

JOURNAL OF COMMISSION PROCEEDINGS

March 20, 2018

Regular City Commission Meeting
Commission Chambers Room 206

CALL TO ORDER 7:00 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

City Commission members present: Bob Kelly, Bill Bronson, Tracy Houck, Mary Sheehy Moe, and Owen Robinson. Also present were City Manager Greg Doyon and Deputy City Manager Chuck Anderson; City Clerk Lisa Kunz; Public Works Director Jim Rearden; Planning and Community Development Director Craig Raymond; Finance Director Melissa Kinzler; City Attorney Sara Sexe; and, Police Chief Dave Bowen.

AGENDA APPROVAL

City Manager Greg Doyon noted that the Lincoln Elementary student leaders cancelled, and that the minutes were updated after original posting to correct the spelling of Chief Bowen's last name on page 8 of the Commission packet. No changes were proposed by the City Commission. The agenda was approved.

CONFLICT DISCLOSURE/ EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS

Commissioners Moe and Houck, and Mayor Kelly reported that they were each contacted by the same individual regarding the Buffalo Crossing Subdivision project. This person was informed that the members of the Commission couldn't talk with her about this project, and suggested to her that she attend the City Commission meeting to express her opinion.

PRESENTATION

Lincoln Student Leaders.

Cancelled.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

1. Miscellaneous reports and announcements.

Brett Doney, Great Falls Development Authority, 300 Central Avenue, announced three upcoming events recognizing entrepreneurs in the community.

John Hubbard, 615 7th Avenue South, discussed his electric bill and other matters not within the Commission's jurisdiction. Mayor Kelly reminded Mr. Hubbard this was a comment period to discuss matters within the jurisdiction of the City Commission.

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCILS

2. **Miscellaneous reports and announcements from Neighborhood Councils.**

None.

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

3. **Miscellaneous reports and announcements from Boards and Commissions.**

Lonnie Hill, 610 4th Avenue SW, summarized facts and statistics regarding the proposed Park District Number 1 for the purpose of creating a city-wide park maintenance district to supplement current funding to address \$12.6 million in deferred maintenance projects, and he encouraged everyone to vote on the proposed Park District at the May 8th election.

CITY MANAGER

4. **Miscellaneous reports and announcements from the City Manager.**

City Manager Greg Doyon reported that the budget calendar will be out soon to the Commission. He reported on his recent trip to the Association of Governmental Risk Pools (AGRiP) conference in San Diego. He is also a member of the Montana Municipal Interlocal Authority (MMIA) board. He attended this conference because MMIA is considering a Captive, which is a way to do secondary insurance using your own funds.

Manager Doyon announced that he will be attending MMIA Board meetings on Thursday regarding employee benefits and Friday to set rates on property, liability, workers comp and health insurance.

He reported that, as a member of Montana League of Cities and Towns (MLCT), he has been appointed to a senior advisory committee that is a component of the State Emergency Response Commission.

Commissioner Bronson and Manager Doyon reviewed and were able to comment on the Tax Increment Financing (TIF) audit at a recent meeting in Helena. TIFs will continue to be talked about during the next legislative session.

Manager Doyon congratulated Park and Recreation Maintenance Mechanic Ted Fallat for his accomplishment of becoming a certified playground safety inspector.

Four firefighters are attending technical school to attain their certifications.

Manager Doyon further reported that Budget Analyst Kirsten Myre will take his place as the City's designee on the Downtown Development Partnership (DDP).

CONSENT AGENDA

5. Minutes, March 6, 2018, Commission Meeting.

6. Contracts List.
7. Total Expenditures of \$3,150,353 for the period of February 16, 2018 through March 7, 2018, to include claims over \$5,000, in the amount of \$2,897,300.
8. Resolution 10231, repealing Resolution 10069 regarding property addressed as 1905 4th St NE currently owned by MRO, Inc.
9. Award a contract in the amount of \$3,283,284.00 to Central Excavation for the 18th Street Storm Drain Improvements Phase 2B – 4th Avenue South to 8th Avenue South & 11th Avenue South to 15th Alley South project, contingent upon Montana Department of Environmental Quality concurrence, and authorize the City Manager to execute the necessary documents. **OF 1462.5**

Commissioner Houck moved, seconded by Commissioner Robinson, that the City Commission approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Mayor Kelly asked if there was any discussion amongst the Commissioners or comments from the public. Hearing none, Mayor Kelly called for the vote.

