CITY OF HELENA
City Commission Meeting
June 28, 2021 - 6:00 PM
City-County Building, Room 330
Zoom Online Meeting: https://zoom.us/j/96971903791

Time & Place

A regular City Commission meeting was held on Monday, June 28, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom Online Meeting ID: https://zoom.us/j/96971903791, as well as, the City Commission Chambers at 316 N. Park Ave, Helena 59623.

Pledge of Allegiance

(01:03) Mayor Collins asked those persons present to please stand and join him in the pledge of allegiance.

Call to Order and Roll Call

(01:49) Mayor Collins requested City Clerk Clayborn call roll call: City Attorney Jodoin, City Manager Harlow-Schalk, Commissioner Haladay, Commissioner Dean, Commissioner Logan, Commissioner O'Loughlin, and Mayor Collins all responded present. All participated in-person except the Mayor who participated virtually via Zoom.

Communication/Proposals from Commissioners

(02:38) Commissioner Logan addressed the numerous public comments regarding the issue surrounding curbside composting services and suggested an update to the ordinance to include composting.

(03:56) Discussion was had amongst city staff and the commission regarding what steps would be taken to expand on the discussion surrounding a potential update to the ordinance, what that process might look like, and what considerations to make note of moving forward.

Report of the City Attorney

(09:44) City Attorney Jodoin had nothing to report.

Report of the City Manager

(09:51) City Manager Harlow-Schalk informed the commission that the city will present an update at the next Administrative Meeting of their water conservation efforts.

Communications from the Helena Citizens Council

(11:10) HCC representative, Denise Roth Barber gave a report.

There were no public comments.

Public Hearings

A. A Resolution adopting Preliminary Budgets, Budget Authorities, and Appropriations for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022, and setting the Salary for Municipal Court Judge.

(12:44) City Manager Harlow-Schalk presented on Public Hearings Item A.

(13:20) No comments or questions from the commission.

(13:39) There were no public comments.

(14:04) Commissioner Logan made a motion to approve a Resolution adopting Preliminary Budgets, Budget Authorities, and Appropriations for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June
30, 2022, and setting the Salary for Municipal Court Judge. Commissioner Dean seconded the motion.

(14:30) Commissioner O'Loughlin asked for a point of clarification regarding procedure. Discussion was had between city staff and the commission that the motion and the second would stand, however the vote would be postponed until amendments could be made after reviewing each budget agenda item.

(17:45) Commissioner Dean thanked city staff as well as members of the public for their contribution and efforts to bring the budget forward. Commissioner Logan echoed this opinion.

PUBLIC COMMENT

(20:56) Mark Juedeman residing at 1801 E. Broadway Street and Vice Chair of the Citizens Conservation Board (CCB) addressed the commission and spoke in favor of sustainability items outlined in the budget. However, Mr. Juedeman outlined two concerns from the CCB: 1) they had hoped to see the sustainability coordinator position upgraded from a part-time to a full-time FTE; and 2) the city’s organizational chart shows the sustainability coordinator position was moved from reporting directly to the City Manager to now reporting to Public Works which to them, reflects a deprioritization of sustainability within the city. In conclusion, Mr. Juedeman suggested Community Development’s Planning Division might serve as a better location to house the sustainability coordinator position.

(25:08) Diana Hammer residing at 30 S. Harrison Avenue and Chair of the Citizens Conservation Board (CCB) addressed the commission and spoke in support leaving the sustainability coordination position within the City Manager’s office. Ms. Hammer spoke highly of the city’s efforts in addressing sustainability over the past few years and credited that to the sustainability coordinator position and its proximity to working directly with the City Manager.

(26:48) Ann Brodsky residing at 521 Clarke Street and member of the Citizens Conservation Board (CCB) addressed the commission and spoke in favor of the inclusion of a line item for $60,000 to conduct a strategic plan to implement the waste reduction resolution that the commission previously passed. Ms. Brodsky also spoke in support of having the work for the strategic plan come out of the Community Development’s Planning Division.

