

Draft – Journal of Proceedings

Missoula City Council

December 2, 2024, 6:00 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, Bob Campbell, Daniel Carlino, Sierra Farmer, Gwen Jones, Kristen Jordan, Eric Melson, Mike Nugent, Jennifer Savage, Amber Sherrill, Sandra Vasecka

Administration Present: Mayor Andrea Davis, Ryan Sudbury, City Attorney, Claire Trimble

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting of the Missoula City Council was called to order by Mayor Andrea Davis at 6:00 PM.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

2.1 Minutes from November 18, 2024

The minutes were approved as submitted.

3. ANNOUNCE CHANGES TO COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDAS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP APPROVALS

3.1 Committee Schedule for December 4, 2024

4. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

4.1 Neighborhood Council Updates

No Neighborhood Council updates.

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS

5.1 Ordinance Amending Title 12.60 of the Missoula Municipal Code related to Rules Governing Camping on City Property to prohibit overnight camping on City park lands

Introduction of Main Motion and Sponsors Amendments

Sponsors Sherrill, Campbell, Jones, Anderson, Nugent and Vasecka introduced the reasons for introducing the ordinance change; including constituent concerns about safety and reasonableness regarding camping in parks, specifically McLeod Park, and tools for enforcement for accountability when necessary.

Dale Bickell, Chief Administrative Officer, outlined some of the resources coming soon and changes recommended in the Staff Memo (attached). He highlighted issues with Parks & Rec staffing turnover and enforcement issues under the civil infraction, as well as other outlined proposed changes in the Sponsor's Amendment (attached). He reiterated that removing some requirements from the ordinance does not mean that the administration will cease working on strategies outlined in the resolutions also passed by council but clarifies the ordinance.

Eran Pehan, CPDI Director, updated the council on nightly shelter occupancy and ongoing houselessness strategies and plans, including the new Community Strategy to

End Houselessness. There are various concurrent strategies, such as a needs and gaps analysis, veterans housing initiative, the coordinated entry system, and formation of a broad-based implementation group for the Community Strategy once adopted. Pehan reminded the council of the work done on the Built for Zero initiative that included third-party validated quality data.

Ryan Sudbury, City Attorney (Civil), walked through the amendments line by line.

Mayor Davis and Councilor Sherrill noted the additional "friendly" change permitting a 6pm start (instead of 8pm) November 1st through March 1st.

Introduction of Remaining Published Amendments

Councilors Becerra, Farmer and Savage outlined the reasons and changes in their two published amendments, noting the importance of a resource guide and directives to hold the city accountable.

Councilor Carlino outlined the changes proposed in his nine published amendments.

Council Questions

Councilor Sherrill requested a friendly amendment to 12.60.040 of "shall" to "may" in "City Council shall may approve the permit if it is deemed feasible, practicable, and in the public interest." Accepted by amendment sponsors.

Councilor Anderson requested a friendly amendment to 12.60.030 of "will" to "may" in "The City will may work with willing service providers and partners to (1) provide lockers/small storage spaces that may be assigned to such individuals..." Accepted as friendly.

Councilor Anderson asked about the inclusion of the resource guide in the Becerra/Farmer/Savage amendment, as the city is not the primary provider of many of these resources. Sponsors answered that this was intended to be a resource similar to other cities that include resources the public does provide and that this was a request that came up repeatedly in the working group.

Councilor Anderson asked Police Chief Colyer about the changes in requirements around preliminary requirements before charges. Chief Colyer noted that there are circumstances where more immediate action is needed or prescriptive questions is seen as meddling and does not improve the interaction on the ground.

Councilor Nugent asked about what if we don't need a resource guide. Sponsors noted that the ordinance could be changed as needed.

Councilor Nugent asked about what is preventing the cycle of increasing burden on the city for increasing numbers of houseless individuals citing a last known residence outside the City of Missoula. Councilor Carlino stated that it is the right of local government to criminalize homelessness but that we should be providing adequate shelter beds.

