

JOURNAL OF COMMISSION PROCEEDINGS

June 16, 2020

Regular City Commission Meeting

Mayor Kelly presiding

CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 PM

Commission Chambers Room 206

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL/STAFF INTRODUCTIONS: City Commission members present: Bob Kelly, Tracy Houck, Mary Sheehy Moe, Owen Robinson and Rick Tryon. City staff present were the City Manager Greg Doyon and Deputy City Manager Chuck Anderson; City Clerk Lisa Kunz; Finance Director Melissa Kinzler; Planning and Community Development Director Craig Raymond; Public Works Environmental Manager Paul Skubinna; Interim Fire Chief Jeremy Jones; Park and Recreation Director Steve Herrig; City Attorney Sara Sexe; and, Police Chief Dave Bowen.

Due to the COVID-19 health concerns, public participation is welcomed and encouraged as follows:

- Attend in person. Refrain from attending in person if you are not feeling well. The City will require social distancing at the meeting, and may limit the number of persons in the Commission Chambers according to applicable health guidelines.
- Provide public comments via email. Comments may be sent via email before 5:00 PM on Tuesday, June 16, 2020, to: commission@greatfallsmt.net. Include the agenda item or agenda item number in the subject line, and include the name and address of the commenter. Written communication received by that time will be shared with the City Commission and appropriate City staff for consideration during the agenda item and before final vote on the matter; and will be so noted in the official record of the meeting.
- Call-in. The public may call in during specific public comment periods at 406-761-4786. All callers will be in a queued system and are asked to remain on hold and be patient. Calls will be taken in the order in which they are received. Callers will be restricted to customary time limits. We ask for your patience in the event there are technical difficulties.

AGENDA APPROVAL: City Manager Greg Doyon recommended that Agenda Item 18 remain on the agenda for staff to provide an overview and next steps with the community, and that no action be taken by the Commission this evening. There were no other proposed changes to the agenda by the City Manager or the City Commission. The agenda was approved as presented.

CONFLICT DISCLOSURE/EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS: None.

PROCLAMATIONS: A proclamation for Paris Gibson Month (July, 2020) was not read/presented during the meeting, but rather delivered or picked up by the proclamation requester.

1. **FIREFIGHTER OATHS:** Keenan Watt and Kessler Leonard.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS/NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCILS/BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

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2. MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Brett Doney, Great Falls Development Authority (GFDA), 405 3rd Street NW, referred to the Commission's work session discussion regarding the use of TIF funds for the proposed indoor pool/rec center and encouraged the Commission to read Mont. Code Ann. § 7-15-4288 pertaining to costs that may be paid by tax increment financing. The GFDA and Downtown Development Partnership (DDP) want to see more aggressive use of TIF to get more private investment going downtown and to keep the momentum going.

Pastor Marcus Collins, AT Worship Temple Church, thanked civic leaders for joining his forum last Thursday in light of everything that is going on in the world and our country right now regarding race relations. There was great direction as far as how we move forward as a city and continue to grow and develop so that other things that are experienced in other places in the nation are kept from our great city.

Diana Pederson, 1014 7th Avenue North, expressed frustration that her neighbor's camper parked in the street blocks her view and takes up parking in front of her house, and getting two different stories from police officers regarding whether people are allowed to sleep in their campers.

Mayor Kelly responded that City staff would follow up with her to help resolve that problem.

Appearing telephonically was **John Hubbard**, 615 7th Avenue South. Mr. Hubbard commented that he is disgusted the government didn't stop the Coronavirus from making it to this continent, and that he is picketing at the County Courthouse because there is no justice.

Mayor Kelly inquired when Neighborhood Councils would be meeting again.

Deputy City Manager Chuck Anderson responded that three councils met last week, and two councils are meeting this week. Some councils are off for the summer because they use school buildings to meet and are not accessible, but staff is making arrangements for those councils to use rooms in the Civic Center if they choose to meet.

CITY MANAGER

3. MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.

City Manager Greg Doyon reported on the following:

COVID Update – Staff continues to monitor statewide and local COVID-19 test results. There was a little uptick on June 12th. The Finance Department is awaiting plexi-glass installation and is the only office still closed to the public. Finance staff is reviewing all invoices and categorizing items to request reimbursement from the state by the July 17th deadline. Any reimbursements will go toward reimbursement of fund balance.

