Missoula City Council Administration and Finance Committee Minutes

September 11, 2019
10:20 AM
City Council Chambers
140 W. Pine Street, Missoula, MT

Members present: Stacie Anderson, Mirtha Becerra, John DiBari, Heather Harp, Gwen Jones, Julie Merritt, Bryan von Lossberg, Heidi West

Members absent: Julie Armstrong, Jordan Hess, Jesse Ramos, Michelle Cares

1. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS
   1.1 Roll Call
   1.2 Approval of the Minutes
      1.2.1 Minutes from the August 21, 2019 meeting
      The minutes were approved as submitted.
   1.3 Update to Fiscal Year 2020 Tax Levy
      Finance Director Leigh Griffing presented the agenda item.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

3. COMMITTEE BUSINESS
   3.1 Appointment to the Public Art Committee
      Chairwoman Heather Harp introduced Mayor Engen’s motion to approve his appointment to the Public Art Committee.
      There was no public comment.
      Councilwoman Julie Merritt made the motion.
      The vote was unanimous.
      This will be on the consent agenda of the Monday, September 16, 2019, City Council meeting.
      Moved by: Julie Merritt
      Confirm the Mayor’s appointment of Joe Kellogg to the Public Art Committee to fill a vacated term beginning immediately and expiring on June 30, 2023.

       AYES: (8): Stacie Anderson, Mirtha Becerra, John DiBari, Heather Harp, Gwen Jones, Julie Merritt, Bryan von Lossberg, and Heidi West
       ABSENT: (4): Julie Armstrong, Jordan Hess, Jesse Ramos, and Michelle Cares
Vote results: Approved (8 to 0)

3.2 National Institute of Health Design Contract

Eran Pehan, director of Housing & Community Development, and Holly Truitt with Process Curiosity, presented the agenda item and described the design project.

Councilwoman Julie Merritt pointed out an error on the presented documentation.

Councilwoman Heidi West shared a story about how she has visited a similar structure and asked in relation to the lab space, whether the forensic side of DNA be discussed or presented.

Councilwoman Stacey Anderson asked what this climber would replace in the original library space. Mrs. Truitt responded.

Mrs. Harp asked why the City Council would have to approve $90,000 for a grant. Mrs. Pehan explained the grant and provided further clarification.

Mrs. Merritt shared her concerns with how frequently the climber unit would be cleaned and whether it would be on a regular basis. Mrs. Truitt explained there is a plan for that.

Mrs. Anderson clarified that the City is approving the grant and no City of Missoula general funds are being used for this project and explained that there is no opportunity to use these funds for any other purpose.

Mrs. Merritt made the motion.

The vote was unanimous.

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Moved by: Julie Merritt

Approve and authorize the Mayor to sign an agreement with Process Curiosity in the amount of $90,000.00 to provide design services for the National Institute of Health grant funded DNA sculpture and climber within the new public library.

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4. ADJOURNMENT