

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
City Council Chambers
140 W. Pine
MISSOULA MONTANA
August 17, 2009, After Council Meeting**

Members present: Ed Childers, President; Dick Haines; Renee Mitchell; Pam Walzer; Jason Wiener; Jon Wilkins; Stacy Rye, Vice President; John Hendrickson; Lyn Hellegaard, Marilyn Marler and Dave Strohmaier

Members absent: Bob Jaffe

Others present: Marty Rehbein, Mayor Engen

I. Administrative Business

- A. [Minutes of August 5, 2009](#)
The minutes were approved as submitted.

II. Public Comment on items not listed on the agenda

There was no public comment.

III. Regular Agenda

A. Mayor's Update – Ongoing in Committee. (Mayor Engen)

Mayor Engen reviewed the community projects and programs funded by federal stimulus dollars noting that the city will be submitting grant applications for additional funds.

City employees were recently honored for longevity. Dedicated personnel are key to serving the citizens.

Mayor Engen said the Russell Street peer review process is concluding. He met with the Clouse family, owners of the Pink Grizzly on Russell, last week. He did his best to assure them the city is interested in having them continue their business.

He announced that construction is nearly finalized at the Higgins/Hill/Beckwith intersection and the roundabout will open soon. He thanked the businesses and neighbors in the area for their patience.

B. Updates from Council representatives on the Health Board, Community Forum, Transportation Policy Coordinating Committee (TPCC), other boards and commissions as necessary. – (Ongoing in Committee)

Health Board---Ms. Mitchell reported the board will meet later this week and will discuss the air pollution control program regulations. She outlined the remaining agenda items and announced that September 11th and 12th will be HazWaste Days.

Community Forum---Mr. Wilkins said the forum will meet on August 27th in City Council Chambers. He conveyed the council's request to change the forum's neighborhood bus tour to a weekday. The forum is discussing it. He announced the city's new neighborhood liaison is named Erin Scott.

TPCC---Ms. Rye said there is nothing to report. This month TPCC will discuss the 2010 Transportation Improvement Plan. Last month they heard a presentation about the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) grants available as part of the federal stimulus package. They also talked about software application the planning board could use to show a potential subdivision's traffic implications. Mr. Wiener said a resolution

supporting the city's \$19 million TIGER grant application will be in Public Works Committee this week. He expressed interest in the software.

LEPC—no report

Brownfield—Ms. Walzer stated they are preparing to loan some money to the brownfield revolving loan fund. They also received stimulus funds and are looking for projects. In order to qualify for the funds, the contamination cannot have been caused by the current owner.

Employee Benefit Committee—The committee has updated their bylaws. City Council members should now be receiving e-mails from the city's wellness programs. Health screenings are one of the most effective components of the wellness program. The latest screening detected two people with early stages of prostate cancer and one person with skin cancer. The committee continues work to increase participation in the screening process. October 21st is the next opportunity. There will be other opportunities during the year. Another thing the EBC is working on is adding Partnership Health Center as a preferred provider in the health plan. The committee is also trying to educate people about lower cost health care and prescription options.

There was no public comment.

IV. Held in Committee

- A. Develop short and mid-term goals ([memo](#)).—Regular Agenda (Bob Jaffe) (Referred to committee: 4/23/2007)
- B. Discuss possibilities for enhancing the applicant pool for vacancies on volunteer boards and commissions ([memo](#)).—Regular Agenda (Dave Strohmaier) (Referred to committee: 09/17/07)
- C. Joint meeting between the Missoula City Council and the Missoula County Public Schools' Board of Trustees ([memo](#)).—Regular Agenda (Dave Strohmaier) (Referred to committee: 09/17/07)
- D. Examination of Office Planning and Grants ([memo](#)).—Regular Agenda (John Hendrickson) (Referred to committee: 09/08/08)
- E. Review CIP funding mechanism, vehicle replacement policy, department vehicle use practices, specifically Police, Fire, and Parking Commission ([memo](#)).—Regular Agenda (Ed Childers) (Referred to committee: 11/10/08)
- F. Outside legal consultation on the legal opinion regarding zoning rewrite ([memo](#)).—Regular Agenda (John Hendrickson) (Referred to committee: 05/04/09)
- G. Joint meeting of the Mayor, City Council and County Commission; a facilitated quarterly OPG review as directed in the Interlocal Agreement—Ongoing in committee (Mayor Engen)

V. Remove from agenda

- A. Referral of support for the Expo-Center ([memo](#)).—Regular Agenda (John Hendrickson) (Referred to committee: 05/04/09)
- B. Authorize mail ballots for 2009 Primary Municipal Election ([memo](#)).—Regular Agenda (Ed Childers) (Referred to committee: 07/20/09)

VI. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marty Rehbein
City Clerk