(30:08) There were no further public comments.

MOTION AMENDMENTS

(30:37) Commissioner O'Loughlin thanked city staff for their contribution and efforts to bring the budget forward.

(31:18) Commissioner O'Loughlin discussed the present situation of the city owned restaurant located in the Bill Robert’s Golf Course Clubhouse. The commissioner gave a recap of the conversations surrounding the restaurant and how the initial proposal was that revenue from both the golf course and the new restaurant operations would cover the debt service and operation expenses. However, this is currently not the case and now staff has proposed to the commission that the general fund pick up the cost of that debt moving forward for approximately $145,000 per year. Commissioner O’Loughlin outlined several other general fund transfers that have gone to largely subsidizing the city owned restaurant. Due to this present situation, Commissioner O'Loughlin suggested a broader policy discussion between the city and the commission to determine if they wanted to continue this practice of subsidizing a city owned restaurant or if there were other means to support it.

(34:15) Commissioner O'Loughlin proposed reducing the transfer by $89,537 as a means to reduce the overall general fund transfer down to the general obligation debt service of $145,000.

(35:40) Commissioner O'Loughlin moved to amend the motion and reduce the transfers out of fund 100 by $89,537 and reduce the interfund transfer in from fund 563 – Golf fund by the same amount of $89,537. Commissioner Haladay seconded the motion.

(36:39) City Manager Harlow-Schalk outlined the impact this amendment would have on the Golf fund.

(38:46) Mayor Collins asked city staff to explain how the notion came about to construct a restaurant without cold storage or an oven. City Manager Harlow-Schalk explained the old operation consisted of cold cuts,
fountain drinks, and minimal alcohol service which was the initial plan for the new location as well. However, the new location was built in a way that could allow for a larger operation.

(40:10) Commissioner Haladay and Commissioner O’Loughlin discussed the amendments she recommended and whether that would result in the golf course coming in the red or black. Commissioner O’Loughlin explained it would bring the golf course roughly $36,000 in the black.

(41:30) There were no public comments.

(41:53) The motion to amend failed 2:3.

(42:14) Commissioner O’Loughlin introduced another amendment to the commission regarding the potential to add AstroTurf to the Kindrick Legion Field.

(44:29) Commissioner O’Loughlin moved to amend the motion and reduce the transfers out of fund 100 by $125,000 and reduce transfers into the fund 440 by $125,000 resulting in a general fund transfer into the capital fund of $1,266,000. Commissioner Dean seconded the motion.

(45:00) There was no discussion by the commission.

(45:15) There were no public comments.

(45:49) Commissioner Dean asked city staff what the impacts would be should this amendment pass. City Manager Harlow-Schalk explained the potential impacts, specifically citing field maintenance. In order to allow for additional after hours use of the field, the city would benefit from having astroturf to better accommodate and maintain the increase in activity.

(48:45) Commissioner O’Loughlin asked city staff if Legion were to continue to be the sole user of the field, then astroturf would not be necessary and staff confirmed that to be correct.

(50:45) Commissioner Haladay asked city staff if the city was currently paying for the maintenance of the field while Legion uses it or is that billed into their use agreement. City Manager Harlow-Schalk stated she could look into that specific contract and get an answer to the commission at a later date. However, in general there are portions that are being maintained by Legion’s use agreement such as the building itself, while the field is predominantly maintained by the city.

(52:15) Commissioner Haladay suggested the city negotiate with Legion and the expedition league to see if they are interested in putting up a monetary investment rather than the city taking on the burden of $250,000 to install astroturf on a field that doesn’t currently need it.

(53:40) Commissioner Dean asked city staff if they could research how much water would be conserved if astroturf were to be installed at Kindrick Legion Field.


(54:48) Commissioner O’Loughlin introduced another amendment to the commission regarding the Helena Civic Center.

