

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

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

Members absent: Stacy Rye, Vice President; Dave Strohmaier

Others present: Mayor John Engen; Marty Rehbein, Brentt Ramharter, Roger Millar, Rob Chaney

I. Administrative Business

[Minutes of August 17, 2009](#), 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 announced he has assembled a housing group to talk with people about what kind of housing they are interested in and how the community can work together to meet those needs. They are hoping to bring partners to the table to help conduct research.

Mr. Wiener recently met with staff from the Montana Department of Revenue (DOR). The goal of these meetings is to help DOR provide better services to local government.

The administration is exploring bonding potential for police facility and former champion Millsite.

Staff are assisting partners in the community to submit a bid to host the national championship football games in Missoula.

Last week he attended Franklin School and had a lunch featuring local foods.

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 stated the board met last Thursday. The board reviewed an influenza immunization plan that covers the H1N1 epidemic. If people have symptoms they should try to stay home and employers should try to do without that employee. They also discussed wastewater treatment systems and wells located in unincorporated parts of the county. They are discussing developing a well permit system to try to help alleviate the problems of the two being place too close together. The board came to an agreement on the new Air Quality regulations. They will now be coming to the City Council and Commissioners before they are finalized.

Brownfield Revolving Loan Fund

Ms. Walzer reported the stimulus money awarded to Missoula must be granted within a year. There will be some outreach in the committee to places that could use the funding. The grant money may be used to help mitigate asbestos or mold.

Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)

Ms. Walzer stated the upcoming meeting will mostly focus on emergency response. She noted that there is a flaw in Reverse 911 because it is difficult to get the public to voluntarily register their cell phone with 911 so they can be contacted.

Employee Benefit Committee (EBC)

Ms. Walzer reported that Finance Director Brentt Ramharter spent time at a recent ECB meeting talking with the committee about the plan's financial performance. The plan is currently well funded. There has been a lot of discussion about the costs the city pays for an administrator to manage the health plan. They are considering some changes to the plan to cover all annual wellness exams for women, changing the co-pay, and changes to colonoscopy charges. etc... Ms. Marler asked about coverage for adult orthodontia. Ms. Walzer will ask. Generally, the concern has been that there would too many people using the coverage.

Mr. Hendrickson asked what is the benefit year? Ms. Walzer responded it is the same as the fiscal year.

Community Forum

Mr. Wilkins said the Community Forum will meet September 24 from 7-9. The bus tour committee meets at 6:15 p.m.. September 26 is the fall bus tour. The Forum will be holding a strategic planning session in September.

There was no public comment on the reports.

IV. Held in Committee

- A. 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)
- B. Develop short and mid-term goals ([memo](#)).—Regular Agenda (Bob Jaffe) (Referred to committee: 4/23/2007)
- C. 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)
- D. 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)
- E. Examination of Office Planning and Grants ([memo](#))—Regular Agenda (John Hendrickson) (Referred to committee: 09/08/08)
- F. 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)
- G. Outside legal consultation on the legal opinion regarding zoning rewrite ([memo](#)).—Regular Agenda (John Hendrickson) (Referred to committee: 05/04/09)
- H. 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,

Marty Rehbein
City Clerk