

**BUDGET COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
140 WEST PINE STREET
MISSOULA MONTANA
July 7, 2010, 2:25pm**

Members present: Ed Childers, President; Stacy Rye, Pam Walzer; Lyn Hellegaard; Roy Housemen;

Members absent: Marilyn Marler; Renee Mitchell; Jason Wiener; Dick Haines; Dave Strohmaier; Jon Wilkins; Bob Jaffe.

Others present: Matt Leech, Brentt Ramharter, John Hendrickson, Dee Andersen, Rod Austin, Bruce Bender.

I. Administrative Business

A. Approve committee minutes dated: [June 23, 2010](#)- will be approved at a later date.

B. Public Comment on items not listed on the agenda-

John Hendrickson, MBIA, would like the following question answered.

- Is the City going to take an Administrative Fee on the proposed road and park districts?
- In section 2 of the resolution under public health and safety, can these fees collected be used for Police and Fire salaries?
- In section 4 of the resolution under labor, can it be used for salaries in Public Works?

Bruce Bender, Chief Administrative Officer, said we used that general language as it was similar to language used other city codes. The more specific tasks of the districts are listed in the resolution. There is no administrative fee collected with these districts and that only occurs with SID's.

II. Regular Agenda

A. Ordinance amending Chapter 12.44 Missoula Municipal Code entitled "Cemeteries" repealing section 12.44.070 entitled "Reserve Funds." removing the requirements relating to the deposit of certain cemetery revenue into reserve funds ([memo](#)).—Regular Agenda (Marty Rehbein) (Referred to committee: 06/14/10 **REMOVE FROM AGENDA**)

NOTE-NO QUORUM PRESENT

Motion: The committee recommends the City Council set a public hearing on August 2, 2010, on an ordinance amending Chapter 12.44 Missoula Municipal Code entitled "Cemeteries" repealing section 12.44.070 entitled "Reserve Funds." removing the requirements relating to the deposit of certain cemetery revenue into reserve funds.

Brentt Ramharter, Finance Director, said when we presented the FY2011 preliminary budget, we wanted to propose that for a minimum of 2 years the revenue that currently goes into certain special accounts for the cemetery fund would be deposited into the general fund for fiscal years 2011 and 2012. It is approximately \$85,000 a year.

Ed Childers asked what the plan is for the distribution of funds that are in there now.

Mr. Ramharter said they would stay as they are; dedicated to cemetery purposes.

Lyn Hellegaard asked if the cemetery fund is set up as an enterprise fund.

Mr. Ramharter said no, it is special revenue account for future cemetery needs.

Mr. Bender said basically we would be treating the cemetery like the other departments.

Pam Walzer moved to set a public hearing August 2, 2010.

Upon a voice vote, the motion carried with no quorum present and will appear on committee reports.

- B. Ordinance amending Missoula Municipal Code Chapter 1.20 entitled "General Penalty" amending section 1.20.010 entitled "Designated" and section 1.20.020 entitled "Fine payment" to establish a minimum fine of \$30.00 for violations of city ordinances unless specifically provided for elsewhere in Missoula Municipal Code ([memo](#)).—Regular Agenda (Marty Rehbein) (Referred to committee: 06/14/10) **REMOVE FROM AGENDA**

Motion: The committee recommends the City Council set a public hearing on August 2, 2010 on an ordinance amending Missoula Municipal Code Chapter 1.20.010 entitled "General Penalty amending section 1.20.010 entitled "Designated" and section 1.20.020 entitled "Fine Payment" to establish a minimum fee of \$30.00 for violations of city ordinances unless specifically provided for elsewhere in Missoula Municipal Code.

NOTE-NO QUORUM PRESENT

Brentt Ramharter, Finance Director, said this item is to amend the ordinance and change the minimum Municipal Fine from \$25.00 to \$30.00 and to set a public hearing.

Roy Houseman asked why the increase is only \$5.00.

Mr. Ramharter said he would have to get that answer from the Court.

Ms. Walzer moved to set a public hearing.

Upon a voice vote the motion carried unanimously with no quorum present, and will appear on committee reports.

- C. Missoula Downtown Business Improvement District's annual work plan and budget for fiscal year 2011.—Regular Agenda (Returned from council floor: 06/28/10) **REMOVE FROM AGENDA**

NOTE-NO QUORUM PRESENT

Motion: The committee recommends the City Council approve The Missoula Downtown Business Improvement District's annual work plan and budget for fiscal year 2011.

- [BID Preliminary Working Budget](#)
- [BID Narrative](#)

Ms Rye said she took a look at the budget and work plan and it looked fine and moved to approve.

Rod Austin, Business Improvement District, said his board has not approved it yet, it is a preliminary budget.

Ms. Walzer said she didn't feel comfortable voting on this as it wasn't on the agenda or hasn't been approved by their board.

Ms. Rye said she would like to withdrawal the motion until the board approved the budget.

Ms. Rye asked if they were pressure washing the sidewalks downtown

Mr. Austin said yes, we are starting on the corners.

Ms. Rye asked what their annual budget is.

Mr. Austin replied \$263,000.

Mr. Ramharter said it would be fine to approve the preliminary BID budget and work plan; it would be no different than what Council does with the City's Preliminary Budget. If something needed to be amended later on, it can be.

Ms. Rye moved to approve the BID budget and work plan.

Upon a voice vote the motion carried unanimously with no quorum present and will appear on committee reports.

Mr. Childers then commented on the letter to the editor written by Rene Mitchell, Lyn Hellegaard and Dick Haines. He said he would like some errors cleared up and asked Mr. Ramharter to address them.

Mr. Ramharter stated that the Budget is adopted by the City Council and the tax levies are set by the City Council.

Mr. Childers clarified that no one can levy property taxes unless the Council approves

Mr. Ramharter said yes that is correct.

Mr. Childers said that Mr. Ramharter would re-open the budget hearing.

III. Held in committee

- A. Update on the quarterly budget report ([memo](#)).—Regular Agenda (Lyn Hellegaard) (Referred to committee: 04/26/10)
- B. Review and make recommendations on a proposal to create two City-wide maintenance districts for the purpose of funding a portion of the costs to provide public street and park maintenance ([memo](#)).—Regular Agenda (Carla Krause) (Returned from council floor: 06/21/10) (*Tabled 06/23/2010*)

IV. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Dee Krevey
Administrative Secretary