(56:38) Commissioner O’Loughlin moved to amend the motion and reduce the transfer out of fund 100 by $90,000, reduce transfers into fund 211 by $90,000, and reduce the capital outlay by $90,000 as well as fund 211. Commissioner Haladay seconded the motion.

(57:08) Commissioner Logan asked city staff what the impacts would be should this amendment pass. City staff explained the potential impacts, specifically that expenditures currently exceed revenues by $150,000 and the transfer implemented from previous years would not cover the full amount. The expenditures proposed in this budget include many of the deferred maintenance projects for the Civic Center. In conclusion, Finance Director Danielson informed the commission there was also a potential to divert some of the ARPA funding to support the Civic Center.

(01:0019) Discussion was had between Commissioner Haladay and Director Danielson regarding the change in the Civic Center’s preliminary budget, specifically the capital outlay went up about $200,000. Director Danielson explained this was in part due to the initial figures being calculated prior to the new Civic
Center Manager being hired. Then, once they were hired, the Manager revised the revenue projections which are now reflected in the preliminary budget.

(01:04:18) There were no public comments.

(01:04:30) Commissioner O’Loughlin suggested the commission make it clear that they intend to continue to offer a significant transfer of general funds while also having the Civic Center consider its revenues vs its expenditures. Now that their revenues are where they were pre-pandemic, this could allow for the opportunity to address some of their deferred maintenance projects.

(01:07:40) The motion failed 2:3.

(01:08:03) Commissioner O’Loughlin introduced another amendment to the commission regarding the Housing Trust Fund.

(01:11:53) Commissioner O’Loughlin moved to amend the motion and increase the transfer out of fund 100 by $125,000 and increase transfers into fund 229 by $125,000. Commissioner Haladay seconded the motion.

(01:12:20) Commissioner Haladay spoke in support of Commissioner O’Loughlin’s proposed amendment.

(01:13:48) Mayor Collins spoke in support of Commissioner O’Loughlin’s proposed amendment.

(01:14:23) Discussion was had between the commission and city staff regarding other funding sources provided to the Housing Trust Fund, the steps being taken by the city’s newly hired Affordable Housing Coordinator, as well as a review of the total Housing Trust Fund Budget.

(01:22:51) There were no public comments.

(01:23:20) The motion carried 5:0.

(01:23:37) Commissioner O’Loughlin introduced another amendment to the commission regarding ongoing revenues vs ongoing expenditures, specifically new FTEs.

(01:26:17) Commissioner O’Loughlin moved to amend the motion to include contingency language that the hiring of 11.38 new FTEs will be contingent upon final FY21 revenue calculations and updated FY22 revenue projections showing ongoing general fund revenue will fund ongoing general fund expenditures. Commissioner Haladay seconded the motion.

(01:26:58) City Manager Harlow-Schalk explained why the positions were important for carrying out the city’s business and spoke in support of keeping the 2.2% increase for FTEs.

(01:28:39) Commissioner Dean asked City Manager Harlow-Schalk why she believed funding the cost of living adjustment was important within the budget. The City Manager explained the significance of including the cost of living adjustment and why it was important. For example, City Manager Harlow-Schalk cited the increase was intended to ensure that compensation maintains competitiveness.

(01:31:55) There were no public comments.

(01:32:10) The motion failed 2:3.

(01:32:35) Commissioner O’Loughlin moved to amend the motion to include contingency language that the second half of the proposed 2.2% (1.1%) cost of living adjustment will be contingent upon final FY21 revenue calculations and updated FY22 revenue projections showing ongoing general fund revenue will fund ongoing general fund expenditures. Commissioner Haladay seconded the motion.

(01:33:10) There was no discussion by the commission.

(01:33:24) There were no public comments.

(01:33:34) Commissioner Dean spoke in opposition to the proposed amendment to the motion.
(01:34:40) City Manager Harlow-Schalk spoke in opposition to the proposed amendment to the motion.