Councilor Carlino asked whether the ordinance would still be enforced if the shelter beds are full. Councilor Sherrill responded, yes, the ordinance would still be enforced if shelter beds were full. Camping would still be permitted within the rules outlined on city-owned non-park property.

Councilor Carlino asked if changing civil infraction to a misdemeanor could trigger a felony probation violation. Sudbury responded that either a civil infraction or misdemeanor could possibly trigger a revocation of probation, but that would be reviewed by a judge.

Councilor Carlino asked about examples of where houseless persons could sleep if there are not enough shelter beds. Councilor Anderson refuted the assertion that shelter beds have been maxed out and that the purpose of leading people to the shelter system is to encourage the use of wraparound services.

Councilor Campbell asked about the changes from civil infraction to misdemeanor. Sudbury outlined the difficulty with the enforcement as currently outlined, including complexity of civil litigation, that were unforeseen at the time of the original drafting.

Councilor Campbell asked about means testing for ability to pay for fines. Keithi Worthington, City Attorney (Prosecution), outlined the requirements under state law for fact-based inquiry on defendants and the options to waive or suspend fines or impose community service.

Councilor Jones asked Dale Bickell about costs related to enforcement. Bickell responded that cleanup and enforcement is \$967,000, much of which came from one-time funding sources. Jones followed up with what the overall budget for planning and proactive solutions, Bickell responded that the overall budget is about \$3 million.

Councilor Becerra asked if the ordinance is implementable at this point. Mayor Davis replied that she believes it is implementable.

Councilor Becerra asked about the additional notice requirement being removed. Chief Colyer responded that they always try to have conversations prior to enforcement, and conflicts with immediate enforcement when that is needed.

Councilor Jordan asked Eran Pehan how many homeless people there are in Missoula. Pehan responded that under their most recent data hovers around 650, there were 648 on the by-name list in October 15. Jordan asked how many shelter beds there are in Missoula. Pehan responded that the Poverello has around 150 (though some are reserved), Johnson Street has about 165, and Meadowlark has some beds for families. Pehan stated we could not sleep all houseless people to sleep indoors under normal circumstances, and the shelters can flex upwards when there is an imminent need, and in the past there are some other temporary options, such as faith communities' spaces. Pehan stated that we are at capacity for families, but not at capacity for individuals.

[Mayor Davis recessed for 10 minutes]

Public Comment

- Pam Small commented that current shelters are not considered safe by those who could use them, so efforts should be made to make current resources safer. She also noted that property taxes are quite high.
- Susan Reneau commented on the staff time put into these issues but not adequate mental health resources. She is opposed to camping in parks. She notes many pay high taxes and are affected by urban camping such as public urination.
- David Moore notes that they received over 13,000 signatures on a petition to ban camping in city parks.
- Matt Sullivan notes that city leadership is practicing "destructive empathy" such as allowing urban camping. He cited a new Arizona law requiring local governments to compensate homeowners for loss due to unenforced laws.
- Abigail [unintelligible] commented that parks are not designed to meet unsheltered peoples needs. Residents near McLeod Park have found needles and a knife, which are safety concerns.