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Protests - There have been three rallies and/or marches in the wake of the death of George Floyd. The protests have been peaceful, and the Great Falls Police Department (GFPD) has worked hard to insure that attendees were kept safe.

He has fielded some questions from the community and the City Commission about the GFPD's policies, procedures and practices. In anticipation of additional community conversation, he provided the Commission with some baseline information that included GFPD annual reports for the past five years, and a Memorandum that outlined hiring procedures, the role of the Police Commission and the Complaint Review Panel. He has also asked Chief Bowen to review current processes and procedures and recommend potential improvements. He does not recommend defunding the Police Department.

Manager Doyon also reported that he began a dialog with members of the African American community to establish a line of regular communication that has not existed before, to better understand the concerns of African American residents, and to increase access to and confidence in local leadership so when problems surface, they can be addressed in a timely and effective manner.

Pending:

- COVID-19 tracking
- Continuation of the March public safety/violent crime discussion
- FY 21 budget
- He offered the Commission a way to move forward with the proposal from Maclean-Cameron Animal Adoption Center and will schedule that topic for another work session
- DCIP application
- Review of Law Enforcement practices
- Three hires: Public Works Director, City Engineer, and Fire Chief

In addition to opening up a line of communication to the African American community, Mayor Kelly extended an invitation to the American Indian community.

With regard to comments about defunding the police, Mayor Kelly reminded everyone about the community forum held in March. In addition to the law enforcement in attendance, there were 12 – 14 community agencies that the police force and Sheriff's office work with hand in glove to assist with mental health and social service issues, homelessness concerns, and battered women. Much of the cry for defunding the police is to make sure that social services are included in policing. He is proud that Great Falls already utilizes the social service aspect integrated with the police force.

CONSENT AGENDA.

4. Minutes, June 2, 2020, City Commission Meeting.
5. Total Expenditures of \$2,733,384 for the period of May 16, 2020 through June 3, 2020, to include claims over \$5,000, in the amount of \$2,494,829.

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6. Contracts List.
7. Approve the corrected purchase amount of \$197,740 for one new Farber Super Duty model Bookmobile that was originally approved during the June 2, 2020 Commission meeting under agenda item #14.
8. Approve the Professional Services Agreement Amendment No. 2, increasing the agreement amount by \$7,625.00 between the City of Great Falls and Black and Veatch Corporation for engineering services on the Water Treatment Plant Facility Upgrades Project for a total fee not to exceed \$7,044,989.00, and authorize the City Manager to execute the Amendment. **OF 1519**
9. Approve the purchase of 250 tons of Liquid Asphalt CRS-2P from Western States Asphalt, LLC of Butte for a total of \$128,500.
10. Award a contract in the amount of \$2,481,170.00 for the Base Bid and Bid Alternate-1 to United Materials for the Lower Northside Water Main Replacement and Street Reconstruction project and authorize the City Manager to execute the construction contract documents. **OF 1467.0**
11. Reject all bids for the Park District Project for Irrigation Upgrades for Jaycee, Roosevelt, and Valleyview Parks and recommend staff re-advertise this project. **OF 1740.3**
12. Setting a Public Hearing for July 7, 2020 for proposed amendments to the 2019/2020 Annual Action Plan and Citizen Participation Plan.

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

Mayor Kelly asked if there were any comments from the public, in person or telephonically. Hearing none, Mayor Kelly asked if there was any discussion amongst the Commissioners.

Mayor Kelly noted that about \$1.5 million dollars of the contract amount in Item 10 will be paid with gas tax/Bridge and Road Safety and Accountability Act (BaRSAA) funds received from the state.

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

Motion carried 5-0.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

13. **TOURISM BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT (TBID) 2019/2020 BUDGET AMENDMENT.**

Great Falls Tourism Executive Director Rebecca Engum reported that the Commission approved the 2019/2020 TBID Budget and Work Plan on July 16, 2019. In the plan Air Service was identified as an opportunity.

