

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**  
**City Council Chambers**  
**140 W. Pine**  
**MISSOULA MONTANA**  
**November 15, 2010, After Council Meeting**

**Members present:** Ed Childers, President; Dick Haines, Roy Houseman, Bob Jaffe, Dave Strohmaier, Renee Mitchell, Pam Walzer, Jon Wilkins, Lyn Hellegaard

**Members absent:** Stacy Rye, Jason Wiener and Marilyn Marler were absent

**Others present:** Mayor John Engen, Marty Rehbein

**I. Administrative Business**

- A. Minutes from the [August 20, 2010](#), were approved.
- B. Minutes from the [October 18, 2010](#), were approved.

**II. Public Comment on items not listed on the agenda**

There were no public comments.

**III. Regular Agenda**

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

Mayor Engen said the Best Place Project has evolved into a 501 (c) (6) organization called Missoula Economic Partnership. Their fundraising efforts are progressing, and they will soon be looking at recruiting an executive to run the organization.

Ms. Hellegaard asked if there is a list of businesses that they would like to target to locate in Missoula.

Mayor said the [Gardner report](#) commissioned by the Best Place Project targets categories of industry and businesses including:

- Mobile entrepreneurs
- Creative industry
- Medical/Pharmaceutical Wholesaling
- Back office support

MR. Haines said Missoula doesn't have a sterling reputation for being friendly to business, and attitudes need to change. An example is the issue of homeless people sleeping on the street. If Missoula is going to attract business, the council is going to have to change some attitudes. He hopes businesses can be persuaded to come to Missoula.

Mayor Engen agreed and said there are some organizational issues with city/county government that need to change.

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 said the last meeting was held October 21<sup>st</sup>. The board voted 4-1 to appeal the Hedapohl/Martin decision to the Supreme Court. The two goals of the appeal are: is the regulation constitutional and was the judicial process was properly followed? Commissioner Curtiss brought a brochure developed by Erica Rollins that shows how the tobacco industry continues to market to young people. An award for exemplary service was presented to Scoshi Chandler. Partnership Health Center is considering a partnership to use a dental van to better serve their clients. The next meeting includes an agenda item about the Milltown dam.

Ms. Walzer said she also heard that nicotine products were being placed in an area to encourage shoplifting. Ms. Walzer asked if the city could enact a law to require that these kinds of products must be behind the counter or controlled in some manner. Jim Nugent, City Attorney, said it would depend if the city has jurisdiction and who would enforce it. Mr. Nugent suggested someone should see if it doesn't already violate an existing law. Generally the city can fill in the gaps where the state doesn't regulate.

#### Missoula Aging Services

Mr. Haines said the Missoula Aging Services board is talking about what the state will do with respect to services provided through aging services in the governor's budget and the legislative session.

#### LEPC

Ms. Walzer said there will be a public hearing on the pre-disaster mitigation plan before the Board of County Commissioners. The hearing will be from 4-6 p.m. on December 1. Drafts of the plan are on the Office of Emergency Services website.

#### Community Forum

Mr. Wilkins said on November 18<sup>th</sup> they will have an all leadership team potluck here in the chambers. They had a quorum at their last meeting and conducted strategic planning. Next year, they will celebrate the neighborhood council's 15<sup>th</sup> birthday. They are planning some special things for it.

There was no public comment.

#### **IV. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marty Rehbein  
City Clerk