Motion carried 5-0

PUBLIC HEARINGS

10. **Preliminary Plat for the Buffalo Crossing Subdivision located in Government Lots 2 and 3, Section 11, Township 20 North, Range 3 East, P.M., City of Great Falls, Cascade County, MT.**

Planning and Community Development Director Craig Raymond reported that the subject property is a long, linear strip of land at the southeast corner of Central Avenue West and Bay Drive, located along the western edge of the Missouri River. The property is ±2.22 acres and zoned M-2, Mixed-use transitional. There are two structures on the property. One structure is a brick building at the corner of Bay Drive and Central Avenue West, which is proposed for renovation and reuse, and the second structure is a metal clad storage building that will be either demolished or relocated as part of future development.

The applicant is proposing to subdivide the property into six lots and create a project known as Buffalo Crossing. The northernmost lot would be created to redevelop the existing building, while five new lots are proposed for future development consistent with the M-2 zoning district. The lots in the preliminary plat would range in size from 10,245 square feet to 25,510 square feet.

The proposed lots meet all the requirements specified in the City's M-2 zoning district.

Additionally, because the property is located within the heart of the City, public infrastructure and services can be readily provided. He explained that roadway infrastructure already exists adjacent to the property with Bay Drive running in a north/south direction alongside the parcel to be subdivided. First Avenue SW and 2nd Avenue SW run perpendicular to the site and both terminate at Bay Drive. Bay Drive will be utilized for vehicular access for each lot at the time of development. Currently, no sidewalk exists; however, the owner does acknowledge that public sidewalks will be installed as each lot develops. The applicant will also be required to install boulevard trees and curbing along the east edge of Bay Drive. In addition to the sidewalk, shared use paths will be provided to connect Bay Drive sidewalk to the River's Edge Trail.

All utilities, including water, sewer, power, gas, and telephone, exist in the Bay Drive right-of-way. No extension of water or sewer mains is needed for the subdivision. Water services will be connected to the main at the time of development. It is anticipated that there is adequate sewer capacity for the typical amount of wastewater discharge associated with the proposed subdivision. Sewer services will need to be connected to the existing gravity main. With regard to storm water, the existing lot drains away from the river and towards Bay Drive. The City already has capacity to adequately handle storm water from the development as it is currently proposed. Additionally, site design methods will be employed that include low impact development concepts.

Unique features of the subject property are its relationship and proximity to the Missouri River and that a segment of the River's Edge Trail system runs along the back of the property, separated from the remaining property by a retaining wall. Director Raymond noted that a project such as this one was contemplated in the Missouri River Urban Corridor Plan; although, the vision which was depicted in the plan in 2004 for this specific property was a much more aggressive concept. The Plan's scope in purpose was in part to "recognize that some development patterns along the river corridor represented an opportunity for more desirable, sustainable development that would capitalize on the river as an amenity and a resource." Furthermore, this proposed subdivision conforms to the Plan in that:

- 1) The proposed subdivision and subsequent development will not have an adverse effect on the stream flows or hydrology of the river, nor have a substantial effect on the flood plain of the Missouri River;
- 2) Land and water based recreational values and opportunities associated with the river will be created, preserved, and enhanced, including public access to the river;
- 3) The subdivision will promote beneficial, sustainable economic development that utilizes the river as an amenity and will not have a negative effect on the ecological integrity and asset value; and
- 4) No major through transportation facilities are needed to serve this development nor are substantial transportation improvements proposed other than pedestrian facilities along Bay Drive and the aforementioned public connections to the River Edge Trail;

At the conclusion of a public hearing held on February 27, 2018, the Planning Advisory Board recommended that the City Commission approve the preliminary plat of Buffalo Crossing Addition, subject to the fulfillment of the following Conditions of Approval:

1. General Code Compliance. The proposed project shall be developed consistent with the conditions in this agenda report, and all codes and ordinances of the City of Great Falls, the State of Montana, and all other applicable regulatory agencies.
2. Amended Plat. Provide an Amended Plat of the subject property which shall incorporate corrections of any errors or omissions noted by staff.