(01:35:11) Commissioner Haladay spoke in support of the proposed amendment to the motion.

(01:35:39) The motion failed 2:3.

(01:36:10) Commissioner Dean moved to amend the motion to implement the volunteer sidewalk replacement program with $150,000 from fund 201.

(01:37:28) For further clarification, Commissioner Haladay stated it was showing as from “interfund loan” and asked where the loan was coming from. Commissioner Dean explained that after speaking with staff, she corrected the motion to fund 201. Commissioner Haladay asked Commissioner Dean to clarify if it was a $150,000 increase to Streets and Commissioner Dean confirmed that was correct.

(01:37:45) Commissioner Haladay seconded the motion.

(01:37:53) Commissioner O’Loughlin asked City Manager Harlow-Schalk to give an overview of where the Streets fund sat. Discussion was had between city staff and the commission regarding the Streets fund.

(01:42:02) There were no public comments.

(01:42:47) The motion carried 5:0.

(01:43:01) Commissioner Dean moved to fund the Safe Routes to Schools Master Plan for $100,000 from fund 201. There was no second to the motion. The motion is dead.

(01:43:59) Commissioner Dean moved to fund the Slip, Trip and Fall Hazards Program for $100,000 from fund 201. Commissioner Haladay seconded the motion.

(01:44:30) Commissioner Haladay asked staff to clarify if the $100,000 would go toward slip, trip and fall hazards on the city’s time to make streets safer for all or would it go toward slip, trip and fall hazards that would ultimately be billed back to the homeowner. City Manager Harlow-Schalk confirmed the program is on the expense of the city and not billed back to the household.

(01:46:30) Discussion was had between Director Knoepke and the commission about the initial proposal and what all it would entail.

(01:48:08) There were no public comments.

(01:48:14) The motion carried 5:0.

(01:48:30) Commissioner Dean introduced another amendment to the commission regarding the Memorial Park Ice Rink.

(01:51:24) Commissioner Dean moved to put $500,000 from the 440 to a placeholder reserve for the development of an ice and roller rink surface and chiller. There was no second to the motion. The motion is dead.

(01:52:10) Commissioner Dean moved to provide $1,000 from the general fund for a city sponsorship of Big Sky Pride. Commissioner O’Loughlin seconded the motion.

(01:52:43) Commissioner Dean explained the sponsorship was not unlike other city sponsored events such as the Sun Run or Symphony Under the Stars.

(01:53:47) There were no public comments.

(01:53:56) Commissioner O’Loughlin asked City Manager Harlow-Schalk if Big Sky Pride had sought out the city’s sponsorship in the past and City Manager Harlow-Schalk stated they had not. Further discussion was had between City Manager Harlow-Schalk and the commissioner regarding the city sponsorship and how that might affect the issue surrounding the open container permit.

(01:57:00) Commissioner Haladay moved to increase the streets maintenance budget (fund 201) by $1,300,000 in debt in order to fund the Knight Street Sidewalk Program. Commissioner O’Loughlin seconded the motion.

(01:57:21) Commissioner Haladay described why funding this project was important and addressed the length of time this project has been a topic for the commission.

(01:58:39) City staff described the impact a $1,300,000 loan would have on the fees in order to accommodate that debt. Further discussion was had between city staff and the commission regarding assessment rates and the city’s current debt service.

(02:15:17) There were no public comments.

(02:15:35) The motion carried 3:2.

(02:16:00) Mayor Collins called for a 15-minute break. Meeting was in recess until 8:30 p.m.

(02:30:19) After further discussion with Director Danielson, Commissioner Haladay clarified his motion to say “increase the appropriation to streets maintenance.” The Commissioner proposed to re-take the previous motion with this correction.

(02:30:35) Commissioner Haladay moved to increase the appropriation to the streets maintenance fund 201 by $1,300,000 in debt to complete the Knight Street Sidewalk Project. Commissioner O’Loughlin seconded the motion.