- Chuck Leonard commented that he is opposed to camping in public parks, however he is not opposed to using city property to house those in need. Appreciates alternatives to fines for enforcement mechanisms.
- [Unintelligible] noted that he's been homeless since July. Noted that there are improvements needed at the Johnson Street shelter and that residents could be paid to help remodel these spaces.
- [Unintelligible] Shaya comments that there aren't beds in the shelters every night. Noted that the original ordinance was in effect for less than a half a year without fulfilling the various requirements.
- Mr. Black comments about the cognitive dissonance of the various arguments, including that there are reasons for not wanting to go to shelters. Doing a good job for the unhoused won't necessarily lead to additional people coming here, it is doing right by them, and perhaps will become a model for other cities.
- Ed Wetherby, representing the Old Sawmill District / Millsite revitalization efforts, notes that they have collected buckets of needles. He had additional comments regarding sleeping bags counting as camping, vehicle permitting, and dislikes the two vehicles amendment.
- Sue Silverberg noted she has worked as a mental health counselor for decades and that we are in a mental health crisis as a country. Many people will not succeed in a shelter model and that seniors are the fastest-growing homeless population. She is against the changes to the ordinance.
- Nicole stated that she had a period of homelessness and she was given bad options to receive help but worked her way out of it. Now she has campers near her business, using her garbage bins, stealing, etc. She is against additional handouts that do not seem to be working.
- John Rhodes spoke against changing the civil infraction to a misdemeanor and the criminalization of homelessness. He noted that not having resources like maps is a problem for both the houseless and the enforcing officers.
- [Unintelligible] Wheeler is in support of the amendment to ban camping in parks as a resident near McLeod Park. She detailed some of the difficulties neighbors have had there including witnessing drug use on the playground equipment.
- Commenter stated that when they were homeless they spent a year and half in the shelter system and noted that the buildings are deteriorating and the food is often unsafe.
- Aubrey Godbee commented on the misdemeanor issues.
- Liam Seymour commented that the Poverello Center is at capacity and that people can die in Montana winters. He is opposed to the ordinance amendments.
- David Quartrocci read comments from houseless residents about requesting trash, needing help, requesting to be allowed to live by the river, wanting better housing options, belonging being taken, and requesting mental health services.
- Jenna commented that she just had her first child and she doesn't feel safe in the parks.
- Julie Sanders said she feels sad and embarrassed that this ordinance is being proposed. She notes that many people asked for resources like sharps

containers and bathrooms for homeless people. These are neighbors and members of the community.

- Deb Bonk commented that she is from the Old Sawmill District and is in support of the changes in the ordinance. She noted that her elderly neighbors don't feel safe in Silver Parks and the homeowners association has had to purchase locks after thefts and trash issues.
- Commenter noted that the city should give people somewhere to go and notes that shelters don't accept dogs. Notes we should be helping the homeless.
- Zane Sullivan notes that this is not an easy situation to resolve. Notes that it's probably appropriate to spend more time and effort on mental health and addiction, with a balance and support to those who are working and paying taxes. Notes support for the ordinance updates.
- Cathy Scribner states that this isn't a "us versus them" problem, but an "us" problem. Spoke to conversations she's had with houseless neighbors and notes she is not in favor of the ordinance changes.
- Zack notes that the changes in McLeod Park are significant, it is no longer safe to walk there.
- Ty Howell commented on his time staying in Kiwanis Park and the signs implying that he was ruining the neighborhood.
- Andy Hoelzel commented that they are a taxpayer and is willing to teach anyone's children about what to do if they encounter a syringe and why people are homeless.
- [Unintelligible] spoke to doing camp cleanups on private property and
- Wren Parker spoke against criminalizing homelessness as studies show that this makes the problem worse. Notes that we should try to work together to find solutions.
- Sonia Quackenbush notes that she is privileged to live in a home that she worked for. She notes that nothing is truly free, someone pays for everything. She notes that parks should be used for their intended purpose.
- Maddy comments that the Poverllo is inadequate for many of the people who need services. Many of the people that live at McLeod Park are unable to live in shelters.
- Maria Welch spoke as a criminal defense attorney who represents those of lower socioeconomic status, on the legal consequences of misdemeanors.
- Annette Clayton spoke in favor of the proposed revision to keep parks and trails open for all.

Council Comments & Additional Questions

Councilor Jordan asked Eran Pehan if everyone who is unhoused needed shelter would we have enough beds. Pehan answered no.

Councilor Jordan asked Ryan Sudbury if anyone has any been prosecuted into having enough money for rent. Sudbury responded that all ordinances have a penalty for violation.

Councilor Vasecka asked about why the "city council" is named as the issuer of the permits. Farmer responded that is for the camping site designation, not individual permits.

Councilor Vasecka asked about city liability for injuries at sharps containers locations. Sudbury replied that if there was a known danger possibly.

Councilor Vasecka asked about if police can give warnings if the requirement is removed. Colyer replied that officers can give verbal or written warnings and are encouraged to resolve matters at the lowest level possible.