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The TBID has placed assessment funds into reserves to be used for strategically aligned specific purposes and declared as obligations available for expenditure according to the reserve purpose in the Fiscal Year needed.

COVID-19 has had impacts on the Convention, Meetings, and Groups strategy. To better position Great Falls for recovery, the TBID Board approved an amendment to transfer funds from Convention, Meetings, and Groups to Leisure Travel strategy.

The TBID Board approved an amendment of \$52,100 to the budget to accommodate reserve spending to invest in Great Falls' Low-Cost Air Initiative and financial investment to support increased direct air service by carriers into the Great Falls International Airport.

Mayor Kelly asked if the Commissioners had any questions. No one responded.

Mayor Kelly declared the public hearing open.

No one spoke in person or telephonically in favor of or in opposition to the TBID 2019/2020 budget amendment.

Shyla Patera, 1013 7th Avenue NW, submitted written communication in support of not only growth in the tourism industry but also community accessibility and affordability options for all.

Mayor Kelly closed the public hearing and asked the will of the Commission.

Commissioner Robinson moved, seconded by Commissioners Houck and Moe, that the City Commission approve the 2019/2020 Tourism Business Improvement District Budget Amendment in the amount of \$52,100.

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

Commissioner Houck expressed appreciation of the Airport's and Chamber of Commerce's initiative and forethought regarding this item. She noted that Delta announced 11 communities will no longer be receiving service.

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

Motion carried 5-0.

14. **RESOLUTION 10347, FIXING THE AMBULANCE SERVICES RATES PURSUANT TO TITLE 8, CHAPTER 5, SECTION 250, OF THE OFFICIAL CODE OF THE CITY OF GREAT FALLS (OCCGF).**

Interim Fire Chief Jeremy Jones reported that Mont. Code Ann. §§ 7-6-4013 and 7-1-4131 and Ordinance 3181 adopted by the City Commission in 2018 requires a public hearing if a vendor submits a proposed fee increase to the EMS System Administrator for consideration and approval by City Commission resolution.

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Title 8, Chapter 5 of the Official Code of the City of Great Falls (OCCGF) provides authority for the City Manager to establish the necessary procedures to enact the regulations, policies and procedures of issuing contracts and regulating 911 emergency ambulance services within the City of Great Falls and the establishment of ambulance service rates for the City's contracted ambulance transport service provider as approved by the City Commission.

Pursuant to OCCGF § 8.5.250 the contracted ambulance service shall submit to the EMS administrator a proposed ambulance fee schedule that will be approved by Commission resolution, if said fees are consistent with industry best practices, the market, and applicable federal and state laws.

In 2008 the City Commission approved "An Agreement with Great Falls Emergency Services (GFES) and the City of Great Falls, Montana for Citywide 911 Emergency Ambulance Services." Section 10B of said agreement pertains to rate adjustment requests and sets forth:

Rate Adjustment – Contractor may increase its rates above the annual CPI increase as required to maintain financial stability throughout the contract. Any increases to rates above the annual CPI increase shall be established in accordance with the requirements of the OCCGF 8.5.250.

In April of this year GFES General Manager Justin Grohs, on behalf of the owner of Great Falls and Missoula Emergency Services Dave Kuhn, provided notice to the Great Falls EMS System Administrator that GFES would be requesting a rate increase pursuant to the terms of the performance contract.

Justin Grohs, Great Falls Emergency Services General Manager, 514 9th Avenue South, explained ambulance billing and the financial aspects to assist the Commission in making an informed decision. He noted that GFES ambulance rates are derived from the "cost of readiness," that is the costs to be ready 24/7, 365 days per year to respond with proper equipment, vehicles, personnel, and the 24/7 payroll. The ambulance rates are derived at by dividing the number of transports into that cost. They also have to account for collection rates which tend to be quite low due to fixed rate government payers.