3. Utilities. The final engineering drawings and specifications for public improvements for the subject property shall be submitted to the City Public Works Department for review and approval.
4. Land Use & Zoning. Development of the property shall be consistent with allowed uses and specific development standards of the M-2 Mixed-Use Transitional district designation.
5. Stormwater Plan. A stormwater drainage plan meeting all City requirements shall be submitted in association with future development of the subdivision.
6. Trail Access. At the time of final platting, trail access easements running from Bay Drive to the existing trail in the subdivision shall be dedicated. The location and width of the easements shall be determined in consultation with the City's Park and Recreation Department.

Mayor Kelly declared the public hearing open.

Speaking in support of the Preliminary Plat for the Buffalo Crossing Subdivision were:

Lyle Meeks, NCI Engineering, 4509 N. Star Blvd., representing property owners Ken and Paula Holman, added that the property is fairly unusable in its current state because it is only about 90 feet wide and a quarter mile long. The owner is doing what he can to make the parcel ready for more appropriate development, including donating valuable acreage adjacent to the river for the River's Edge Trail, and will work with staff to ensure better public access to the River's Edge Trail at two or three locations within the subdivision.

Ron Staley, NC 2 Chairman, residing at 801 3rd Ave SW, noted that Mr. Meeks did an excellent job explaining to the council what will be taking place at the project site. At the conclusion of the presentation, three council members present at the meeting voted on the project - two were in favor, and one member abstained until she could get additional information. Mr. Staley inquired how the name "Buffalo Crossing" came about.

Mr. Meeks responded that this particular area of the Missouri River was well known throughout history as the primary crossing for the buffalo because the water was very shallow with bedrock.

Shyla Patera, 1013 7th Ave NW, commented that she was the NC 2 member that abstained. She is in favor of ADA infrastructure, but has questions about the development. As development progresses, she requested that the council be kept informed and updated.

Brett Doney, Great Falls Development Authority (GFDA), 300 Central Avenue, commented that in 2002 GFDA received an EDA Master Plan grant to start looking at the west bank of the river, and subsequent Brownfield Assessment grant. He provided a handout consisting of a few pages of the Missouri River Urban Corridor Plan, noting that this project ties in with the Plan. By doing the subdivision, GFDA hopes it will attract attention from businesses and developers to start looking at the area.

Speaking in opposition to the Preliminary Plat for the Buffalo Crossing Subdivision were:

Stuart Lewin, 615 3rd Ave N, commented he was a member of the committee that put together the Missouri River Urban Corridor Plan. His observation is that the Plan is not being adequately considered. He suggested that a committee review the entire area of the Missouri River corridor and make recommendations on what is in the best interest of the community. With regard to development, he opined the best use for the area is park land or open space.

Susan Colvin, 287 McIver Rd, reviewed portions of a handout consisting of a few pages of the Missouri River Urban Corridor Plan. She expressed trepidation about the project being six lots, and would rather it be subdivided into two lots. She further expressed concern about building on the smaller lots, parking, and the flood plain. Ms. Colvin thanked Mayor Kelly for informing her about ex parte communication.

There being no one further to address the Commission, Mayor Kelly closed the public hearing and asked the will of the Commission.

Commissioner Bronson moved, seconded by Commissioner Robinson, that the City Commission approve the Preliminary Plat of the Buffalo Crossing subdivision and the accompanying Findings of Fact, subject to the Conditions of Approval being fulfilled by the applicant.

Mayor Kelly asked if there was any discussion amongst the Commissioners.

Commissioner Bronson commented that the requested action tonight is to approve a subdivision plat. The Commission is not making any decisions tonight on what development might actually occur there. There will be other opportunities for the public and for advisory boards to comment on what might be most appropriate at that time.

He noted that he chaired the City/County Planning Board in 2004 when the Missouri River Urban Corridor Plan was considered. Page 26 of the Plan sets forth: "It is intended to be visionary yet non-prescriptive because development opportunities cannot be foretold and community values and needs change over time."

Commissioner Bronson concluded that, in terms of future development, anything that would be proposed there is fully consistent with the vision in the Plan; and specific development that is done will need to be in accordance with design review, building codes, or both.

Commissioner Moe added that the decision before the Commission is simply regarding the subdivision plat and she is in support of the motion. She shares the concerns expressed regarding parking, the proximity to the river, flood plain, and railroad. She inquired of Director Raymond if the subdivision, as proposed, cut through a building.

Director Raymond responded, possibly a metal storage building, but it will be demolished or relocated.