Councilor Savage asked, if people are not currently camping in parks, where are they sheltering outdoors? Bickell responded that there are individuals tucked away in many areas, especially along the river, including right of ways and trail corridors outside the buffer zones.

Councilor Carlino commented that this ordinance is counterproductive. Millions of dollars are being spent to move people in circles rather than on housing solutions. He spoke in favor of the amendments that make this more helpful.

Councilor Melson spoke in favor of retaining the accountability found in 12.60.030 B and the importance of having a resource guide.

Councilor Anderson spoke against re-including 12.60.030 B language due to it being overly prescriptive and a burden on staff time.

Councilor Becerra spoke in favor of coordination and collaboration with service providers to create a guide showing what is provided by the city versus what is provided by service providers.

Councilor Farmer spoke in favor of their amendment to help provide information, not necessarily provide services.

[Round of Voting on the Published Amendments from Non-Sponsors]

Final Council Comments Prior to Voting on Finalized Ordinance Changes

Councilor Jones noted that most of the ordinance from June is still intact, except for banning camping in parks and improving accountability resources. Council heard a lot of calls for more resources but the city is going into a difficult budget year, and it is unlikely we will be able to devote more resources going forward.

Councilor Jordan spoke on homelessness worldwide and stated that housing is a human right. Government can and should be the social safety net and we can do better by the unhoused community.

Councilor Campbell spoke to Missoula is a very compassionate and resourceful community, especially the nonprofits. Noted the overwhelming public comment as been against camping in parks since the original ordinance went into effect. Spoke against the municipal courts abdicating their role in holding people accountable for their actions related to urban camping.

Councilor Anderson spoke to the frustration about how comments around money spent on cleanup and emergency services could be spent on housing do not reflect the realities on the ground on how staffing and job duties are allocated. Noted that we've continued to expand the social services since the Mobile Support Team, however there are severe issues with the property tax system that needs reform at the legislature.

Councilor Farmer thanked everyone for coming down and notes that council heard from hundreds of constituents unhappy with ordinance allowing camping in parks. The ordinance isn't perfect but they are willing to work with what they have.

Councilor Sherrill agrees that this is not perfect but it's what we need right now. Legislating is messy and there is no shame in bringing something back to the table if it is not working.

Councilor Becerra stated that the city cannot do this alone, we need the state and federal government to step in too, as well as local partners. Spoke to Ward 2 constituents asking her to support the amendments.

Councilor Nugent stated that there has been a lot of community organization and he appreciates people engaging with the issue. He also noted that some comments were not helpful, and trying to shame people doesn't move the conversation forward. There are gaps in resources like mental health that the city cannot provide without additional help from the state. Painting all unhoused individuals as the same denies the reality that there need to be mechanisms for accountability.

Councilor Savage appreciated the various sponsors and amenders work together to get something done. Spoke on originally voting for the ordinance as a reluctant "yes" believing that the city would provide the resources outlined, including bathrooms, maps and lockers. She stated that she cannot vote for the ordinance a second time because she believes this will push unsheltered individuals into low-income neighborhoods like the Northside. She would like to see more action items and more clear guidelines.

Councilor Melson stated that good leadership means owning your mistakes.

Moved by: Alderperson Sherrill

Adopt a suite of changes, primarily to Vehicle Camping Time Regulations, Vehicle Camping Place Regulations, Mayor to Develop a Program to Support Urban Camping, prohibit camping in parks regulated by 12.40, Mayor to Investigate Designating Camping / Parking Sites, Violations sections, Towing, and Citation Authority.