(02:31:21) There were no public comments.

(02:31:30) The motion carried 3:2.

(02:31:46) Commissioner Haladay moved to reduce the general fund expenditures by $60,000 for the Solid Waste Reductions Study and increase the appropriation to and expenditures from the Residential Solid Waste fund by $60,000. Commissioner O’Loughlin seconded the motion.

(02:32:20) Commissioner Haladay discussed his reasoning for the proposed amendment.

(02:33:08) Commissioner Dean asked City Manager Harlow-Schalk if the referenced FY22 Solid Waste Master Plan for $45,000 on page 338 of the budget under solid waste residential was different than what Commissioner Haladay was proposing. City Manager Harlow-Schalk confirmed they were different and explained why.

(02:35:06) There were no public comments.

(02:35:15) Commissioner Haladay offered further justification as to why this amendment should be passed and categorized it as dollar saver to the general fund.

(02:36:10) Commissioner Dean asked City Manager Harlow-Schalk to expand on what potential impacts this amendment might have. The City Manager briefly described why the funds were in the general fund.

(02:37:43) Commissioner Haladay commented that the plan would be the same, whether the consultant was paid out of the solid waste fund or the consultant was paid out of the general fund. The Commissioner posed the question of why the commission would want to pay it out of the general fund if they have an enterprise fund that should be funding it.

(02:38:46) Denise Roth Barber residing at 513 Graham Street and member of the Citizen Conservation Board addressed the commission and spoke in opposition to Commissioner Haladay’s motion.

(02:40:40) There were no further public comments.

(02:40:53) The motion carried 3:2.
Commissioner Haladay introduced another amendment to the commission regarding 5-Point Intersection located downtown.

Commissioner Haladay moved to reduce expenditures from the general fund by $90,000 for 5-Point temporary improvements and increase appropriations to the Street Maintenance fund by $90,000 for 5-Point temporary improvements. Commissioner O’Loughlin seconded the motion.

Commissioner Haladay discussed his reasoning for the proposed amendment.

Commissioner Dean asked City Manager Harlow-Schalk if she could explain why the city felt it necessary to keep the funding in the general fund rather than the Street Maintenance fund. The City Manager briefly described why the funds were in the general fund.

There were no public comments.

The motion failed 2:3.

Commissioner Haladay moved to increase appropriations from the Street Maintenance budget by $75,000 for a safe highway crossing at Ewing Street and Lyndale Avenue as provided by the traffic study item LYN-1. Commissioner O’Loughlin seconded the motion.

Commissioner Haladay discussed his reasoning for the proposed amendment.

Commissioner O’Loughlin spoke in support of Commissioner Haladay’s amendment.

There were no public comments.

The motion carried 5:0.

Commissioner Haladay moved to increase the appropriiations to and expenditures from the Street Maintenance budget by $75,000 for a safe crossing of Centennial Trail at Montana Avenue and Bozeman Street as provided for the traffic study item MT-3. Commissioner O’Loughlin seconded the motion.

Commissioner Haladay discussed his reasoning for the proposed amendment.

Commissioner O’Loughlin spoke in support of Commissioner Haladay’s amendment.

There were no public comments.

The motion carried 5:0.

Commissioner Haladay moved to increase the expenditures from gas tax fund 240 by $200,000 for the construction of sidewalks in a safe routes to schools project to be determined by the commission. Commissioner O’Loughlin seconded the motion.

Commissioner Haladay discussed his reasoning for the proposed amendment.
(02:57:56) Commissioner Dean asked Commissioner Haladay if he could provide clarification on the recommendations from the National Safe Routes to Schools Program. Commissioner Dean recalled in her own research that the National Program recommended the best route for implementation included a community plan, a priority list, and involved stakeholders and building coalitions. Commissioner Haladay explained this proposal was geared toward a construction project rather than to facilitate another study. He stated he would rather see the funds used by internal staff such as the traffic engineer and other folks within our department that can facilitate these types of projects that they already know of.