Commissioner Houck asked questions of Mr. Meeks regarding concerns about parking and the size of six lots rather than a smaller number of lots.

Mr. Meeks responded that six lots was a decision of the owners and the architect. In his experience with similar-type subdivisions, the owners could come back within a year with a re-plat that eliminates some property lines, or new owners will buy multiple lots. With regard to parking, the owner owns two lots on the west side of Bay Drive that are in cue for parking. In the development review process they will have to adhere to the City's parking requirements.

Commissioner Houck further inquired about final say regarding access points on the River's Edge Trail.

Director Raymond responded that if conditions have not been met, it could be reason for Commission denial of the final plat approval.

Commissioner Robinson and Mayor Kelly expressed their support of the project.

There being no further discussion, Mayor Kelly called for the vote.

Motion carried 5-0

11. **Resolution 10230, Conditional Use Permit for a "Contractor Yard, Type II" land use located at 410 14th St SW.**

Planning and Community Development Director Craig Raymond reported that the applicant, Terrascapes, LLC, has submitted an application requesting a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) to allow for the formal and legal establishment of a "Contractor Yard, Type II" land use upon the subject property. The property is presently zoned M-2 Mixed-use transitional, wherein a Contractor Yard, Type II, land use is permitted upon receiving approval of a CUP and fulfillment of any required conditions.

A "Contractor Yard" is defined in OCCGF Title 17 as "a place and/or building, or portion thereof, that is used or is intended to be used by a contractor or builder with one (1) or more of the following: construction material storage, machinery storage or repair, including trucks and heavy equipment, shops, and office space." A Contractor Yard, Type II, is considered compatible in size and scope with industrial and commercial activities, as opposed to smaller scale businesses that would have no substantial impacts to a residential neighborhood.

Terrascapes, LLC, has been occupying the subject property and operating the business without the required CUP. Staff learned of this violation when the owner, Mr. Sykes, applied for a building permit for a project on the property. Staff has also received comments and complaints regarding the property since that time. As such, certain conditions of approval are owing to the neglected condition of the property and its effect on neighboring properties.

Terrascapes is a construction firm employing eight or more seasonal workers, offering lawn care, landscaping, nursery materials, snow removal, irrigation repair, full service lawn mowing, mulches, and construction. In order to accommodate the expanding business, the owner purchased the subject property comprised of six tracts of land, totaling 13.2 acres. The property was formally used by Carl Weissman & Sons metal salvage operations. The subject property has an existing 16,000 square foot warehouse in the southeast corner of the property. The western and northern portions of the property were filled with concrete rubble and then partially covered with dirt. The subject property is surrounded by urban development that includes a metal fabrication business to the southeast, automotive repair business to the east, nursery business to the south, and residential properties to the west and north. The applicant intends to renovate the lower level of the warehouse which is approximately 9,800 square feet, for his business operations and use portions of the west property for a nursery, landscape material storage, and outside equipment parking. The redevelopment includes site clean-up, building renovations, boulevard trees and landscaping along 5th Avenue Southwest, and landscape buffers along the residential properties to the west. A new driveway approach will be constructed, concrete parking spaces next to the warehouse installed, and gravel parking for equipment and seasonal employees.

At the conclusion of a public hearing held on February 13, 2018, the Planning Advisory Board/Zoning Commission recommended the City Commission approve the Conditional Use Permit, subject to the conditions of approval as outlined in the agenda report and resolution.

Mayor Kelly declared the public hearing open.

Speaking in support of Resolution 10230 were:

Braylen Sykes, Terrascapes, LLC, 1905 11th Street SW, commented that since purchasing the property a lot of time has been spent cleaning up the property. What he proposes for the property will be good for the neighborhood overall.

Ron Staley, NC 2 Chairman, residing at 801 3rd Ave SW, commented that this matter was presented to the council. Several neighbors concurred there has been a noticeable improvement in cleaning up the property.

Brett Doney, GFDA, 300 Central Avenue, commended staff for accommodating the business owner. He concluded that it is nice to see the property put to use by a growing Great Falls business.

Cheryl Higgins, 1517 3rd Avenue SW, inquired what would be required of the applicant for 3rd Avenue SW.

Director Raymond responded that property lines bordering residential zoned properties will require a landscape buffer. No sidewalks currently exist.

Speaking in opposition to Resolution 10230 was:

John Hubbard, 615 7th Avenue South, commented that he provided a map to the EPA of where his former employer, Carl Weissman & Sons, dumped toxic material on the property.

