

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
City Council Chambers
140 W. Pine
MISSOULA MONTANA
June 20, 2011, After Council Meeting

Members present: Ed Childers, President; Stacy Rye, Vice President; Dick Haines, Cynthia Wolken, Renee Mitchell, Jon Wilkins, Marilyn Marler, Bob Jaffe, Jason Wiener, and Pam Walzer

Members absent: Dave Strohmaier, Lyn Hellegaard

Others present: Ginny Merriam, Marty Rehbein

I. Administrative Business

- A. Minutes of [May 16, 2011](#)
The minutes were approved as submitted.

II. Public Comment on items not listed on the agenda

There was no public comment.,

III. Regular Agenda

- A. [Mayor's Update – Ongoing in Committee. \(Mayor Engen\)](#)
The Mayor was absent.
- B. [Updates from Council representatives on the Health Board, Community Forum, Transportation Policy Coordinating Committee \(TPCC\), other boards and commissions as necessary. – \(Ongoing in Committee\)](#)

Health Board

Ms. Mitchell said Mary Lou Gilman who is retiring from the Health Department was recognized for her service during the June meeting,. The board approved the Missoula County FY 2012 budget for the Water Quality District fund, Health, Animal Control and Junk Vehicle funds. Peter Nielson updated the board on the Water Quality Advisory Council. They approved other budgets. They received an update on the Seeley Lake air quality data. This month Ross Miller, a local attorney who was recently hired by Mountain Water, gave a report to the board. According to state law, the people of Montana own the water in the lakes, streams, etc. The board found the report very interesting.

Community Forum

Jon Wilkins thanked everyone who participated in Sunday Streets, especially the staff and neighborhood volunteers. The neighborhood councils celebrated their 15th anniversary with cupcakes and balloons. Jeff Stevens presented a good report about the Community Forum's last meeting to the City Council. The next meeting's presentations will feature OPG staff talking about community profiles and CDBG training. They will also talk about the early neighborhood notification policy.

Missoula Aging Services

Dick Haines said the governing board met today and approved their strategic plan which lays out the work of the agency for the next four years. There are four new board members. Aging Services is taking on new roles, like providing services to veterans. Given these new roles, there are some concerns that the agency should change its name to reflect its new activities. Aging Services is an impressive organization with many volunteers.

Ms. Walzer asked if the Retire Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) was part of Missoula Aging Services. Mr. Haines said "yes." Ms. Walzer noted it is an excellent program, and they are losing some of the federal money that supports it.

TPCC

In Mr. Wiener's absence, Mr. Jaffee attended and reported Ms. Hellegaard gave a presentation about the Missoula Ravalli Transportation Management Association (MRTMA) which included many statistics about the program. They have a long waiting list and need about four more vans to meet the current demand.

TPCC also discussed Missoula's Transportation Demand Management programs. A consultant has been hired to study the current programs and explore how they can better work together.

There is a roadblock with the proposed Missoula to Lolo trail. One of the issues is that the location of the trail has to be determined in order to qualify for additional funding.

Mr. Wiener said TPCC will meet later this week and one of the interesting topics is about bridges.

Public Art Committee

Ms. Walzer said on Memorial Day weekend additional traffic signal boxes were added at intersections around the city. The Public Art Committee participated in the chalk painting on the Higgins Avenue Bridge during Sunday Streets held the first Sunday in June.

Mr. Wilkins added he was happy that they chose the art work of a young man from the neighborhood to do the signal box in his neighborhood. Ms. Walzer noted there will be another art call. The goal is to have more new boxes completed on Labor Day weekend.

Mr. Wilkins asked if they could do something outside of Splash on the utility box there. It isn't a traffic signal box, but it is an eyesore.

There was no public comment on the reports

IV. Held in Committee

- A. Joint meeting of the Mayor, City Council and County Commission; a facilitated quarterly OPG review as directed in the [Interlocal Agreement](#) (Agenda)—Ongoing (Mayor Engen)
- B. Joint meeting between the Missoula City Council and the Missoula County Public Schools' Board of Trustees ([memo](#)).—Regular Agenda (Dave Strohmaier) (Referred to committee: 09/17/07)
- C. Examination of Office Planning and Grants ([memo](#))—Regular Agenda (Lyn Hellegaard) (Referred to committee: 09/08/08)

V. Remove from Agenda

- A. Consider a regular and an emergency ordinance to adjust ward boundaries. ([memo](#))—Regular Agenda (Laval Means) ([Revised Option 2](#)) ([Revised Option 3](#)) (Referred to committee: 02/28/11)
- B. Administration and Council discuss legislative matters. ([memo](#))—Regular Agenda (Ed Childers) (Referred to committee: 01/24/11)

VI. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marty Rehbein
City Clerk