(03:01:15) Commissioner Dean asked City Manager Harlow-Schalk and staff to explain what that process would look like.

(03:03:02) City Manager Harlow-Schalk briefly described how the proposed funding could be utilized and the ongoing conversations that would shape the priority list as they moved forward.

(03:04:04) Commissioner O’Loughlin asked Commissioner Haladay, as the sitting commissioner on the Non-Motorized Travel Advisory Council (NMTAC), if he thought the advisory body could help the city think about these types of projects. Commissioner Haladay was in support of this and explained how NMTAC has already been looking at school related projects such as Broadwater Avenue which included discussions with the school district as well as Lewis and Clark County Public Health. In conclusion, Commissioner Haladay stated he believed these stakeholders would be thrilled if we told them the commission had set aside $200,000 so kids could walk to school safely.

(03:06:06) There were no public comments.

(03:06:20) The motion carried 5:0.

(03:06:40) Commissioner Haladay moved to increase a general fund expenditure by $150,000 for paving Centennial Trail on the railroad right-of-way between Benton Avenue and Henderson Street, and between Henderson Street and Joslyn Street. Commissioner O’Loughlin seconded the motion.

(03:07:02) Commissioner Haladay discussed his reasoning for the proposed amendment.

(03:08:41) Commissioner Dean asked City Manager Harlow-Schalk to expand on what potential impacts this amendment might have. The City Manager briefly described the cost may not be enough citing the work would need to be contracted out.

(03:10:22) No further discussion by the commission.

(03:10:37) There were no public comments.

(03:10:51) The motion failed 2:3.

(03:11:06) Commissioner Haladay moved to increase a general fund expenditure by $200,000 for preliminary engineering and any carry over savings for the Henderson Street Bridge for Centennial Trail. Commissioner O’Loughlin seconded the motion.

(03:11:24) Commissioner Haladay discussed his reasoning for the proposed amendment.

(03:12:40) Commissioner O’Loughlin spoke in support of Commissioner Haladay’s proposed amendment.

(03:13:56) Commissioner Dean asked City Manager Harlow-Schalk and staff to expand on what potential impacts there might be. Director Knoepke described the potential engineering issues that may arise. Further discussion was had between city staff and the commission regarding the initial discussions surrounding the Henderson Street Bridge were for an interim fix such as an enhanced pedestrian feature with rectangular route flash beacons. This interim condition would exist while the city waited for the easement to make it through BNSF railroad. Commissioner Haladay asked Director Knoepke if the city would need BNSF’s permission to have the interim condition, and Director Knoepke confirmed they would not.

(03:16:22) Commissioner Dean asked Director Knoepke if he knew what the cost of the interim solution would be. Director Knoepke estimated the cost to be roughly between $30,000 - $40,000. Discussion was
had between the commission regarding the potential to revise the memo to only cover the cost of the flashing beacons and how that reduction might impact the overall amendment.

(03:19:32) Commissioner O’Loughlin and Commissioner Haladay spoke in support of the proposed amendment.

(03:22:05) No further discussion by the commission.

(03:22:17) There were no public comments.


(03:22:50) Commissioner Dean spoke in support of city staff bringing forward an interim solution to the Henderson Street crossing as they work through the other legal issues.

(03:23:39) Commissioner Dean moved to fund the interim Henderson Street solution of a rapid flashing beacon as proposed by staff from the general fund in the amount of $40,000. Commissioner Logan seconded the motion.

(03:24:15) Commissioner Haladay posed the question to the commission of what is the long-term goal for the Henderson Street Bridge since the proposed amendment would only be a short-term goal. Further discussion was had between the commission about the overall goal for the Henderson Street Bridge.

(03:26:29) No further discussion by the commission.

(03:26:43) There were no public comments.