There being no one further to address the Commission, Mayor Kelly closed the public hearing and asked the will of the Commission.

Commissioner Moe moved, seconded by Commissioner Bronson, that the City Commission adopt Resolution 10230 for a Conditional Use Permit for a "Contractor Yard, Type II" land use located at 410 14th Street SW, Great Falls, MT, subject to fulfilling the listed conditions of approval.

Mayor Kelly asked if there was any discussion amongst the Commissioners.

Commissioner Moe noted she was impressed by the presentation made to the Planning Advisory Board/Zoning Commission.

There being no further discussion, Mayor Kelly called for the vote.

Motion carried 5-0

12. **Resolution 10232, annexing 24th Ave S right-of-way adjoining Lot 4A of the Medical Tech Park Minor Subdivision and 24th Ave S right-of-way adjacent to Lot 2A and approval of a Final Plat for a 5-lot subdivision known as Rockcress Commons.**

Planning and Community Development Director Craig Raymond reported that the property under consideration is located just north of 24th Avenue South and is roughly between 20th Street South and 23rd Street South. It adjoins the City limits in an area known as the Med Tech Park Minor Subdivision.

The proposed development parcel, which is roughly 7.9 acres, was up until recently part of a much larger 29.4 acre property within the County. The property is vacant, used as pasture, and slopes gradually from south to north. On the north side of 24th Avenue South, an asphalt shared use path has previously been constructed and is proposed to be incorporated into the project. The overall project under consideration is for the eventual construction of a 124 unit multi-family project. The northern portion of the development proposal contains three apartment buildings as well as a Community Building and outdoor play area for the entire tenant base. The southern portion of the project contains four apartment buildings. The density of the proposed project is 15.6 units per acre with approximately 53% of developable area set aside for greenspace (landscaping, play areas and storm water control).

As was discussed during the annexation, zoning and preliminary plat approval phase of this project, the property was assigned a PUD zoning designation and the applicant to date has proposed development that is consistent with that vision.

The basis for decision to approve, conditionally approve, or deny a proposed subdivision is whether the subdivision application, final plat, applicable environmental assessment, public hearing, City Commission recommendations, or additional information demonstrate that development of the proposed subdivision meets the requirements of Mont. Code Ann. 76-3-608. Findings of Fact are attached to the agenda report for Commission review and concurrence. Staff finds that the proposed final plat is consistent with these basis.

Public Notice for the City Commission Public Hearing for the rights-of-way annexation was published in the Great Falls Tribune on March 4, 2018.

At the conclusion of a public hearing held on February 27, 2018, the Planning Advisory Board recommended approval of the final amended plat and annexation request.

Commissioner Bronson commented he neglected to point out at the outset that he is going to recuse himself from discussion and vote on this matter for the reason being his wife is employed by NeighborWorks.

Mayor Kelly declared the public hearing open.

No one spoke in opposition to Resolution 10232 and final plat.

Speaking in favor of Resolution 10232 and final plat were:

Janna Cooper, TD&H Engineering, 1800 River Drive North, commented she would answer any questions the Commission may have.

Brett Doney, GFDA, 300 Central Avenue, commented in support of quality affordable housing.

There being no one further to address the Commission, Mayor Kelly closed the public hearing and asked the will of the Commission.

Commissioner Houck moved, seconded by Commissioner Moe, that the City Commission

adopt Resolution 10232.

Mayor Kelly asked if there was any discussion amongst the Commissioners.

Commissioner Robinson inquired if oversized pipes were required for future development and if those future developers were required to reimburse the proportionate cost of the upsizing.

Director Rearden responded that future developers would pay to get the infrastructure to and through their property for future development.

There being no further discussion, Mayor Kelly called for the vote.

Motion carried 4-0-1 (Commissioner Bronson abstained)

Commissioner Houck moved, seconded by Commissioner Moe, that the City Commission approve the final plan of an Amended Plat of Lot 4A of the Correction of an Amended Plat of Lot 4 of the Amended Plat of the Medical Tech Park Minor Subdivision for Rockcross Commons, subject to the applicant fulfilling the listed conditions of approval.

Mayor Kelly asked if there was any further discussion amongst the Commissioners. Hearing none, Mayor Kelly called for the vote.

