

CITY OF HELENA
REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING
March 11, 2019 - 6:00 P.M.
City Commission Chambers, Room 330

Time & Place A regular City Commission meeting was held on Monday, March 11, 2019 at 6:00 p.m., in the City Commission Chambers, 316 N. Park Avenue, Helena, Montana.

Members Present Mayor Collins requested City Clerk Havens call roll call: Attorney Thomas Jodoin, City Manager Ana Cortez, Deputy City Clerk Dannai Clayborn, City Commissioner Haladay, City Commissioner Wicks, City Commissioner Noonan, City Commissioner O'Loughlin and Mayor Collins all responded present.

Pledge of Allegiance Mayor Collins 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 February 25, 2019 were approved as submitted.

Board Appointments BOARD APPOINTMENTS:

A. Non-Motorized Travel Advisory Council (NMTAC)

Mayor Collins recommended the following appointments:
Non-Motorized Travel Advisory Council (NMTAC) –
Reappointment of Wilbur Rehmann to a first full term on NMTAC. Term will begin upon appointment and expire March 31, 2022.

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

Motion **Commissioner Haladay moved approval of the appointment as outlined above .** Commissioner Wicks seconded the motion. Clerk Havens called a roll call vote, as follows: Commissioner Haladay voted aye, Commissioner Wicks voted aye, Commissioner Noonan voted aye, and Mayor Collins voted aye. The motion carried 4-0.

Consent Agenda CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Claims
- B. Authorization for staff to void stale dated checks
- C. Acceptance of pledged collateral for City deposits at financial institutions.

City Manager Cortez recommended approval of the claims, and consent agenda items B-C.

Public Comment Mayor Collins asked for public comment. None was received.

Motion **Commissioner Haladay moved approval of the consent agenda, items B-C.** Commissioner Noonan seconded the motion. Clerk Havens called a roll call vote, as follows: Commissioner Haladay voted aye, Commissioner Wicks voted aye, Commissioner Noonan voted aye, and Mayor Collins voted aye. The motion carried 4-0.

Communications COMMUNICATIONS/PROPOSALS FROM CITY
From City Commissioners COMMISSIONERS

No communications from Commissioners.

Report of the City Attorney

REPORT OF THE CITY ATTORNEY

City Attorney Jodoin stated there was nothing to report

Report of the City Manager

REPORT OF THE CITY MANAGER

Manager Ana Cortez reported on the city's sidewalk repair program. Residents can volunteer to participate in the program, or, the city will inspect city sidewalks and offer written notification to those homeowners whose sidewalks have been identified as problematic. The homeowners are offered an opportunity to participate in the city's sidewalk repair program in which they are offered a 0% interest loan for a period of 10 years, payed for through property taxes, and using city approved contractors. The program has offered a wide variety of loan amounts to homeowners in previous years, and currently the program has approximately \$100,000 available. The city is encouraging homeowners to participate in the sidewalk program.

The manager stated the city's departments are pursuing opportunities to involve public engagement and comment, currently the following conversations are ongoing forums with the public and the relevant departments: recycling, snow plan improvements, open lands management updates, and transit redesign.

Report from the Helena Citizens

REPORT FROM THE HELENA CITIZENS COUNCIL

No report given.

Regular Items

- A. CONSIDER A RESOLUTION TO AMEND RESOLUTION NO. 5261 THAT CREATED SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT LIGHTING DISTRICT NO. 193 TO ADD TWO (2) LIGHTS IN THE CITY OF HELENA, MT

Staff Report

City Finance Director Glenn Jorgenson reported there are nine lights on Front St., and part way up Thirteenth and Fourteenth Streets. The lights are currently 100 watt Cobra head style.

The proposed amendment to resolution No. 5261 has two goals:
1. Light fixture consistency with Downtown Master Plan specifications including decorative historic replica lights similar in aesthetics as those on Last Chance Gulch, and 2. Increase energy efficiency through installation of LED lights.

To accomplish these goals, the resolution adds two additional lights to District 193 with the following specifications: Acorn style cutoff luminaries, 14 foot poles and 50 watt light emitting diodes. The Acorn style lights are shorter than the current lights and provide less lighting coverage requiring two additional lights and different spacing of the current lights. The use of the new lights has two advantages:

- A. Consistency with Downtown Master Plan regarding aesthetics of the area.
- B. Sustainability compliance due to replacement of inefficient sodium lights with LED.

This project will require additional resources to replace all the current cobra head style lights with decorative acorn lights and add two additional lights. However, LED lights require approximately 50% less energy than the current high-pressure sodium lights. Less usage translates into savings which in the long term will cover installation costs.

New lights will be Dark Sky compliant. Installing all new lights and adding two additional lights will cost \$40,000. This cost also includes wiring and transformers. Funds for this project will come from Street Maintenance and/or Gas Tax.