(03:26:56) The motion carried 5:0.

(03:27:56) Mayor Collins introduced a motion to adopt the HCC budget increase request.

(03:28:29) Commissioner Haladay moved to adopt the HCC budget increase request of $1,202 which addresses all of the increases with exception of the 2.2% increase for personnel. Commissioner Dean seconded the motion.

(03:28:52) No further discussion by the commission.

(03:29:11) There were no public comments.

(03:29:22) The motion carried 5:0.

(03:29:37) No further amendments were brought forth by the commission.

(03:30:51) With no other amendments, the commission held a vote on the initial motion for Public Hearings Item A to approve a resolution adopting preliminary budgets, budget authorities, and appropriations for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022, and setting the salary for municipal court judge as amended. The motion carried 5:0.

B. A Resolution Amending the Revised Final Budgets, Budget Authorities, and Appropriations for Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2020 and Ending June 30, 2021 for the City of Helena, Montana by Amending Resolution No. 20609 to Increase Appropriations by $760,000.

(03:32:06) City Manager Harlow-Schalk presented on Public Hearings Item B.

(03:32:27) No comments or questions from the commission.

(03:32:36) There were no public comments.

(03:32:57) Commissioner Dean moved to approve a Resolution Amending the Revised Final Budgets, Budget Authorities, and Appropriations for Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2020 and Ending June 30, 2021 for the City of Helena, Montana, By Amending Resolution No. 20609 to Increase Appropriations by $760,000. Commissioner Logan seconded the motion. The motion carried 5:0.
C. A Resolution specifying the assessment option for the Open Space Maintenance District No. 1 for Fiscal Year 2022 and levying an assessment on all property within the District.

(03:34:25) City Manager Harlow-Schalk informed the commission that Public Hearing Items C through K are all assessments that are not being recommended for revisions or increases.

(03:35:26) No comments or questions from the commission.

(03:35:29) There were no public comments.

(03:36:30) Commissioner Dean moved to approve a Resolution specifying the assessment option for the Open Space Maintenance District No. 1 for Fiscal Year 2022 and levying an assessment on all property within the District. Commissioner Logan seconded the motion. The motion carried 5:0.

D. A Resolution levying an assessment on properties to recover the cost of removal of snow and ice from sidewalks on the adjacent public rights-of-way.

(03:39:12) Commissioner Logan moved to approve a Resolution levying an assessment on properties to recover the cost of removal of snow and ice from sidewalks on the adjacent public rights-of-way. Commissioner Dean seconded the motion. The motion carried 5:0.

E. A Resolution levying an assessment on properties to recover the amortized loans issued under the residential energy efficiency and renewable energy loan program for Tax Year 2021.

(03:40:28) Commissioner Haladay moved to approve a Resolution to levy and assess properties to recover the amortized loans issued under the residential energy efficiency and renewable energy loan program for Tax Year 2021. Commissioner Dean seconded the motion. The motion carried 5:0.

F. A Resolution specifying the assessment option for the Landfill Monitoring and Maintenance District for Fiscal Year 2022 and levying an assessment on all property within the District.

(03:43:16) Commissioner Dean moved to approve a Resolution specifying the assessment option for the Landfill Monitoring and Maintenance District for Fiscal Year 2022 and levying an assessment on all property within the District. Commissioner O’Loughlin seconded the motion. The motion carried 5:0.

G. A Resolution specifying the assessment option for the Urban Forest Management District for Fiscal Year 2022 and levying an assessment on all property within the District.

(03:44:25) Commissioner Haladay moved to approve a Resolution specifying the assessment option for the Urban Forest Management District for Fiscal Year 2022 and levying an assessment on all property within the District. Commissioner Dean seconded the motion. The motion carried 5:0.

H. A Resolution specifying the assessment option for the Special Street Lighting Districts for Fiscal Year 2022 and levying an assessment on all properties within the districts.

