

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
140 WEST PINE STREET
MISSOULA MONTANA
APRIL 6, 2011, 10:35 AM**

Members present: Dick Haines; Lyn Hellegaard; Bob Jaffe; Marilyn Marler; Renee Mitchell; Dave Strohmaier; Pam Walzer; Jason Wiener; Jon Wilkins and Cynthia Wolken

Members absent: Ed Childers, President; Stacy Rye, Vice President;

Others present: Laval Means, Dave Dewing, John Hendrickson, Mike Barton, Marty Rehbein

I. Administrative Business

Minutes dated [March 21, 2011](#) and [March 30, 2011](#) will be approved at a later date.

II. Public Comment on items not listed on the agenda—None

III. Regular Agenda

- A. Consider a regular and an emergency ordinance to adjust ward boundaries. ([memo](#))—Regular Agenda (Laval Means) ([COW Proposal 04/06/11](#)) (Referred to committee: 02/28/11) **HELD IN COMMITTEE**

Dave Dewing from Office of the Planning and Grants brought a [revised proposal](#) of a new boundary map. The changes are:

- The first change between Ward 1 and Ward 2 did not change.
- On the second change between Ward 3 and Ward 4, Woodworth and Beverly were put back into Ward 4 and the area surrounding the X's was put into Ward 3. This change put Ward 3 numbers above by 3 ½ percent over.
- In the third change between Ward 5 and Ward 6, the Fort Missoula area was put back to Ward 5 and the bottom triangle was put into Ward 6. There was no change in the population numbers between this change and the prior change.

Lyn Hellegaard stated she empathizes with the people on the Woodworth and Beverly streets but feels this is a better suggestion rather than making the suggested change and putting Ward 3 up by 400 people.

Bob Jaffe stated he also has concerns with the suggested change as he sees some possible infill coming into Ward 3 around the Russell/river area and the Millsite area. He also sees Ward 3 growing faster than Ward 4.

Pam Walzer stated the US Supreme Court says plus or minus 5 percent is what they considered the one person-one vote. Our City attorney says 3 percent should be our goal. She wondered how firm the 3 percent is, since this suggestion will put Ward 3 over to 3 percent. Mr. Dewing stated she should check with the city attorney.

Marilyn Marler stated she doesn't have a strong preference either way but feels a slight preference on Fort Missoula being in Ward 6.

Pam Walzer stated some other thoughts and proposals on what can be done. She asked what the requirement is to the public hearing. Marty Rehbein stated if someone from the public comes in, the clerk's office would show them the initial map

and if the council wants to make this suggestion a second option then this option would be available to them too. The clerk's office would need some direction from the committee on what options are available for public comment.

Jason Wiener stated he would like to see the staff recommendation as option 1 then this suggestion as option 2. Ms. Rehbein stated it would be better to develop options sooner rather than later so people have a chance to think about them. She also stated there are some people who still want to make suggestions for other options.

Marilyn Marler asked if there are people who still want to make other options. Mr. Wiener stated he has requested some information but hasn't received it yet. He will then decide if he wants to propose an alternative proposal.

Lyn Hellegaard stated she would like to see in option 3 with Woodworth and Beverly streets back in Ward 3 and the university back in Ward 4.

Dave Strohmaier stated he does not feel particularly strong about one option or the other to the boundary change from his Ward 1 perspective.

Mr. Wiener stated for clarity the staff recommended map between Ward 3 and Ward 4 is implemented rather than the alternative.

- B. Administration and Council discuss legislative matters. ([memo](#))—Regular Agenda (Ed Childers) (Referred to committee: 01/24/11) **HELD IN COMMITTEE**

Lyn Hellegaard stated she would like to table the discussion on Senate Bill 425 in light of the amendments on the floor.

IV. Held in committee

1. Mayor's Update – Ongoing in Committee. (Mayor Engen)
2. Updates from Council representatives on the Health Board, Community Forum, Transportation Policy Coordinating Committee, other boards and commissions as necessary. – (Ongoing in Committee)
3. 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)
4. 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)
5. Examination of Office Planning and Grants ([memo](#))—Regular Agenda (Lyn Hellegaard) (Referred to committee: 09/08/08)

V. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:59 AM

Respectfully submitted,

Nikki Rogers

Deputy City Clerk