

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
City Council Chambers
140 W. Pine
MISSOULA MONTANA
December 21, 2009, After Council Meeting

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

Members absent: John Hendrickson

Others present: Marty Rehbein

I. Administrative Business

[Minutes of December 16, 2009](#)—were approved as submitted.

II. Public Comment on items not listed on the agenda

None

III. Regular Agenda

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

Stacy Rye said the committee discussed three items at the TPCC meeting on November 17th. She reported they discussed the grant application for the EPA National Clean Diesel Funding Assistance. The grant is for \$.2 million and is to help Montana Rail Link fund pollution reduction devices to produce less pollution when train engines are idling. She noted the council supports the grant.

Ms. Rye stated the committee discussed the Missoula Travel Demand Model Enhancement program, and the 2010 Non Motorized Transportation Plan. The non-motorized transportation plan was last updated in 2001 and there have not been any changes since. She said the non motorized transportation plan should be updated and added to the long range transportation plan. She said both the city council and county commissioners would adopt it as part of the growth policy. There is a projected working group that includes OPG staff, MDT, City and County Public Works, City/County Health Department, City Bike Ped., MAEDC, MRTMA, ASUM Transportation, Mountain Line and a few others. It was agreed to ask the Missoula School District and Missoula in Motion to propose their recommendations.

Ms. Rye stated the Missoula Travel Demand Model Enhancement program will conduct an actual count on traveling practices to different places and times. They will use strip counters to count how many non-motorized and pedestrians are traveling around Missoula. She noted this will help guide the city for future planning. She said when the projects are granted, they will be contracted in the next couple of months.

Jon Wilkins asked if the grant is to fund part of the study.

Ms. Rye said the grant is to move forward with the upgrades.

Renee Mitchell reported there were November and December Health Board meetings. There was a variance request at the November meeting. The situation consists of two buildings on a piece of property that was used for yoga and meditation. The property owners were denied further usage because the sewage permit didn't allow the addition. She said there are no plans to use the buildings as bedrooms, but they can be construed as bedrooms. The property owners are required to move the buildings off the land; even though they are more than 100 ft. from the main structure. Ms. Mitchell reported it was a good learning experience and the property owners are making arrangements to move the buildings.

Ms. Mitchell said the Missoula County gave an updated report on the H1N1 flu vaccine. They reported the number of cases and vaccines given out. She said Missoula has seen the worst of the flu, but it is very contagious and could reemerge.

She said Jim Carlson reported in the December meeting the Wastewater Treatment Plant and Eco Compost odor study was completed by Morrison-Maierle. It was the same report that was presented at the committee meetings and printed in the *Missoulian*.

Ms. Mitchell stated the Water Quality Board approved a change in the well location regulations to help protect wells from septic tanks in the county. She noted the next meeting will discuss strategic planning for the next three years.

Mr. Wilkins said he was unable to attend the Community Forum meeting because of prior commitments.

Jason Wiener reported the Missoula Civic Television Advisory Commission wanted to thank the committee for adopting the resolution in support of the CAP Act. They will be asking the county commissioners for their support also.

He said they discussed the renegotiation contract between MCAT and the City of Missoula. There has been a substantial increase in broadcasts on the government channel, and there will be discussions regarding additional funding.

Pam Walzer stated the Local Emergency Planning Committee will not meet until the second week in January.

She stated the Brownfield Committee has not met, but funding has been approved through a grant application for small quantities of clean up for non profits, such as facilities with asbestos, lead paint, mold abatements and other things that are related. She said the coordinator in OPG will help citizens apply for the funds.

Ms. Walzer said Allegiance is the city's health care administrator, and there are two different mandates that will affect the policy. She said there are changes that affect mental health care and autism treatment. She noted it is unclear at this time how the requirements will affect the health plan.

IV. Held in Committee

- A. Mayor's Update – Ongoing in Committee. (Mayor Engen)
- B. Joint meeting of the Mayor, City Council and County Commission; a facilitated quarterly OPG review as directed in the [Interlocal Agreement](#) (Agenda)—Ongoing (Mayor Engen)
- C. Develop short and mid-term goals ([memo](#)).—Regular Agenda (Bob Jaffe) (Referred to committee: 4/23/2007)
- D. 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)
- E. 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)
- F. Examination of Office Planning and Grants ([memo](#)).—Regular Agenda (John Hendrickson) (Referred to committee: 09/08/08)
- G. 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)
- H. Outside legal consultation on the legal opinion regarding zoning rewrite ([memo](#)).—Regular Agenda (John Hendrickson) (Referred to committee: 05/04/09)
- I. Referral of support for the Expo-Center ([memo](#)).—Regular Agenda (John Hendrickson) (Referred to committee: 05/04/09)

V. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Elam
Secretary