Including amendment changing time from Nov. 1 through March 1 time from 8pm to 6pm

AYES: (9): Alderperson Anderson, Alderperson Becerra, Alderperson Campbell, Alderperson Farmer, Alderperson Jones, Alderperson Melson, Alderperson Nugent, Alderperson Sherrill, and Alderperson Vasecka

NAYS: (3): Alderperson Carlino, Alderperson Jordan, and Alderperson Savage

Vote result: Approved (9 to 3)

Moved by: Alderperson Sherrill

12.60.030 Camping on City Property

Replace existing section 12.60.030.B with the following:

B. City to help coordinate supportive programs with service providers and willing partners.

The City will continue to coordinate, collaborate and communicate with service providers and willing community partners regarding programs to address the needs of Homeless Individuals without Access to Shelter. The City will may work with willing service providers and partners to (1) provide lockers/small storage

spaces that may be assigned to such individuals; (2) provide for trash collection services in areas used by such individuals; (3) provide for permanent or temporary bathrooms for use by such individuals; and (4) coordinate with service providers other similar services or support to allow clean, safe, and sanitary camping on City property. City Staff shall periodically provide a report to the City Council concerning this program and engagement with the service providers.

The City shall distribute an urban camping resource guide, detailing locations for trash disposal, storage facilities, sharps disposal, public facilities, and a list of resources and services available in Missoula.

AYES: (9): Alderperson Becerra, Alderperson Carlino, Alderperson Farmer, Alderperson Jones, Alderperson Jordan, Alderperson Melson, Alderperson Nugent, Alderperson Savage, and Alderperson Sherrill

NAYS: (3): Alderperson Anderson, Alderperson Campbell, and Alderperson Vasecka

Vote result: Approved (9 to 3)

Moved by: Alderperson Sherrill

12.60.040 Designated Temporary Camping Sites and Safe Parking Sites

Add additional language to 12.60.040 as follows:

A. City to Permit Designating Camping/Parking Sites. The City may permit camping sites and safe parking sites on City property or on private property where the owner of the property is voluntarily willing to allow use of their property under agreed upon terms and conditions enforceable by the City. City Council shall may approve the permit if it is deemed feasible, practicable, and in the public interest. *If a service provider organization is willing to operate a permitted designated camping or parking site, the City may make City-owned parcels available to that organization to operate such a site or sites if the City and the organization agree on program terms and conditions.*

AYES: (12): Alderperson Anderson, Alderperson Becerra, Alderperson Campbell, Alderperson Carlino, Alderperson Farmer, Alderperson Jones, Alderperson Jordan, Alderperson Melson, Alderperson Nugent, Alderperson Savage, Alderperson Sherrill, and Alderperson Vasecka

Vote result: Approved (12 to 0)

Moved by: Alderperson Sherrill

Carlino 1) Add to 12.60.050 D. Authority to Enforce. As long as there is no option for an individual to access adequate indoor shelter for sleeping, citations for violation of this Chapter may not be issued and enforced.

AYES: (2): Alderperson Carlino, and Alderperson Jordan

NAYS: (10): Alderperson Anderson, Alderperson Becerra, Alderperson Campbell, Alderperson Farmer, Alderperson Jones, Alderperson Melson, Alderperson Nugent, Alderperson Savage, Alderperson Sherrill, and Alderperson Vasecka

Vote result: Failed (2 to 10)

Carlino 2) Add to 12.60.050 D. Authority to Enforce. As long as there is no option for an individual to access adequate indoor shelter for sleeping, abatements shall not be enforced.

AYES: (2): Alderperson Carlino, and Alderperson Jordan

NAYS: (10): Alderperson Anderson, Alderperson Becerra, Alderperson Campbell, Alderperson Farmer, Alderperson Jones, Alderperson Melson, Alderperson Nugent, Alderperson Savage, Alderperson Sherrill, and Alderperson Vasecka

Vote result: Failed (2 to 10)

Carlino 3) Delete from 12.60.050 C. 8. Towing Vehicles. In the event a Vehicle camp structure belonging to an Unsheltered Individual is towed and/or impounded by the city, no fees will be associated with the towing or impoundment; ~~however any costs incurred by the City to cleanup public or private property surrounding the towed vehicular camp structure, due to accumulation of garbage and refuse around the vehicle, must be paid to the City before the vehicle is released.~~

AYES: (3): Alderperson Carlino, Alderperson Jordan, and Alderperson Savage

NAYS: (9): Alderperson Anderson, Alderperson Becerra, Alderperson Campbell, Alderperson Farmer, Alderperson Jones, Alderperson Melson, Alderperson Nugent, Alderperson Sherrill, and Alderperson Vasecka

Vote result: Failed (3 to 9)

Carlino 4) Retain 12. 60.50 B.3. Deferred Prosecution Agreement or Deferred Imposition of Judgment for First Citation. The City shall offer a deferred prosecution agreement or the Municipal Court shall impose a deferred imposition of judgment to an individual for their first citation issued to enforce the terms of this Chapter. If no further offenses under this Chapter occur for a period of six months after the deferred prosecution agreement is executed or the deferred imposition of judgment is imposed, the City shall move to dismiss the citation.

