

JOURNAL OF COMMISSION SPECIAL WORK SESSION
January 15, 2019

City Commission Special Work Session
Civic Center, Gibson Room 212

Mayor Kelly presiding

CALL TO ORDER: 4:00 p.m.

CITY COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT: Bob Kelly, Bill Bronson, Owen Robinson, and Mary Sheehy Moe. Commissioner Tracy Houck arrived at 4:26 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Greg Doyon and Deputy City Manager Chuck Anderson; City Attorney Sara Sexe; Public Works Director Jim Rearden; Park and Recreation Director Steve Herring; Fire Chief Steve Hester; Police Chief Dave Bowen, Human Resources Director Gaye McInerney; and, City Clerk Lisa Kunz.

GUEST PRESENT: Kevin Meek of Ugrin Alexander Zadick, P.C.

1. **PUBLIC COMMENT.** None.
2. **LITIGATION STATUS UPDATES ON PENDING CASES AGAINST THE CITY.**

City Attorney Sara Sexe reported that the purpose of this meeting is to update the Commission on the legal status of each of the pending cases. She recommended the City Commission enter into an executive session pursuant to Mont. Code Ann. § 2-3-203(4)(a) because the meeting involves the discussion of litigation strategy and an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the litigation position of the City.

She commented that updates will be provided on the following pending cases (all but one against the City of Great Falls):

- Kellie Jo Carter-Benson and Edgar Carter v. City of Great Falls, et al.
- Dan and Julie Doran v. City of Great Falls, et al.
- Lung Green v. City of Great Falls
- L. Johnson, Inc. v. City of Great Falls
- Diana McClammy v. City of Great Falls, et al.
- Robert Marten v. City of Great Falls
- Cheryl Reichert and Charles Boccock v. City of Great Falls
- Richard Burkhart v. City of Great Falls, et al.
- Randal W. Deck v. City of Great Falls
- Kennerly v. City of Great Falls
- Jean Catherine Smith v. City of Great Falls
- City of Great Falls, et al. v. Purdue Pharma L.P., et al.

Commissioner Robinson moved, seconded by Commissioner Bronson, that the City Commission close the meeting to discuss pending litigation and strategy in executive session.

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.

At 4:06 p.m., the meeting continued in executive session in the Commission Chambers with the City Commission, City Manager, Deputy City Manager, City Attorney, City Clerk, Public Works Director, Park and Recreation Director, Fire Chief, Police Chief, Human Resources Director, and retained attorney Kevin Meek, for the purpose of discussing pending litigation and strategy regarding cases against the City of Great Falls.

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Attorney Meek concluded his remarks pertaining to cases his firm is involved with, and left the executive session at 5:05 p.m.

City Attorney Sara Sexe continued with status updates and defense postures on the other pending cases:

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The meeting reconvened into an open meeting. Mayor Kelly called the regular meeting back to order at 5:22 p.m.

City Attorney Sexe reported that she and retained attorney Kevin Meek updated the Commission on the status of the diverse pending cases the City is involved in, as well as discussed strategy and defense postures of the City.

Mayor Kelly asked if there was any further discussion amongst the Commissioners, or comments from the public. No one responded.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Commission, Mayor Kelly adjourned the special work session of January 15, 2019, at 5:24 p.m.

Mayor Bob Kelly

City Clerk Lisa Kunz