Motion carried 4-0-1 (Commissioner Bronson abstained)

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

13. **Ordinance 3186, Amending Title 3, Chapter 6, of The Official Code of The City of Great Falls (OCCGF) Pertaining To Sale of Unclaimed Personal Property.**

City Attorney Sara Sexe reported that the Ordinance under consideration amends the Official Code of the City of Great Falls (OCCGF) Title 3, Chapter 6, pertaining to the sale of unclaimed personal property in Great Falls Police Department (GFPD) custody. Beginning in 2016, staff began examining issues with an overcrowding of unclaimed personal property in GFPD custody. A vast majority of the property being held by the GFPD has little or no value, and it has never been claimed by a rightful owner. This property comes into GFPD custody by a number of different means. The property may be obtained as evidence as part of investigations or cases which have been concluded or resolved. The property alternatively in many instances has been delivered to the GFPD because members of the public have no other way of disposing of the property. The property sits in custody sometimes in perpetuity with no means of disposal, creating obvious storage issues.

This problem is not specific to the City of Great Falls. This problem exists in many of the larger municipal and county jurisdictions throughout the state. Prior to the 2017 Montana Legislative Session, there was no clear legislative criteria as to how law enforcement agencies could dispose of this type of property. The Great Falls City Attorney's Office requested the Montana League

of Cities and Towns consider supporting legislative changes to the existing statutory scheme, to allow for alternative means of disposition of such property.

During the 2017 legislative session, the Montana League of Cities and Towns worked on legislation to establish criteria by which this type of property could be disposed. Senate Bill (SB) 200, introduced by Senator Edward Buttrey, passed and was signed into law. City Commissioner Bill Bronson, Assistant City Attorney Joseph Cik, and GFPD Captain John Schaffer attended both House and Senate Judiciary Committee sessions and testified as proponents of the Bill. SB 200 amended Mont. Code Ann. Title 7, Chapter 8, Part 1, pertaining to general provisions to local government and, specifically, Mont. Code Ann. § 7-8-105 allows for a process by which unclaimed personal property in possession of a peace officer or law enforcement entity of the local government may be disposed of.

Commissioner Robinson moved, seconded by Commissioner Moe, that the City Commission adopt Ordinance 3186.

Commissioner Houck stepped out of the meeting at 8:39 p.m. and returned at 8:42 p.m.

Mayor Kelly asked if there were any comments from the public.

John Hubbard, 615 7th Avenue South, discussed a family ranch outside of Sun River that was broken into and numerous items stolen in 1953 and 1979. He was informed to check with the Sheriff's Department of that county.

Mayor Kelly asked if there was any discussion amongst the Commissioners.

Commissioner Houck encouraged people to use the online tool on the Police Department's webpage to report stolen items, especially bicycles.

There being no further discussion, Mayor Kelly called for the vote.

Motion carried 5-0

CITY COMMISSION

14. Miscellaneous reports and announcements from the City Commission.

Commissioner Bronson announced that the Cascade City County Health Department recently received accreditation through the Public Health and Accreditation Board.

Commissioner Houck thanked all of the volunteers and everyone that participated in Western Art Week in Great Falls.

She also noted that City services are provided to everyone equitably and expressed appreciation to the Planning and Community Development staff for being business friendly.

Commissioner Robinson noted his recent absence and thanked the Commission.

Commissioner Moe reported that she has attended a few Neighborhood Council meetings. She was impressed with what Neighborhood Council 7 was doing to solicit input from neighbors to

create a vision for what they want the neighborhood to be in the future.

As a former legislator, she also responded to comments made during the City Manager's report concerning the legislature and TIF audit committee. She concluded that TIFs are an important tool for local governments to use. She hopes to see improvements in that area and that the State will continue to give local governments the flexibility that it continues to need.

Mayor Kelly announced that, for the fourth year in a row, Great Falls College MSU and a group called Partnering for Prevention is sponsoring an annual No More Violence Conference from April 2nd through April 6th. He commended those groups that are looking at problems in the community straight up, and trying to educate the community on issues and ways to make things better.

15. **Commission Initiatives.**

None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Commission, **Commissioner Moe moved, seconded by Mayor Kelly, to adjourn the regular meeting of March 20, 2018, at 8:58 p.m.**

Motion carried 5-0

Mayor Bob Kelly

City Clerk Lisa Kunz

**Minutes Approved:
April 3, 2018**