Mr. Mateer states that public safety requires that our criminal justice system and our mental health system have enough people and programs to assist. He states that some people are concerned about his ability to moderate anger and he respects their concerns. As he came into the building today, he made sure that the Black Knight Security officer checked his bag for a weapon. He further states that words are not actual acts of violence and images don't represent reality. He says that we need to think about words versus actual violent actions and what our capacity is in the entire state for mental health services.

## 3. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

### 3.1 Resolution expanding the size of the Tourism Business Improvement District board of trustees

City Clerk Marty Rehbein brings a resolution for expansion of the Tourism Business Improvement District (TBID) board of trustees. A few years ago, the district was expanded to include all hotel and motel properties within city limits. A year ago, the Board asked City Council if they would consider expanding this board from five trustees to seven. State law allows up to seven board members. The reason for the expansion of the size of this board is because there are more hotels and motels that are participating in the district now and would allow greater representation of those properties. The Mayor

makes these appointees with the advice and consent of Council and the Mayor is on board with this decision as well.

Executive Director of the TBID and Destination Missoula, Barbara Neilan, believes that the expansion will assure that all different voices from hotel industry are represented.

Ms. Rehbein explains that the original City Council resolution that established the TBID set the number of members and so, to amend the number of members it takes another resolution of the same body.

**Moved by:** Amber Sherrill

Approve a resolution of the Missoula City Council expanding the size of the Tourism Business Improvement District board of trustees from five to seven members.

[Approved without a quorum present.]

AYES: (6): Stacie Anderson, Mirtha Becerra, John P. Contos, Gwen Jones, Mike Nugent, and Amber Sherrill

ABSENT: (6): Daniel Carlino, Sierra Farmer, Kristen Jordan, Jennifer Savage, Sandra Vasecka, and Heidi West

**Vote results: Approved (6 to 0)**

#### 4. **ADJOURNMENT**

12:20 p.m.