Mr. Grohs continued that GFES responds to several thousand calls per year. About 25% of those calls do not result in a transport. Paramedics treat a patient but do not transport the patient to an emergency room. Those responses are not billed to any payer. Medicare, Medicaid or commercial payers do not reimburse for that type of activity. About half of the remaining 75% of calls get billed to Medicare. Medicare only pays a fixed allowable rate, regardless of the costs. The rest of the bill endures a mandatory write-down. Another 25% gets billed to Medicaid. Medicaid also has fixed allowable rates, and the remainder is written off. Tri-Care is very similar to Medicare. He reported that about 88% of GFES responses are billed to a fixed-rate government allowable, and GFES rates are immaterial. About 5% of the remaining 12% end up being a no-pay and no collection to the ambulance service. The remaining 7% is billed to commercial insurance policies which may approximate a payment at full rate. GFES revenue increase from the proposed rate increase is about \$23 per transport.

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Mr. Grohs also compared GFES rates to other similar communities within the state and suggested that GFES' proposed rates are in-line with the others. He noted that some communities are designated "rural" by Medicare. Great Falls is designated as "urban." The Medicare reimbursement for rural is higher than urban.

Mayor Kelly asked if the Commissioners had any questions.

Commissioner Tryon commented that the proposed increase is about 33%. He requested a breakdown of where that money will be going, the number of GFES employees, and a general description of the compensation an EMT makes in Great Falls.

Mr. Grohs responded that an annual increase in implemented based off the Western CPI that tends to be a small increase and is not enough to accommodate for their increase in actual costs. Every few years GFES will need to implement more significant rate increases. He noted again that the increase is only applicable to about 7% of the transports. The annual revenue generated from the rate increase will be allocated towards an additional unit put on duty in GFES response area during peak volume hours that was purchased several months ago. That unit and additional EMTs and paramedics will cost about \$220,000 per year. The rate increase will generate additional annual revenue of about \$136,000 per year.

Mayor Kelly inquired and was informed the last rate increase occurred in 2014.

Mayor Kelly declared the public hearing open.

No one spoke in person or telephonically in favor of or in opposition to Resolution 10347.

City Clerk Lisa Kunz summarized written communication received from **Shyla Patera**, 1013 7th Avenue NW, that she is generally in support, but is hoping that community partnerships can be studied to increase accessibility in healthcare transportation and payment options; and that **Sandra Goff** opposed the proposed fee increase.

Mayor Kelly closed the public hearing and asked the will of the Commission.

Commissioner Houck moved, seconded by Commissioner Tryon, that the City Commission adopt Resolution 10347.

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

Motion carried 5-0.

15. **RESOLUTION 10348, A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR A "TWO-FAMILY RESIDENCE" LAND USE UPON THE PROPERTY ADDRESSED AS 4921 9TH AVENUE SOUTH.**

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Planning and Community Development Director Craig Raymond reported that the applicant, Alyssa McEwan, has submitted an application to request a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) to allow for the legalization of a “two family residence” land use upon the property addressed as 4921 9th Avenue South and legally described as Lot 9, Block 7, Sunrise Terrace 2nd Addition, Sec. 9, T20N, R4E, PMM, Cascade County, MT. The subject property is zoned R-3 Single-Family High Density, wherein a “two family residence” land use is permitted upon receiving approval of a CUP and fulfillment of any required conditions.

The subject property is identified in the City’s records as containing a single-family residence, with an unrecorded second unit that was recently brought to the attention of the Planning and Community Development Department. Based on research conducted into both City and County records, the second unit has no history of installation or use. The current owner acquired the house with the unit already existing. Through discussion with the owner, it was determined that the second unit was remodeled and has been in use as a second dwelling since before 2005. The applicant wishes to legalize the existing second unit within the residence through a Conditional Use Permit. While the property in question is located within an R-3 Single Family High Density zoning district, there are multi-family and commercial zoning districts and properties that are located in close proximity. More specifically, properties on the south side of 9th Avenue South are zoned both R-5 Multi-Family Medium Density and C-1 Neighborhood Commercial. Because of the mix of density and use found in the area, legalizing the second unit through the requested CUP would create a smooth transition between the intensities of zoning districts.

The basis for decision for a Conditional Use Permit is listed in the Official Code of the City of Great Falls (OCCGF) §17.16.36.040. The Zoning Commission's recommendation and the City Commission's decision to approve, conditionally approve, or deny an application shall be based on whether the application, staff report, public hearing, and additional information demonstrates that the criteria, included as Findings of Fact - Conditional Use, have been met.

