

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
Jack Reidy Conference Room
140 W. Pine
MISSOULA MONTANA
August 20, 2010 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM

Members Present: Ed Childers, President; Stacy Rye, Vice President; Renee Mitchell, Pam Walzer, Marilyn Marler, Roy Houseman

Members Absent: Dick Haines, Bob Jaffe, Dave Strohmaier, Jason Wiener, Jon Wilkins, Lyn Hellegaard

Others Present: Alec Hansen, John Engen, Brentt Ramharter, Ginny Merriam, John Hendrickson, Lew Barnett, Mike Wood, Julie Lazaro, Robert Dobrovolney, Carla Parks

I. Administrative Business:

Minutes for [August 16, 2010](#) will be approved at a later date.

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

None

III. Regular Agenda:

Annual Montana League of Cities and Towns district meeting ([memo](#)).—Regular Agenda (Mayor Engen) (Referred to committee: 08/09/10)

Alec Hansen, Executive Director of Montana League of Cities and Towns opened the meeting with a [Legislative Report handout](#). He discussed the national economy, state and local finance challenges and mentioned cities and towns will need to challenge the legislature to keep local government costs down.

The handout contains information regarding the Entitlement program, Revenue Alternatives, Reappraisal and Mr. Hansen discussed each item.

Mr. Hansen mentioned the 2010 Census and Legislative Redistricting and noted the data collected is important information for cities and towns to function and spoke about population growth in Montana.

He said the legislature has become involved in all land use issues and local governments need to continue to defend their authority to manage land use and promote community development.

He talked about water quality and nutrient standards in the state and mentioned the cost of updating wastewater treatments plants.

Mr. Hansen discussed the Medical marijuana issues in Montana and said \$15,000 people have acquired or are in the process of acquiring a green card. It was agreed in Helena by several groups that the medical marijuana needs to be regulated, and he noted there will be numerous bills created to deal with the issue at the next legislature.

He discussed the changes that are related to the state's public pension and employee benefit program. The health care program is undergoing major provisions and will be in effect in 2014. Mr. Hansen concluded the meeting and with the General Fund Revenue Monitoring Report.

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. Develop short and mid-term goals ([memo](#)).—Regular Agenda (Bob Jaffe) (Referred to committee: 4/23/2007)
5. 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)
6. Examination of Office Planning and Grants ([memo](#))—Regular Agenda (Lyn Hellegaard) (Referred to committee: 09/08/08)
7. 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)

v. Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,

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