

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
City Council Chambers
140 W. Pine
MISSOULA MONTANA
July 20, 2009, After Council Meeting

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

Members absent: None

Others present: Marty Rehbein, Mayor Engen

I. Administrative Business

[Minutes of May 18, 2009](#)

[Minutes of June 16, 2009](#)

Both sets of 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)

No report.

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)Joint meeting of the Mayor, City Council and County Commission; a facilitated quarterly OPG review as directed in the [Interlocal Agreement \(Agenda 04/29/09\)](#)—Ongoing in committee (Mayor Engen)

- Health Board

Ms. Mitchell reported the boards met today. They heard a presentation on the communicable disease report checklist, and they had an update on the drug disposal program held recently. She will make a referral to Public Safety and Health to have a presentation on this topic. Many people still don't know that they shouldn't flush old prescription medications down the toilet. The board held a hearing on the changes to the air pollution control regulations. Few people attended. They adopted new Missoula County Smoke Standards. Peter Nielsen gave a report on the Water Quality District.

- TPCC

Ms. Rye said the committee has been discussing its membership. Mr. Sponseller suggested having a voting representative from the Health area on TPCC. There is currently a non-voting Health member on the committee. She indicated currently the people who vote are elected officials who bring money to the table. She noted one of adding a Health representative would need to be approved by governor. They will discuss this again tomorrow at their meeting. Ms. Hellegaard noted the Transportation Technical Advisory Committee has a voting health representative—Jim Carlson.

The U.S. federal government has more funding available for large scale projects costing up to \$20 million. TPCC and TTAC are developing a list of projects including: a major rails to trails project and a traffic signalization optimization project.

She noted there is \$1.6 million left over from the Miller Creek Environmental Impact Statement. The congressional delegation convinced the U.S. Federal Highway Administration that the money should stay in Missoula. The funding was originally a county grant, so the City and County Public Works Directors were making their case for using the money. The city will get \$500,000. The county will get the remainder. The County will use the money to improve Mocking Bird Lane. The city will use money toward the roundabout at Lower and Upper Miller Creek.

- Community Forum

Jon Wilkins said the city has a new neighborhood liaison—Erin Scott. The Forum's next meeting will be held July 23rd.

Mr. Hendrickson said he served on committee that hired Ms. Scott. There were a lot of good candidates. He believe the city will be happy with the selection.

Mr. Wilkins said the forum will be discussing the upcoming September bus tour at their next meeting. He would like more City Council members to attend. Several City Council members expressed they preferred when it was held in the middle of the week instead of on the weekend.

- Public Art Committee

Mr. Strohmaier stated the Public Art Selection Committee has selected a piece for the fire station construction/remodel project. He said it was a hard decision, but the vote was unanimous. The recommendation will now go to the Rose Park Design Review Team and the Park Board. There is \$40,000 available for this piece.

Mr. Wilkins asked if the design is available yet. Mr. Strohmaier responded that the design will not be finalized until it has been reviewed by the design review team and the park board. He will see if he can get the draft design to City Council members.

- Brownfields Committee

Ms. Walzer reported a new brownfield coordinator has been hired. His name is John Adams.

- Employee Benefits Committee (EBC)

Ms. Walzer stated the City Council should now be receiving wellness newsletters. The city's wellness program is working. Medical claims are down 2%.

- Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)

Ms. Walzer stated all the hazmat incidents were handled locally and outside help to deal with them wasn't required. She reported the County used the Reverse 911 system to notify residents in the Northside/Westside residents about the closure of the Scott Street Bridge. The notification also cautioned resident against crossing the railroad tracks at grade. A total of 1,474 phone numbers were called, and it took one and a half hours to complete the calls. The County has log of the calls. Only 150 people returned a call to 911 after they heard the initial message which is very positive. She noted that the next step is to communicate with the public about registering their cell phones in order to be reached by Reverse 911. Missoula County is planning to reach out to neighbors in the Northside/Westside, Lower Rattlesnake and Heart of Missoula areas first. Missoula County disaster and emergency service personnel were very pleased with the way the notification went overall.

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

V. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marty Rehbein
City Clerk