

CITY OF HELENA
REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING
March 22, 2010
6:00 P.M.

Time & Place

A regular City Commission meeting was held on Monday, March 22, 2010 at 6:00 p.m., in the Commission Chambers, 316 N. Park Avenue, Helena, Montana.

Members Present

Mayor Smith indicated for the record that Commissioners Cartwright, Ellison and Thweatt were present. Commissioner Elsaesser was excused. City Manager Ron Alles, City Attorney David Nielsen and Deputy City Clerk Robyn Brown were present. Others present were David Scrimm representing the Helena Citizens Council.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Smith asked those persons present to please stand and join him in the pledge of allegiance.

Minutes

The minutes of the regular City Commission meeting of March 8, 2010 were approved as submitted.

Consent Agenda

CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Claims
- B. Accept Montana Board of Crime Control funding for the Montana Law Enforcement 2010 Pocket Guide
- C. A resolution declaring tangible personal property owned by the City of Helena to be surplus property and authorizing the disposal of said property (1977 Ford van and 1972 GMC bus)
Res #19727
- D. MDT Utility Adjustment Agreement for the Frontage Road Alignment portion of the Custer Interchange Project - Project # IM-MT15-4(107)193 IC
- E. Acceptance of a PV (Photovoltaic) solar system grant from Northwestern Energy
- F. Allow Northwestern Energy to construct and post a lighted sign at the Wastewater Treatment facility recognizing our energy conservation and renewable generation efforts
- G. An application to the Montana Board of Investments, INTERCAP Loan Program, to borrow up to \$150,000 to fund the 2010-2011 Sidewalk Program

City Manager Ron Alles recommended approval of the claims and the consent agenda.

Public Comment

Mayor Smith asked for public comment, none was received.

Motion

Commissioner Cartwright moved approval of items A through G on the consent agenda. Commissioner Ellison seconded the motion. All voted aye, motion carried.

Comment

Commissioner Cartwright spoke in support of consent agenda items E & F and thanked staff for their work.

Communications

COMMUNICATIONS/PROPOSALS FROM COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Cartwright spoke of the passage of the health care reform bill. He noted the city is going to be on a tight budget this year; his priority will be employee health benefits.

Commissioner Ellison spoke of attending the Trout Unlimited Banquet on Saturday, March 20, 2010. He also thanked Mayor Smith for his work and comments on the proposed relocation of the Historical Society Museum.

Mayor Smith encouraged Commission members to attend a meeting about the Historical Society on Wednesday, March 24, 2010, as he will be out of town.

Report of the City Attorney

REPORT OF THE CITY ATTORNEY

No report given.

Report of the City Manager

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A. 2010 Census reminder

City Manager Alles reported the 2010 census is in full swing and encouraged citizens to return their census forms and be counted.

Report from the Helena Citizens Council

REPORT FROM THE HELENA CITIZENS COUNCIL

HCC member David Scrimm reported the HCC's Neighborhood Fair will be held this Wednesday, March 24, 2010 at the Civic Center; the Global Climate Change Task Force Report is the focus of the fair.

Commissioner Cartwright thanked the HCC for discussing the report at the Neighborhood Fair.

Public Hearings

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

A. CONSIDER A RESOLUTION ANNEXING THE FULL WIDTH OF THE ITASCA STREET RIGHT-OF-WAY ADJACENT TO LOTS 1-6 IN BLOCK 189, AND THE FULL WIDTH OF THE LAUREL STREET RIGHT-OF-WAY ADJACENT TO LOTS 1-2 IN BLOCK 192, AND THE FULL INTERSECTION OF SAID STREETS, ALL IN THE BRADFORD ADDITION IN LEWIS AND CLARK COUNTY, MONTANA.

Staff Report

City Planner Dustin Ramoie reported on February 22, 2010 the City Commission passed Resolution of Intention #19723 related to annexing contiguous government property, being portions of the full width of the Itasca and Laurel Street ROW in the Bradford Addition, into the City of Helena.

The subject ROW is where the City of Helena Department of Public Works is planning the construction of the Le Grand Cannon Boulevard roadway. Annexation is the first step in this process and will provide for construction of a modern and safe intersection and roadway and allow for better access by police and fire services.

Public Testimony

Mayor Smith declared the public portion of the hearing open and called for any persons wishing to address the Commission.

There being no persons wishing to address the Commission, Mayor Smith closed the public hearing.

Motion

Commissioner Ellison moved approval of a resolution annexing contiguous government property, being portions of the full width of the Itasca and Laurel Street rights-of-way in the

Bradford Addition, into the City of Helena. Commissioner Cartwright seconded the motion. All voted aye, motion carried. **Res #19728**

***Public
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PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

No public communications were given.

***Meetings of
Interest***

MEETINGS OF INTEREST

The next Administrative Meeting is March 31, 2010 and the next Commission Meeting is April 5, 2010. The City/County Joint Work Session will be held on April 1, 2010.

Commissioner Thweatt announced Plan Helena will hold a forum on growth policies with the City of Helena and Lewis & Clark County in the lobby of the Placer on Tuesday, March 23, 2010.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 6:21 p.m.

Mayor James E. Smith

ATTEST:

Clerk of the Commission