

CITY OF HELENA
REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING
April 5, 2010
6:00 P.M.

Time & Place A regular City Commission meeting was held on Monday, April 5, 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, Thweatt and Elsaesser were present. City Manager Ron Alles, City Attorney David Nielsen and City Clerk Debbie Havens were present. Others present were Carrie Severson 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 22, 2010 were approved as submitted.

Consent Agenda CONSENT AGENDA:
A. Claims
B. Water Bill Insert – Community Development-Building Division, “The Benefits of Building Permits”
C. Water Bill Insert – Historic Preservation Committee – History Fair
D. Acceptance of the FY 2011 Comprehensive Capital Improvement Program (CCIP) document

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

Commission comment Commissioner Cartwright requested item D be removed from the consent agenda for discussion.

Public Comment Mayor Smith asked for public comment, none was received.

Motion **Commissioner Ellison moved approval of items A through C on the consent agenda.** Commissioner Elsaesser seconded the motion. All voted aye, motion carried.

D. Acceptance of the FY 2011 Comprehensive Capital Improvement Program (CCIP) document

Commissioner Cartwright referenced the FY2011 CCIP report and noted the information will be available on the city’s web site in the near future. The city is currently working well; however, the Commission will have to review this document carefully during the budget process. Commission Cartwright stated his preference is not to get into the individual line items within the departments but look at the overall picture. He commented he is very interested in non-motorized transportation and had hoped more projects were included in the CCIP.

- Motion** **Commissioner Elsaesser moved approval of consent agenda item D.** Commissioner Cartwright seconded the motion. All voted aye, motion carried.
- Communications** COMMUNICATIONS/PROPOSALS FROM COMMISSIONERS
Commissioner Elsaesser stated he appreciates the work that has been done on the budget guidance document and looks forward to the budget work sessions.
Commissioner Cartwright announced Centennial Trail will require a partnership between Montana Rail Link. He reported he has received several complaints from citizens regarding solid waste employees cutting bushes/trees in the alleys to clear the right-of-way. He asked that discretion be used on when, and how much, should be trimmed from the trees/bushes.
Commissioner Cartwright referenced the email he sent to the Commission containing a link to the global temperature website from the University of Alabama. He asked Mayor Smith to assist him in packaging a message to get the information out to the public.
Mayor Smith handed out copies of an article from the American Thinker regarding climate change in the 1800's and commented he will be a strong proponent for conserving energy.
- Report of the City Attorney** REPORT OF THE CITY ATTORNEY
City Attorney Nielsen introduced newly hired Deputy City Attorney Luke Berger. Mayor Smith on behalf of the Commission welcomed Deputy Attorney Berger.
- Report of the City Manager** REPORT OF THE CITY MANAGER
City Manager Alles reported he will present the preliminary budget at the April 19th City Commission Meeting.
- Report from the Helena Citizens Council** REPORT FROM THE HELENA CITIZENS COUNCIL
HCC member Carrie Severson gave an overview of the HCC Neighborhood Fair held on March 24th.
- Public Communications** PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS
Commissioner Elsaesser commented the city is leading the way in many city services and looking to the future for all infrastructure needs.
- Meetings of Interest** MEETINGS OF INTEREST
The next Administrative Meeting is April 14, 2010 at the Civic Center and the next Commission Meeting is April 19, 2010.
- Adjournment** There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Mayor James E. Smith

ATTEST:

Clerk of the Commission

