

CITY OF HELENA
REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING
April 10, 2017 - 6:00 P.M.
City Commission Chambers, Room 330

Time & Place

A regular City Commission meeting was held on Monday, April 10, 2017 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 Ellison, Haladay, Noonan and Farris-Olsen were present. City Manager Ron Alles, Assistant City Attorney Iryna O'Connor and City Clerk Debbie Havens were present.

HCC Representative Gary Spaeth was also present.

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 27, 2017 and were approved as submitted.

Board Appointments

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

- A. Civil Service Board, Tourism Business Improvement District Board (TBID)

Mayor Smith recommended the following appointments:

Civil Service Board - Reappointment of Karen Bryson to a second term on the Civil Service Board. Term will begin upon appointment and expire May 1, 2020.

TBID - Reappointment of George Powell to a first full term on the TBID. Term will begin upon appointment and expire April 20, 2021.

Motion

Commissioner Haladay moved approval of the reappointment of Karen Bryson to the Civil Service Board and George Powell to the TBID as outlined above. Commissioner Noonan seconded the motion. All voted aye, motion carried.

Consent Agenda

CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Claims
- B. Approval of the amended plat showing the vacation of the Charlie Russell Drive right-of-way (ROW) located adjacent to Lots 2-4 and the aggregation of city owned Lots 1-3 and 5 into Lot 5-A in the Swaney Minor Subdivision; generally located south of Le Grand Cannon Boulevard and west of Charlie Russell Drive and Mount Helena Drive in the city of Helena, Montana.

City Manager Alles recommended approval of the claims.

Public comment

Mayor Smith asked for public comment, none was received.

Motion

Commissioner Ellison moved approval of items A and B on the consent agenda. Commissioner Farris-Olsen seconded the motion. All voted aye, motion carried.

Communications From Commission

COMMUNICATIONS/PROPOSALS FROM COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Noonan noted the passing of Judge Sheehy, Mignon Waterman and John Etchart; all of whom were very active in the Helena community on many levels.

Commissioner Farris-Olsen reported he attended the hearing and lobbied in favor of SB330, which is an enabling legislation to allow

local governments to adopt property-assessed clean energy programs (PACE).

Commissioner Ellison also addressed the passing of the Judge Sheehy, Mignon Waterman and John Etchart and noted the great public servants they all were.

Mayor Smith stated on Sunday, April 9, he attended a legislative memorial for those who have passed in the last two years and both Mignon Waterman and Judge Sheehy were mentioned.

Report of the City Attorney

REPORT OF THE CITY ATTORNEY

No items to report on.

Report of the City Manager

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Manager Alles reported the street sweepers are out; there have been some complaints because the sand is not being removed quickly enough.

Report from the Helena Citizens Council

REPORT FROM THE HELENA CITIZENS COUNCIL

HCC Chair Spaeth recognized both the city street sweepers and water trucks are out. He then thanked Mayor Pro Tem Ellison for his communication regarding the HCC's recommendations.

The HCC is trying to develop their neighborhoods by holding events in each one of them. In addition, the HCC is looking at sponsoring a city-wide picnic for citizens. Chair Spaeth again invited the commission members to attend the HCC monthly meetings. Mayor Smith plans to attend the April meeting.

Mayor Smith commented that he believes the HCC is right on holding neighborhood events. He offered to work with the HCC representative in his district in sponsoring an event in his neighborhood.

Commissioner Noonan stated the commission received the final report on the Civic Center and recognized the HCC's involvement with the process.

Public Hearings

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- A. CONSIDER A RESOLUTION AND AN EXCLUSIVE RIGHT-OF-WAY AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF MONTANA FOR THE INSTALLATION OF CONDUIT FIBER FROM 2800 AIRPORT ROAD TO 1698 A STREET.

Staff Report

Engineer Leland reported this resolution and exclusive right-of-way use agreement is being requested by the State of Montana. The State of Montana is requesting to extend a fiber optic conduit run approximately 1760' from 2800 Airport Road east along Airport Road to an existing building located at 1698 A Street. The project is generally located within T10N R3W along the northern edge of Section 28, one-foot inside the southern edge of Airport Road right-of-way. The fiber optic will be installed with a directional drill with no open cut trenching required, with exception to the hand hole at the beginning and at the terminus of the project.

The request, if approved, would provide the building necessary access to the State of Montana's network access essential to its employees.

Engineer Leland stated the recommended motion is to move to approve, table or deny a resolution and an exclusive right-of-way use agreement with the State of Montana to install a fiber optic conduit along Airport Road.

Public Testimony

Mayor Smith declared the public portion of the hearing opened and called anyone wishing to address the commission.

Steve Blaimonte, General Services Administrator for the State of Montana, spoke in support of the resolution and agreement.

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

Motion

Commissioner Farris-Olsen moved to approve a resolution and an exclusive right-of-way agreement with the State of Montana for the installation of conduit fiber from 2800 Airport Road to 1698 A Street. Commissioner Haladay seconded the motion. All voted aye, motion carried. **Resolution 20335**

Public Communications

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

There were no public comments received.

Meetings of Interest

MEETINGS OF INTEREST

The next Administrative Meeting is April 19, 2017 and the next Commission Meeting is April 10, 2017.

Commissioner Haladay reported there is an open house on Downtown Zoning, April 12, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. at the Civic Center.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Mayor

ATTEST:

Clerk of the Commission