Increasing the residential density of the lot from one to two units will not adversely impact the area. Because the two family residence has existed on the property for at least 15 years, the impact of the two dwelling units has long been integrated into the fabric of the area. A more detailed analysis of impact was included in the Basis of Decision.

No improvements are recommended. Although one parking space could be added on the property to strictly comply with the requirement for two family residences (two spaces per dwelling), staff doesn’t recommend that this extra space be installed because the two units have existed for so many years.

The subject property is a corner lot, bounded to the north, east, and west by single-family homes. Across the avenue to the south are multi-family and commercial buildings.

Information about the applicant’s request was provided to Neighborhood Council District #4 and notices were provided to surrounding property owners. Staff has received no objections from the public.

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Approval of the CUP will have no adverse financial impact upon the City of Great Falls. Approval would result in the legal use of the second unit on the parcel, which would increase the value of the property.

On May 12, 2020, the Zoning Commission conducted a public hearing and recommended the City Commission approve the requested CUP. Staff recommends approval of the CUP, subject to the Conditions of Approval:

1. Subsequent Modifications and Additions: If, after establishment of the conditional use, the owner proposes to expand or modify the use, buildings, and/or structures, the Director of the Planning and Community Development Department shall determine in writing if such proposed change would alter the finding for one or more review criteria found in OCCGF 17.16.36.040. If such proposed change would alter a finding, the proposal shall be submitted for review as a new conditional use application. If such proposed change would not alter a finding, the owner shall obtain all other permits as may be required.
2. Expiration: The Conditional Use Permit shall expire one year after the date of issuance, if a Certificate of Occupancy has not been issued. The Administrator may extend the expiration date by up to one year if substantial work is ongoing. The Administrator may issue a Temporary Certificate of Occupancy that is valid for no more than one year if the only condition(s) remaining to be fulfilled involve landscaping that cannot be successfully established until the weather permits.
3. Abandonment: If the permitted conditional use ceases to operate for more than six months, the Conditional Use Permit shall expire.
4. General Code Compliance: The proposed project shall be developed consistent with the conditions of approval adopted by the City Commission, and all codes and ordinances of the City of Great Falls, the State of Montana, and all other applicable regulatory agencies.
5. Acceptance of Conditions: No zoning or building permits shall be issued until the property owner acknowledges in writing that it has received, understands, and agrees to comply with the conditions of approval.

Alyssa McEwan, Applicant and owner of 4921 9th Avenue South, reported that she is looking for the opportunity to create more affordable housing in Great Falls.

Mayor Kelly asked if the Commissioners had any questions.

Commissioner Moe inquired if the Applicant purchased the property believing there was a rental unit.

Applicant McEwan responded that she bought the property from her father-in-law and knew it already had a rental unit in the basement. She learned after the purchase that she would need a CUP to have two separate addresses.

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Commissioner Moe asked if the rental unit had been used as a rental unit prior to her purchasing the house.

Applicant McEwan responded in the affirmative.

Mayor Kelly declared the public hearing open.

No one spoke in person or telephonically or submitted any written communication in favor of or in opposition to Resolution 10348.

Mayor Kelly closed the public hearing and asked the will of the Commission.

Commissioner Houck moved, seconded by Commissioners Moe and Robinson, that the City Commission adopt Resolution 10348 subject to the applicant fulfilling the listed Conditions of Approval.

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

Commissioner Moe commented that she may not have been supportive had this not been purchased with the understanding that it included the rental unit.

Hearing none, Mayor Kelly called for the vote.

Motion carried 5-0.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

16. DEFENSE CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM (DCIP) GRANT APPLICATION.

City Manager Greg Doyon presented this item in detail this evening at the work session. He reported that official action is required for staff to submit the actual application so that the Department of Defense knows that the governing body is supporting the request and that there will be funds designated for the project.

Commissioner Moe moved, seconded by Commissioner Houck, that the City Commission authorize the City Manager to submit a proposal to the Defense Community Infrastructure Pilot Program (DCIP) for a Community Recreation and Indoor Pool Facility and to apply for assistance in the amount of \$10 million dollars; further, that the City Commission acknowledges that funding for the City's \$10 million required match will be derived from Park Maintenance District #1 funds.