AYES: (2): Alderperson Carlino, and Alderperson Jordan

NAYS: (10): Alderperson Anderson, Alderperson Becerra, Alderperson Campbell, Alderperson Farmer, Alderperson Jones, Alderperson Melson, Alderperson Nugent, Alderperson Savage, Alderperson Sherrill, and Alderperson Vasecka

Vote result: Failed (2 to 10)

Carlino 5) Delete 12.60.50 B.2 and 4. ~~Violations to Be Enforced as a Misdemeanor Municipal Offense/Infraction with a \$50 fine; Criminal Charges not Authorized. A second or subsequent violation of Chapter 12.60, after a prior written warning or after a prior judgment as a municipal infraction under this Subsection within the previous year, may be enforced as a municipal infraction under Chapter 12.01 of the Missoula Municipal Code. Violations of this Chapter are a misdemeanor offense punishable by a \$50 fine. If the City or private party incurs costs to remediate the area around an individual's camp structure due to violations of the Time, Place, and Manner requirements above, those costs may be imposed as restitution in lieu of the civil penalty provided by Section 7-1-4150, MCA.~~

4. Penalty Authorized. No violation of this Chapter shall be considered a criminal offense; violations of this Chapter shall only be enforced as a municipal civil infraction. Further, City Council directs the Mayor to investigate the feasibility of creating, and if feasible, implementing a Community Service Program and the City desires to impose required community service and/or restitution in lieu of civil penalties; however, where the interests of justice are furthered by the imposition of a civil penalty, the state law defined penalties for municipal infractions are authorized (Section 7-1-4150, MCA). Violations of this Chapter are a misdemeanor offense punishable by a \$50 fine. Jail time is not an authorized penalty under this Chapter.

AYES: (2): Alderperson Carlino, and Alderperson Jordan

NAYS: (10): Alderperson Anderson, Alderperson Becerra, Alderperson Campbell, Alderperson Farmer, Alderperson Jones, Alderperson Melson, Alderperson Nugent, Alderperson Savage, Alderperson Sherrill, and Alderperson Vasecka

Vote result: Failed (2 to 10)

Carlino 8) Retain 12.60.50 A.2.ii. Inquire whether the Unsheltered Individual has a caseworker or other established relationships with mental health, substance abuse or other supportive service provider and attempt to contact the applicable caseworker/service-provider, or ensure that other service providers provide this information; and

AYES: (4): Alderperson Carlino, Alderperson Jordan, Alderperson Melson, and Alderperson Savage

NAYS: (8): Alderperson Anderson, Alderperson Becerra, Alderperson Campbell, Alderperson Farmer, Alderperson Jones, Alderperson Nugent, Alderperson Sherrill, and Alderperson Vasecka

Vote result: Failed (4 to 8)

Carlino 9) Retain 12.60.50 B.1. Written Warning Required. For a first violation of any provision of Chapter 12.60, a violator will be given a written warning identifying the provisions of Chapter 12.60 that were violated. Where possible, the written warning should provide suggested remedies that may correct the violation as well as a timeframe to correct the violation. The written warning and associated enforcement municipal infraction under this Section must occur no less than 24 hours apart.

