

**Missoula City Council Housing, Redevelopment, and Community Programs Committee Minutes**

**DRAFT**

**April 23, 2025**

**3:25 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**

**1. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS**

Chair Jones called the meeting to order at 3:26 pm.

**1.1 Roll Call**

Administrative staff took roll call.

**1.2 Approval of the Minutes**

**1.2.1 Minutes from the April 16, 2025 Meeting**

The minutes were approved as submitted.

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

**3. COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

**3.1 Johnson Street Shelter Capacity, Funding for Shelter and Housing Sprint**

Council Members Carlino and Jordan presented on the Johnson Street Shelter capacity, funding for the shelter, and the Housing Sprint. Council Member Carlino utilized a slide presentation. He spoke to the resolution, housing needs in the community, potential consequences of closing the Johnson Street Shelter, alternative plans, and budget and funding priorities. Council Member Jordan spoke to the logistics and potential consequences of the Johnson Street Shelter closure, aspects of the Housing Sprint, and city budgeting logistics and costs. The committee had several questions and comments. Council Members Carlino and Jordan responded to the inquiries. There was an extended discussion. Subjects included the criminal justice system, the city budget, the general fund, Missoula Redevelopment Agency (MRA) funds, inquiries for additional information, neighborhood and public response to the Johnson Street Shelter, and the Housing Sprint. Eran Pehan, Director of Community Planning, Development and Innovation (CPDI), was asked to speak and respond to inquiries. Ms. Pehan spoke to the budget, expenditures, opportunity costs, code compliance and urban camping employees and enforcement, logistics regarding Johnson Street Shelter, involvement with the Poverello Center, and funding of the Housing Sprint. There was a temporary adjournment from 3:59pm to 4:02pm. There was public comment. Sage Bennett spoke in regard to houseless issues,

funding, and potential solutions. Chloe Carlson spoke in regard to the housing sprint and houseless issues. Allie Harrison spoke in regard to the work of the council and community regarding houseless issues. Janna Richter spoke in regard to community engagement, the Housing Sprint, access to information, and budgeting. Council Member Carlino moved for the motion. The item sponsors made closing statements. The committee had several comments.

**Moved by:** Daniel Carlino

Adopt a resolution to continue allowing full capacity at Johnson Street shelter, direct the mayor to continue funding of shelter space for fiscal year 2026, and fund any remainder of the housing sprint's funding goal.

AYES: (2): Daniel Carlino, and Kristen Jordan

NAYS: (10): Stacie Anderson, Mirtha Becerra, Bob Campbell, Sierra Farmer, Gwen Jones, Eric Melson, Mike Nugent, Jennifer Savage, Amber Sherrill, and Sandra Vasecka

**Vote results: Failed (2 to 10)**

#### **4. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Jones adjourned the meeting at 4:44 pm.