Mayor Kelly asked if there were any comments from the public, in person or telephonically.

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Hearing none, Mayor Kelly asked if there was any discussion amongst the Commissioners. He noted that the architect and engineering firms presented this item during tonight's work session, and the video of the work session will be posted on the City's website.

Commissioner Moe commented that after the Natatorium closed she was not hopeful that the City would be able to replace it. She commended City staff for the efforts made to seize an opportunity that otherwise she thinks would have made it impossible in this community.

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

Motion carried 5-0.

ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

17. **ORDINANCE 3215, REPEALING TITLE 17, CHAPTER 12, ARTICLE 3, AND ORDINANCE 3216, REPEALING TITLE 15, CHAPTER 1, SECTION 020 OF THE OFFICIAL CODE OF THE CITY OF GREAT FALLS (OCCGF), PERTAINING TO THE GREAT FALLS DESIGN REVIEW BOARD.**

City Attorney Sara Sexe reported that on November 7, 2018, the City Commission adopted Resolution 10256, temporarily suspending the Great Falls Design Review Board (DRB) meetings and review requirements for a period of one-hundred-eighty (180) days. On June 4, 2019, the Commission adopted Resolution 10297, suspending the DRB an additional one-hundred-eighty (180) days. During the course of that suspension, staff reviewed the DRB process in order to make the DRB review process more efficient for land development applicants.

On December 3, 2019, the Commission adopted Resolution 10321, amending the DRB's review process and placing limitations on what the DRB could substantively review in the development application process.

After further consideration, under Commission Initiatives at the February 4, 2020 Commission Meeting, Commissioners Tryon and Robinson requested that staff draft language for a resolution to dissolve the DRB. There was no objection by other Commission members.

On March 3, 2020, the Commission adopted Resolution 10336 by a three to two vote that dissolved the Great Falls Design Review Board completely. Resolution 10336 also directed City Staff to present appropriate OCCGF amendments that would fulfill the intent of Resolution 10336 to dissolve the DRB. Ordinances 3215 and 3216 under consideration are presented in response to that direction.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on May 12, 2020, the Great Falls Planning Advisory Board voted unanimously recommending that the City Commission adopt Ordinance 3215.

If adopted, the Ordinances will repeal OCCGF provisions pertaining to the DRB.

Commissioner Robinson moved, seconded by Commissioner Tryon, that the City Commission adopt Ordinance 3215 and Ordinance 3216.

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Mayor Kelly asked if there were any comments from the public, in person or telephonically.

Hearing none, Mayor Kelly asked if there was any discussion amongst the Commissioners.

Hearing none, Mayor Kelly called for the vote.

Motion carried 4-1 (Commissioner Moe dissenting).

Commissioner Robinson stepped out of the meeting at 8:18 pm and returned at 8:20 pm.

18. ORDINANCE 3219, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 15, CHAPTERS 12 AND 13 OF THE OFFICIAL CODE OF THE CITY OF GREAT FALLS (OCCGF) PERTAINING TO GEOLOGIC HAZARDS.

Mayor Kelly noted that this item will be presented for informational purposes, and City staff will provide guidance on when the item will be brought back for a public hearing.

Planning and Community Development Director Craig Raymond reported that things have evolved since this topic was presented at a Commission Work Session. There has been general support of the Ordinance, but there are more conversations that need to take place. Staff had a meeting with representatives of the development community and an engineer yesterday. At this time he doesn't have a specific recommendation for a date for the public hearing.

City Manager Greg Doyon added that the existing standards that are in place remain in effect for residential building and construction. Applicants will need to find someone to prepare a geotech report.

Written communication was submitted from **Spencer Woith**, President of Woith Engineering, Inc., 405 3rd Street NW, and **John Harding**, President of S&H Aluminum Products, Inc., 901 6th Street South, requesting that the setting of the public hearing be postponed for 30 days.