(03:45:13) Commissioner Haladay moved to approve a Resolution specifying the assessment option for the Special Street Lighting Districts for Fiscal Year 2022 and levying an assessment on all properties within the districts. Commissioner Dean seconded the motion. The motion carried 5:0.

I. A Resolution specifying the assessment option for the Stormwater Utility Service area for Fiscal Year 2022 and levying an assessment on all properties within the service area.

(03:46:03) Commissioner O’Loughlin moved to approve a Resolution specifying the assessment option for the Stormwater Utility Service area for Fiscal Year 2022 and levying an assessment on all properties within the service area. Commissioner Dean seconded the motion. The motion carried 5:0.
J. A Resolution specifying the assessment option for the collection and disposal of residential garbage and refuse for Fiscal Year 2022 and levying an assessment on all properties receiving residential solid waste collection.

(03:46:54) Commissioner Haladay moved to approve a Resolution specifying the assessment option for the collection and disposal of residential garbage and refuse for Fiscal Year 2022 and levying an assessment on all properties receiving residential solid waste collection. Commissioner Dean seconded the motion. The motion carried 5:0.

K. A Resolution levying assessments for improvement of sidewalks, curbs, gutters and alley approaches in the City of Helena, Montana for Tax Year 2021.

(03:47:47) Commissioner Logan moved to approve a Resolution levying assessments for improvement of sidewalks, curbs, gutters and alley approaches in the City of Helena, Montana for Tax Year 2021. Commissioner Dean seconded the motion. The motion carried 5:0.

L. A Resolution setting rates for all customers of the City of Helena water system for Fiscal Year 2022.

(03:48:28) Commissioner Haladay moved to approve a Resolution setting rates for all customers of the City of Helena water system for Fiscal Year 2022. Commissioner Dean seconded the motion.

(03:48:50) City Manager Harlow-Schalk informed the commission that Public Hearing Items L through O do not require an increase in rates nor any revisions that result in changes.

(03:49:11) The motion carried 5:0.

M. A Resolution setting residential and commercial wastewater base and usage rates for Fiscal Year 2022.

(03:49:33) Commissioner Logan moved to approve a Resolution setting residential and commercial wastewater base and usage rates for Fiscal Year 2022. Commissioner Dean seconded the motion.

N. A Resolution to approve the Business Improvement District Fiscal Year 2022 Workplan and Budget and levy an assessment upon all property within the district for the Fiscal Year 2022 to defray the costs of said work plan and budget.

(03:50:28) Commissioner Dean moved to approve a Resolution to approve the Business Improvement District Fiscal Year 2022 Workplan and Budget and levy an assessment upon all property within the district for the Fiscal Year 2022 to defray the costs of said work plan and budget. Commissioner Logan seconded the motion. The motion carried 5:0.

O. A Resolution approving the Workplan and Budget for the Tourism Business Improvement District and levying an assessment on all properties within the District for Fiscal Year 2022.

(03:51:18) Commissioner O’Loughlin moved to approve a Resolution approving the Workplan and Budget for the Tourism Business Improvement District and levying an assessment on all properties within the District for Fiscal Year 2022. Commissioner Dean seconded the motion. The motion carried 5:0.

Public Communications

A. Citizens Conservation Board: Public Comment on Budget Adoption

(03:52:16) City Clerk Clayborn informed the commission that the information provided by the CCB was put into the packet for public consumption as well as the commissions prior to the meeting.

(03:52:36) There were no public comments.

(03:52:51) Commissioner Dean thanked city staff for their work in following the amendments and the development of the preliminary budget.
(03:53:15) Mayor Collins thanked the commission and city staff for the work they put into this process.

Meetings of Interest

Adjournment

(03:53:35) There being no further business to come before the City Commission, the meeting adjourned at 9:53 p.m.

/S/ WILMOT COLLINS
MAYOR

ATTEST:

/S/ DANNAI CLAYBORN
CLERK OF THE CITY COMMISSION