

## Missoula City Council Public Works Committee Minutes

April 3, 2024, 10:10 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), Bob Campbell, Daniel Carlino, Sierra Farmer, Kristen Jordan, Mike Nugent, Jennifer Savage, Amber Sherrill

**Members absent:** Gwen Jones, Eric Melson, Sandra Vasecka

### 1. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

#### 1.1 Roll Call

#### 1.2 Approval of the Minutes

##### 1.2.1 Minutes from March 27, 2024

The minutes were approved as submitted.

### 2. PUBLIC COMMENT

### 3. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

#### 3.1 Water and Wastewater Utility Facility Plans with Jacobs Engineering Group

Ross Mollenhauer presenting.

The facility plans under which the City is currently operating were developed in 2018 and 2019. This was the first water facility plan created because it was new to the City. The City is now looking to expand on those documents and create new planning documents to answer some big questions for the utilities. The utility plans aim to develop a five-year Capital Improvement Plan to determine where the money should be spent. This includes everything from looking at replacement schedules of parts and equipment to evaluating energies and solar options. A change in state law recently called State Bill 382 requires cities to plan for growth. This facility planning will help prepare for the growth needed for this bill. The funding for these plans is being reallocated from a State Revolving Fund source that cannot be completed at the wastewater treatment plant.

Ms. Sherrill asked if creating a new plan was generally best practice every five years. Mr. Mollenhauer said it is best practice to review these every five years. She also asked if he could expand on some of the solar opportunities. Mr. Mollenhauer, the City, is trying to identify sites that would work for solar.

Mr. Campbell asked about the Hillview tank and if it would be improved. Mr. Mollenhauer said the City is looking to add a new tank because of the new development in the area. Mr. Campbell also asked the study for odor control at the wastewater plant. Mr. McInnis

said the odor most people recognize from the plant primarily comes from Compost. This study is for some of the corrosion odor at the wastewater plant.

Mr. Keene added that these facility plans will help the city look at our strategic lenses for climate and resiliency, housing and equity, and how we steer our utilities and capital investments.

**Moved by:** Amber Sherrill

Approve this contract pending legal review and authorize the Mayor to sign a Professional Services Agreement with Jacobs Engineering Group Inc. to develop the Water and Wastewater Utility Facility Plans at a cost not to exceed \$638,859.00.

AYES: (8): Stacie Anderson, Mirtha Becerra, Bob Campbell, Daniel Carlino, Sierra Farmer, Mike Nugent, Jennifer Savage, and Amber Sherrill

ABSENT: (4): Gwen Jones, Kristen Jordan, Eric Melson, and Sandra Vasecka

**Vote results: Approved (8 to 0)**

### **3.2 Informational item on MPC Parking Plan**

Jodi Pilgrim presenting,

The Missoula Parking Commission (MPC) is working on an Expansion and Optimization Plan. The plan is on the Engage Missoula website, [engagemissoula.com/parkingplan](http://engagemissoula.com/parkingplan), and comments will be till mid-April. The MPC was founded over fifty years ago, and parking has changed significantly. The parking commission needs to change and be prepared for the future. The plan's objectives are to build a framework, create metrics, expand and refine the menu of options, and develop a clear resource plan for the near-term, mid-term, and long-term. The full presentation can be found attached to this agenda.

Ms. Sherrill asked about the average life of a meter and how many people use the app. Ms. Pilgrim said the average life of a meter depends on the manufacturer, but most are less than ten years old. She is trying to look into meter technology that does not need to be fully replaced but can be repaired. The parking commission monitors who are using the meters vs. the app. Currently, about 45% of people are using the app.

Mr. Bickell asked if there was a need for an additional parking structure. Ms. Pilgrim explained that the consultants found that the need for a new building was not necessary but that management of the current spaces was more of a priority. They are going to change the way the current structure are managed.

Matts Larson added public comment that it might be helpful to add a permit or sticker for residents and employees of downtown that could be given out on a sliding scale.

No motion needed. Informational item on MPC Parking Plan

## **4. ADJOURNMENT**