19. RESOLUTION 10349, AMENDING RESOLUTION 10299, EXTENDING THE EFFECTIVE PERIOD THEREOF IN WHICH TO COMPLETE THE NUISANCE ABATEMENT OF CERTAIN PROPERTY LOCATED AT 520 8TH AVENUE SOUTH.

Planning and Community Development Director Craig Raymond reported that on January 2, 2019, the City Commission adopted Resolution 10274 declaring the property located at 520 8th Avenue South to be a Nuisance, pursuant to the Official Code of the City of Great Falls (OCCGF) Title 8, Chapter 49, ordered the nuisance to be abated and authorized staff to force abatement if necessary. On July 2, 2019, the City Commission adopted Resolution 10299 extending the effective period for nuisance abatement to July 2, 2020.

Staff is requesting a second extension until July 2, 2021, to complete the ordered abatement on the property due to legal proceedings that were brought forth by the City against the property owner. As a result of these proceedings, more time is needed for the contractor hired by the City to complete the abatement.

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Commissioner Tryon moved, seconded by Commissioners Moe and Robinson, that the City Commission adopt Resolution 10349.

Mayor Kelly asked if there were any comments from the public, in person or telephonically.

Hearing none, Mayor Kelly asked if there was any discussion amongst the Commissioners.

Hearing none, Mayor Kelly called for the vote.

Motion carried 5-0.

CITY COMMISSION

20. MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Commissioner Tryon recognized Katie Hanning from the Home Builders Association in attendance. He encouraged her to attend the public hearing when Item 18 is rescheduled and provide her informed opinion.

Commissioner Tryon also discussed the form emails the City Commission members received demanding to defund the Great Falls Police Department. Most if not all of the emails were from a national organization called Defund 12 and were generated from people not living in this community. He noted that he and a large majority of people in this community support the Great Falls Police Department and what they do every day to protect this community. Defunding is a ludicrous notion and the one size fits all movement is uncalled for.

Commissioner Robinson noted he wasn't in attendance at the last meeting but listened to Chief Bowen's comments about the tragic death of George Floyd. He believed Chief Bowen's comments to be the right mix of admonishment, compassion, and wisdom. He is proud of Chief Bowen personally and he appreciates the professionalism of the peace officers at the Great Falls Police Department.

He also recognized Gallery 16, a downtown business of 50 years, that is now closing due to the impacts of Covid 19. He thanked the all female owned business for providing Great Falls with a place to enjoy and purchase locally created art.

Commissioner Robinson sadly announced that Bob Oakland peacefully passed away at the age of 94. He started City Chevrolet in the early 1950's, that was later known as City Motors. City Motors has demonstrated an unbelievable community spirit with a flare for philanthropy, especially to Special Olympics and the Great Falls Public Schools Foundation. He will be truly missed.

Commissioner Houck commented that people can call the Crises Hotline to access support and services in the community. She is sad to see Gallery 16 close its business. She gave a shout out to all of the businesses in the community that took time during the pandemic to think about their own business models, to do renovations, or take a family vacation. She encouraged support of these businesses that are committed to this community.

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Commissioner Moe watched the live stream forum regarding racism provided by the AT Worship Temple Church and was impressed by all of the participants. She thinks it is the Commission's job not to be complacent. The police are one factor and perhaps the most visible factor of a problem that our entire society has had for a long time. She hopes the Commission will engage in conversations, ask the questions and build the relationships that will really make a meaningful step forward.

Mayor Kelly expressed condolences to the family of Bob Oakland. He was a great role model.

Mayor Kelly also displayed before and after pictures of the Warden Bridge. He expressed appreciation to Deb Kottel of St. Vincent de Paul, her volunteers and Park and Recreation staff for providing 37 man-hours to clean up and remove over 3,200 pounds of trash under the Warden Bridge.

21. REQUIREMENT FOR PROVIDING ADDRESS DURING PUBLIC COMMENT.

The Commission did not discuss or take action on agenda item 21.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Commission, **Commissioner Robinson moved, seconded by Mayor Kelly, to adjourn the regular meeting of June 16, 2020, at 8:39 p.m.**

Motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Bob Kelly

City Clerk Lisa Kunz

Minutes Approved: July 7, 2020