

CITY OF HELENA
REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING
May 6, 2013
6:00 P.M.

Time & Place A regular City Commission meeting was held on Monday, May 6, 2013 at 6:00 p.m., in the Commission Chambers, 316 N. Park Avenue, Helena, Montana.

Members Present Mayor Pro Tem Elsaesser indicated for the record that Commissioners Ellison, Thweatt and Haque-Hausrath were present. Mayor Smith was excused. City Manager Ron Alles, City Attorney Jeff Hindoien and Deputy City Clerk Robyn Brown were present. Others present were Mary Duvernay representing the Helena Citizens Council.

Pledge of Allegiance Mayor Pro Tem Elsaesser 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 April 22, 2013 were approved as submitted.

Proclamation PROCLAMATION:
A. Buddy Poppy Month

Mayor Pro Tem Elsaesser read the proclamation designating May as Buddy Poppy Month. Former City Commissioner and Post Commander Tom Pouliot and Auxiliary President Shirley Pouliot accepted the proclamation.

Board Appointments BOARD APPOINTMENTS:
A. Civil Service Commission

Mayor Pro Tem Elsaesser recommended the following board appointment via a memo to the Commission:

Civil Service Commission – Reappointment of Ken Morrison to a second term on the Civil Service Commission. Term will begin upon appointment and expire May 1, 2016.

Motion Commissioner Haque-Hausrath moved approval of the appointment to the Civil Service Commission as listed above. Commissioner Ellison seconded the motion. All voted aye, motion carried.

Consent Agenda CONSENT AGENDA:
A. Claims
B. Permission for the alteration of the exterior of the Colwell Building to accommodate balconies.
C. Permission to repair the canopy of the New York Block located at 46 N. Last Chance Gulch.

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

Commissioner Ellison requested item C be removed for discussion.

- Public comment Mayor Pro Tem Elsaesser asked for public comment.
Andrew Franks-Ongoy, Helena; spoke in support of consent agenda Item B.
- Motion** **Commissioner Ellison moved approval of items A and B on the consent agenda.** Commissioner Thweatt seconded the motion. All voted aye, motion carried.
- Item C** C. PERMISSION TO REPAIR THE CANOPY OF THE NEW YORK BLOCK LOCATED AT 46 N. LAST CHANCE GULCH.
- Discussion Commissioner Ellison noted the staff report for item C did not include a recommendation from the Historic Preservation & Tourism Council. Community Development Director Sharon Haugen explained part of the recommended motion will require staff and the applicant to consult with the Historic Preservation & Tourism Office on the repair. Commissioner Ellison thanked Director Haugen for clarifying the proposal and noted his comfort level with the project has been significantly raised knowing the consultation must take place.
Commissioner Haque-Hausrath asked what would happen if the Historic Preservation Council does not agree on the design of the canopy. Manager Alles explained if there were to be a disagreement, the proposal would come back before the City Commission. He noted a disagreement would be very unlikely.
Pam Attardo, Historic and Heritage Preservation Officer; explained she has been working with Mosaic Architecture on the design of the canopy and believes there will be agreement on the project.
- Public comment Mayor Pro Tem Elsaesser called for public comment; none was received.
- Motion** **Commissioner Ellison moved approval of item C on the consent agenda.** Commissioner Thweatt seconded the motion. All voted aye, motion carried.
- Communications** COMMUNICATIONS/PROPOSALS FROM COMMISSIONERS
Commissioner Ellison spoke of attending the "Open Streets" event on Sunday, May 5th and noted it was a great event.
Commissioner Elsaesser encouraged citizens to report potholes to the city's street department. He also noted tomorrow, May 7th, is the last day to vote for the school board election.
Commissioner Thweatt announced the Benton Avenue Cemetery cleanup day will be held on May 11, 2013.
- Report of the City Attorney** REPORT OF THE CITY ATTORNEY
No report was given.
- Report of the City Manager** REPORT OF THE CITY MANAGER
Police Chief Troy McGee announced on April 29th Officer Curt Stinson was promoted to Captain in the Helena Police Department (HPD). Chief McGee gave Cpt. Stinson's education and work history and congratulated him on the promotion.
Cpt. Stinson thanked the HPD officers in attendance and expressed gratitude to Chief McGee, Manager Alles and the Commission for the promotion.

The Commission congratulated Cpt. Stinson on his promotion.

**Report from the
Helena Citizens
Council**

REPORT FROM THE HELENA CITIZENS COUNCIL

HCC member Mary DuVernay reported the HCC has discussed the re-districting; she explained most members understand the proposal and are supportive.

Regular Items

REGULAR ITEMS:

A. CONSIDER AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1-2-10 OF THE HELENA CITY CODE TO CORRECTLY SHOW NEW BOUNDARIES OF THE HELENA CITIZENS COUNCIL DISTRICTS.

Staff Report

City Attorney Jeff Hindoien reported there currently are seven Helena Citizen Council Districts that include 28-voting precincts within the Helena city limits. The 2013 Redistricting Plan was filed with the Secretary of State on February 12, 2013. The Lewis and Clark County Commission adopted the new precincts for Lewis and Clark County on March 18, 2013, reducing the number of precincts in the city of Helena from 28 to 19.

Due to redistricting the Helena Citizen Council Districts boundaries need to be amended to coincide with the 19 precincts.

The proposed emergency ordinance will become effective upon passage and would allow interested citizens to file for the Helena Citizen Council within the filing period and with the new boundaries identified.

Immediately following the adoption of the "emergency" ordinance, staff will bring forward the same ordinance for first and final passage.

Public comment

Mayor Pro Tem Elsaesser called for public comment; none was received.

Motion

Commissioner Ellison moved approval of an emergency ordinance amending Section 1-4-10 of the Helena City Code to correctly show new boundaries of the Helena Citizens Council Districts. Commissioner Haque-Hausrath seconded the motion. All voted aye, motion carried. **Ord #3175**

**Public
Communications**

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

No public communications were given.

**Meetings of
Interest**

MEETINGS OF INTEREST

The next Administrative Meeting is May 15, 2013 and the next Commission Meeting is May 20, 2013.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

Mayor James E. Smith

ATTEST:

Clerk of the Commission