AYES: (3): Alderperson Carlino, Alderperson Jordan, and Alderperson Savage

NAYS: (9): Alderperson Anderson, Alderperson Becerra, Alderperson Campbell, Alderperson Farmer, Alderperson Jones, Alderperson Melson, Alderperson Nugent, Alderperson Sherrill, and Alderperson Vasecka

Vote result: Failed (3 to 9)

6. **NEW BUSINESS**
7. **PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**
8. **CONSENT AGENDA**

AYES: (12): Alderperson Anderson, Alderperson Becerra, Alderperson Campbell, Alderperson Carlino, Alderperson Farmer, Alderperson Jones, Alderperson Jordan, Alderperson Melson, Alderperson Nugent, Alderperson Savage, Alderperson Sherrill, and Alderperson Vasecka

Vote result: Approved (12 to 0)

8.1 Accounts Payable (claims) for checks dated November 26, 2024

Ratify accounts payable (claims) for checks dated November 26, 2024, in the amount of \$2,429,978.22.

Vote result: Approved

8.2 Accounts Payable (claims) for checks dated December 03, 2024

Approve accounts payable (claims) for checks dated December 3, 2024, in the amount of \$1,081,058.00.

Vote result: Approved

8.3 Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Redesignation Letter

Approve and authorize Major Davis to sign the attached letter requesting MDT's assistance to obtain Governor Gianforte's redesignation of Transportation Policy Coordinating Committee (TPCC) as the Missoula Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO).

Vote result: Approved

8.4 Emergency Storm Clean Up: Grinding Contract

Approve and authorize the Mayor to sign a contract change order with Terra Firma and modifying the not-to-exceed contract amount to \$1.6 million and a completion date on or before March 1, 2025.

Vote result: Approved

8.5 Hayden Grass Valley Conservation Easement Open Space Project

Set a public hearing for December 16, 2024, to consider adopting a resolution approving the expenditure of up to \$26,050 of 2006 Open Space Bond funds towards due diligence and other associated costs related to the acquisition of a conservation easement by Five Valleys Land Trust of approximately 287 acres of property owned by Carl Hayden.

Vote result: Approved

8.6 Linda Vista Estates Phase 2 Final Plat

Approve the Linda Vista Estates Subdivision, Phase 2 Final Plat.

Vote result: Approved

8.7 City Health Insurance – Stop Loss Insurance Renewal Agreement

Approve and authorize the Mayor to sign a one year renewal service agreement with Granular Insurance company for the City's Health Insurance Stop Loss coverage

Vote result: Approved

8.8 Resolution to Authorize Lease of 301 East Main Street

Approve a resolution to authorize the lease and approve the Mayor to sign related documents to lease the property at 301 East Main Street.

Vote result: Approved

8.9 Missoula Loft Homes Subdivision Phases 1-3

Set a public hearing on December 9th, 2024, for the phased development review of Missoula Loft Homes on Mary Jane Boulevard Subdivision Phases 1-3 located north of O'Leary Street and east of Mary Jane Boulevard.

Vote result: Approved

9. REGULAR BUSINESS

9.1 Committee Reports

9.1.1 Budget and Finance (BF) committee report

9.1.2 Climate, Conservation and Parks (CCP) committee report

9.1.2.1 Minutes from November 20, 2024

9.1.3 Committee of the Whole (COW) committee report

9.1.4 Housing, Redevelopment, and Community Programs (HRCP) committee report

9.1.4.1 Minutes from November 20, 2024

9.1.5 Land Use and Planning (LUP) committee report

9.1.6 Public Safety, Health and Operations (PSHO) committee report

9.1.6.1 Minutes from November 20, 2024

9.1.7 Public Works and Mobility (PWM) committee report

9.1.7.1 Minutes from November 20, 2024

9.2 Informational Reports

9.2.1 Administratively Approved Report

10. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

No public commented.

11. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

Mayor Davis noted that this is an incredibly difficult issue to govern and manage as she speaks to peers around the country, and she's grateful for the collaboration. She also noted that council members will have an opportunity to speak with legislators this week.

12. GENERAL COMMENTS OF CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Councilor Vasecka recommends that people not take out a holiday loan this year.

Councilor Nugent reminds folks that they can give to the United Way Housing Solutions Fund on Giving Tuesday.

Councilor Savage also recommends that people remember Giving Tuesday.

13. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:55 p.m.

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