Director Jorgenson recommended approval of a resolution to amend resolution No. 5261 that created Special Improvement Lighting District No. 193 to add two (2) lights in the City of Helena, MT.

Public Comment

Mayor Collins called for public comment. None was received.

Motion

Commissioner Wicks moved to approve a resolution amending resolution No. 5261 that created Special Improvement Lighting District No. 193 to add two (2) lights in the City of Helena, MT. Commissioner Haladay seconded. Clerk Havens called a roll call vote, as follows: Commissioner Haladay voted aye, Commissioner Wicks voted aye, Commissioner Noonan voted aye, and Mayor Collins voted aye. The motion carried 4-0. **Resolution 20511**

Discussion

Commissioner Noonan noted this was another step in completing the downtown master plan.

Public Hearings

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- A. CONSIDER A RESOLUTION TO AMEND RESOLUTION NO. 5261 THAT CREATED SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT LIGHTING DISTRICT (SILD) NO. 193 TO ADD FOUR (4) LIGHTS AND TO ALTER THE DISTRICT'S BOUNDARIES TO ADD LOT 2 IN BLOCK H IN THE GREAT NORTHERN TOWN CENTER P.U.D. AND LOTS 3 AND 4 IN THE CHESSMAN AND DAVIS PLACER MINING CLAIM IN THE CITY OF HELENA, MONTANA.

Staff Report

City Finance Director Glenn Jorgenson reported the Commission passed a resolution of intention to amend SILD No. 193 on February 11, 2019 to add two additional properties and four lights. SILD No. 193 was originally created in 1954. There are nine lights on Front St., and part way up Thirteenth and Fourteenth Streets. The lights are currently 100 watt Cobra head style.

The property owners are allowed to protest the amended boundaries. Staff will inform the Commission of any protests received at the public hearing.

The proposed amendment to resolution No. 5261 has three goals: 1. Light fixture consistency with Downtown Master Plan specifications including decorative historic replica lights similar in aesthetics as those on Last Chance Gulch, 2. Improve pedestrian access to Centennial Park through the Lyndale Avenue underpass, and 3. Increase energy efficiency through installation of LED lights.

To accomplish these goals, the resolution adds two additional properties to District 193 and four additional lights with the following specifications: Acorn style cutoff luminaries, 14 foot poles and 50 watt light emitting diodes. The advantages of the installation of the new lights are:

- A. Safer pedestrian traffic due to better lighting.
- B. Improved pedestrian traffic to Centennial Park.
- C. Consistency with Downtown Master Plan regarding aesthetics of the area.
- D. Sustainability compliance due to replacement of inefficient sodium lights with LED.

This project will require additional resources to install the four lights. However, LED lights take approximately 50% of the current high-pressure sodium lights. Less usage translates into savings which in the long term will cover installation costs. The new lights will be Dark Sky compliant. The four additional lights will cost \$10,000 to install. This cost also includes transformers. Funds for this project will come from Street Maintenance and/or Gas Tax.

Director Jorgenson recommended approval of a resolution to amend resolution No. 5261 that created Special Improvement Lighting District No. 193 to add four (4) lights and to alter the district's boundaries to add Lot 2 in Block H in the Great Northern Town Center P.U.D. and Lots 3 and 4 in the Chessman and Davis Placer Mining Claim in the City of Helena, Montana.

Public Testimony

Mayor Collins declared the public portion of the hearings open and called for any public testimony. None was received.

Motion

Commissioner Wicks moved to approve a resolution to amend resolution No. 5261 that created Special Improvement Lighting District No. 193 to add four (4) lights and to alter the district's boundaries to add Lot 2 in Block H in the Great Northern Town Center P.U.D. and Lots 3 and 4 in the Chessman and Davis Placer Mining Claim in the City of Helena, Montana Commissioner Noonan seconded the motion. Clerk Havens called a roll call vote, as follows: Commissioner Haladay voted aye, Commissioner Wicks voted aye, Commissioner Noonan voted aye, and Mayor Collins voted aye. The motion carried 4-0. **Resolution 20512**

Public Communications

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS
No public communications.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the City Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 6:11 p.m.

Meetings of Interest MEETINGS OF INTEREST

Fiscal Year 2020 Budget Review - March 14, 2019 - 9:00 a.m. - Room 326, City-County Building

Fiscal Year 2020 Budget Review - March 15, 2019 - 8:00 a.m. - Room 326, City-County Building

Administrative Meeting - March 20, 2019 - 4:00 p.m. - Room 326, City-County Building

Regular City Commission Meeting - March 25, 2019 - 6:00 p.m. - Commission Chambers, City-County Building

/S/ WILMOT COLLINS
MAYOR

ATTEST:

/S/ DEBBIE HAVENS
CLERK OF THE CITY COMMISSION