

Moose Can Gully Neighborhood
in conjunction with South 39th Street and Miller Creek Neighborhoods

Candidate Forum
Ward 5 City Council election

(moderated by the League of Women Voters)

Renee Mitchell, incumbent
Mike O'Herron

Wednesday, September 21, 7:00 pm (6:30 social)
Meadow Hill School multi-purpose room

Discussion topics for candidates

1. Tell us something about yourself and why you want to be on City Council.
2. What are your priorities for the City budget?
3. What opportunities do you see for economic development in Missoula?
4. What are some challenges specific to Ward 5?

Questions from the audience: Please submit questions in writing.

Summary: Each candidate will make closing remarks.

Need assistance? Contact Lyle at 251-2169 or pamlylej@imt.net.



Missoula Neighborhoods celebrating 15 years.

Excerpts from the MAYOR'S INTRODUCTION, FISCAL YEAR 2012 BUDGET

For the full text of this introduction and the complete set of 2012 preliminary budget documents, see www.ci.missoula.mt.us

Overview

As proposed, the budget reflects the goals of our strategic plan to maintain a fiscally sustainable city, to maintain harmony between our natural and built environments and to ensure an excellent quality of life for all Missoulians.

For the first time in two years, our budget doesn't propose significant cuts...I believe this is a budget that reflects an economic recovery for Missoula. The important details:

General fund

We're estimating that we'll have some new tax revenue from growth in our tax base in the amount of \$500,000. We are proposing a \$243,212, or 1 percent, increase in our General Fund tax levy, which will largely fund contracted wage increases for union and non-union employees. Last year, the City worked in partnership with our unions and employees to freeze wages...in FY10 and FY11. We reduced our operating budget by a total of 6 percent.

Health fund

Outside of the General Fund, we are proposing an additional \$681,446 be levied in the health fund. Unprecedented claims during FY10 and FY11 have eroded the plan's rainy-day fund. (A \$2.3million surplus at the beginning of FY10 was spent down to about \$1 million by the beginning of FY11.)

Other revenue

Two years ago, we chose to not increase any of our fees. For FY12, the City will be recommending that business licensing, engineering and certain fire inspection services be recovered at the cost it takes to deliver those services. Certain planning fees are recommended to be increased to recover at least 50 percent of actual costs and match County planning fees.

Other details of note

- Proposed revenue will fund an estimated \$43.7 million of General Fund expenses.
- The Building Inspection Fund is recovering nicely.
- We have attempted to be conservative in estimating revenues to this point

Summary

In closing, we continue to be fortunate to live in Missoula, Montana.

Sincerely,
John Engen
Mayor

Neighborhood News



On June 2, 2011, Susie Graham's fourth graders at Chief Charlo School finished up the school year with a service project. They went down to Moose Can Gully in the pouring rain, and cleaned out 12 bags, 4 tires, one car part, and lots of wood.

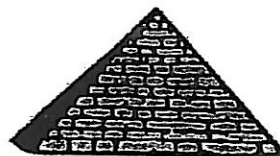
**The students were so proud of their accomplishment!
Moose Can Gully Neighborhood Council thanks them for their effort.**

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