

DRAFT - Missoula City Council Budget and Finance Committee Minutes

July 31, 2024

9:00 AM

Council Chambers (in person) or TEAMS (virtually)

Attend in person: City Council Chambers, 140 W Pine, Missoula MT

Members present: Amber Sherrill, Mirtha Becerra, Bob Campbell, Daniel Carlino, Gwen Jones, Mike Nugent, Jennifer Savage, Sandra Vasecka

Members absent: Stacie Anderson, Sierra Farmer, Kristen Jordan, Eric Melson

1. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

1.1 Roll Call

1.2 Approval of the Minutes

1.2.1 Minutes from July 24, 2024

The minutes were approved as submitted.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment present.

3. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

3.1 Hazardous Vegetation Assessments for Fiscal Year 2024

Claire Trimble, City Clerk, gave a brief presentation about hazardous vegetation within the city limits.

She also provided information on how the City assesses properties who have not complied with paying the assessments.

Placed on the Consent agenda.

Moved by: Gwen Jones

AYES: (6): Amber Sherrill, Bob Campbell, Daniel Carlino, Gwen Jones, Mike Nugent, and Jennifer Savage

NAYS: (1): Sandra Vasecka

ABSENT: (5): Stacie Anderson, Mirtha Becerra, Sierra Farmer, Kristen Jordan, and Eric Melson

Vote results: Approved (6 to 1)

Adopt a resolution levying a special assessment and tax upon property for annual weed assessments to reimburse the city for hazardous vegetation and nuisance weed cut

orders performed in FY2024 totalling \$993.50 pursuant to section 7-22-4101 Montana Code Annotated and section 8.40.040 Missoula Municipal Code.

3.2 Implementing the Crisis Camping Ordinance

Informational item on budgetary requests for implementation of the new Crisis Camping Ordinance.

Dale Bickell, Chief Administrative Officer, gave a presentation to Council on the budgeting items associated with implementing the Crisis Camping Ordinance.

Donna Gaukler, Director of Parks and Recreation, provided information on sheltering in parks within the City and the services that are provided, including utilities and promoting a safe outdoor space.

Jeremy Keene, Director of Public Works and Mobility, provided information to Council on restrictions within the parks and streets. He also provided information on the vehicle sheltering permits for individuals who are residing in their vehicles.

Donna provided budgetary information on the services that are required under the new ordinance. See recording for details.

Eran Pehan, Director of CPDI, provided information to Council about the logistics of the implementation process and the staffing required. See recording for details.

Eran spoke about the budget requests for the FY 2024 Encampment Request and FY 2025 new requests. See recording for details.

Councilor Sherrill asked a question concerning FY 2024 budget items and FTE's.

Councilor Carlino asked a question about associated tax increases for implementation of the ordinance.

Councilor Becerra asked a question about the FY 2025 new requests or if they are already incorporated into the upcoming budget.

Councilor Jones asked a question about the budget items during the winter time, as houseless will move indoors during the colder weather.

Councilor Campbell requests the job description for the FTE's that would need to be hired to implement the ordinance.

Councilor Vasecka asked a question about the ordinance relates to the recently passed Supreme Court decision.

Mayor Davis responded and provided information on the case and its relationship to the ordinance. See recording for details.

Public Commenter: Chris Foster. See recording for details.

4. ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 9:43 am.