

Missoula City Council Committee of the Whole Minutes

January 29, 2020

10:40 AM

City Council Chambers

140 W. Pine Street, Missoula , MT

Members present: **Stacie Anderson, Mirtha Becerra, John P. Contos, Heather Harp, Jordan Hess, Gwen Jones, Julie Merritt, Amber Sherrill, Sandra Vasecka, Bryan von Lossberg, Heidi West**

Members absent: **Jesse Ramos**

1. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

1.1 Roll Call

1.2 Approval of the Minutes

1.2.1 Minutes from the January 15, 2020 meeting

The minutes were approved as submitted.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

von Lossberg - There are no members of the public present.

3. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

3.1 Review items held in City Council committees

von Lossberg - We are doing our yearly review of items held in committee. There are four items on this list: a joint meeting of the Missoula County Board of County Commissioners and the City Council, the Max Wave project and permitting update, the water utility litigation update and the Missoula Economic Partnership update. I would like to keep all four of these items on this list. The joint meetings with the County do not reference all the types of meetings we hold with the County, but we do have meetings and I would like to keep this on here. We had a COW meeting where we received an update on the Max Wave project. This is still in the works so it seems pertinent to keep this on. The water utility litigation is on going. We also receive periodic updates with Missoula Economic Partnership and I will be contacting them to arrange another one. I would like to keep all of these items on our held list.

Merritt - I would like to keep all of these as well. Considering that Gallatin County is suing the City of Bozeman, I think it is important to maintain that relationship.

von Lossberg - Michelle Cares is the current sponsor of the the joint meeting with the County Commissioners. Ms. Hands, please replace Ms. Cares with Me. There are other updates with various organization and projects that aren't on here. We address those as they arise.

West - When I first started with Council, we used to have a regular meeting with the University. Should we have that again?

von Lossberg - I don't want to get in to a discussion here because that is not on the agenda. However, I would like to change the nature of those get togethers so I welcome ideas. If you have and ideas, please chat with me. Marilyn Marler started these meetings when she was on City Council. She worked at the University and was able to coordinate those meetings with the University President and his cabinet.

Harp - How can we be better communicators among ourselves with the various things we are involved in? Can we have quarterly updates in this committee so we are each apprised of what the members of the Council doing?

von Lossberg - Will you submit a referral for this quarterly update?

Harp - I will.

Merritt - I thing it would be good to have a regular check-in the Missoula County Public Schools.

von Lossberg - Will you put in that referral?

Merritt - Yes.

von Lossberg - Gwen and I met with the new superintendent of Missoula County Public Schools along with the County Commissioners. Although the Commissioners are scheduling that quarterly, I think we schedule an update as well.

Harp - About a year ago we did a tour with our service organizations, I would be happy to initiate that again. We did something similar to a town hall meeting with the service clubs.

von Lossberg - That is a good idea, but we don't need a referral to initiate that.

No motion—review held items and identify those that can be removed and/or assigned a new sponsor.

4. ADJOURNMENT

10:51 am