City Commission Special Work Session Civic Center, Gibson Room 212 Mayor Reeves presiding

CALL TO ORDER: 5:05 PM

CITY COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT: Cory Reeves, Susan Wolff, Joe McKenney and Rick Tryon. Commissioner Shannon Wilson was excused.

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Greg Doyon and Deputy City Manager Chuck Anderson; City Attorney David Dennis; Finance Director Melissa Kinzler, Deputy Director Kirsten Wavra, Financial/Tax/Budget Analyst Levi Johnson, ARPA Project Manager Sylvia Tarman and Grant Administrator Tom Hazen; Planning and Community Development Director Brock Cherry and Senior Transportation Planner Andrew Finch; Public Works Director Chris Gaub, Roadway Engineer Russell Brewer, City Engineer Jesse Patton and Water Plant Manager Jason Fladland; Park and Recreation Director Steve Herrig; Information Technology Director Todd Feist; Municipal Court Mark Dunn; Library Director Susie McIntyre; Assistant Fire Chief Bob Shupe; Police Chief Jeff Newton; and, Deputy City Clerk Darcy Dea.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ben Forsyth, City resident, read and provided a prepared handout pertaining to recommended cannabis control laws, resolutions, or policies that will in time reduce marijuana harms. The laws, resolutions, or policies would be within the Constitution of the United States and State of Montana, all applicable State laws, the Official Code of the City of Great Falls (OCCGF), and the specified recommendations of the majority of voters as expressed in Initiative-190.

1. QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW

Finance Director Melissa Kinzler and Deputy Director Kirsten Wavra reviewed and discussed the following PowerPoint:



Quarterly Budget Review

- 3rd Quarter Fiscal Year 2024
- · Scheels Aim High Big Sky Update
- TIF Update
- ARPA/CARES Update



General Fund Three Year Comparison

		As of 3/31/xxx	x
	Fiscal Year	Fiscal Year	Fiscal Year
	2024	2023	2022
Revenue Totals	\$24,361,831	\$23,001,536	\$21,172,057
Expense Totals	\$28,539,180	\$27,563,068	\$26,313,698
Revenue Over (Under) Expenditures	(\$4,177,349)	(\$4,561,532)	(\$5,141,641)
Beginning Fund Balance, 7/1	\$10,679,388	\$11,741,081	\$13,041,527
Net Change	(\$4,177,349)	(\$4,561,532)	(\$5,141,641)
Ending Fund Balance, 3/31	\$6,502,039	\$7,179,549	\$7,899,886
Unreserved Fund Balance	\$4,120,273		
CARES Reserved Balance	\$2,381,766		
Total Fund Balance	\$6,502,039		

\$8.573.730



General Fund Updated Revenue Drivers

•	lewly Taxable Property	Budgeted Levied	\$ \$	400,00 1,510,21
		Increase	\$	1,110,21

Protested Taxes

22% Target Fund Balance

City's Protested Taxes at 3/31/2024	1:	Half Taxes Due
General Levy	\$	453,030.89
Permissive Medical Levy	\$	89,351.82
Soccer Park Levy	\$	3,715.54
Library Levy	\$	50,531.62
West Bank TID	\$	19,387.56
Total Protested Taxes	\$	616,017,43

Reimbursement from Sale of Centene Building

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General Fund	\$	800,000	•
Water Fund	\$	62,674	
Sewer Fund	\$	14,401	
Storm Drain Fund	\$	60,367	
Street Fund	\$	62,558	
Total Reimbursed to City	\$	1,000,000	



3rd Quarter Fiscal Year 2024

General Fund

- Fund Balance Comparison
- Cash Flow
- Revenue
 - Tax Revenue
- Expenses

General Fund Monthly Cash Flow by Fiscal Year



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General Fund Updated Revenue Drivers



Marijuana Tax Revenue

Quarter 1 (Partial)	\$ 27,705
Quarter 2	\$ 55,564
Quarter 3	\$ 56,179
Quarter 4 (Rec'd Apr '24)	\$ 62,284
Total Received to Date	\$ 201,732

National Opioid Settlement Revenue

Total Received to Date	\$	93,007
Must be used for opioid	related	expenses

General Fund Projected Unreserved Fund Balance

22% Target Fund Balance

	FY2024 Adopted Budget		FY2024 Projected	
Beginning Fund Balance, 7/1	\$ 10,225,303		\$ 10,679,388	
Net Change	\$ (998,064)		\$ 38,558	
Ending Fund Balance, 6/30	\$ 9,227,239		\$ 10,717,946	
Unreserved Fund Balance	\$ 6,845,473	17.57%	\$ 8,336,180	21.39%
CARES Reserved Balance	\$ 2,381,766	6.11%	\$ 2,381,766	6.11%
Total Fund Balance	\$ 9,227,239	23.68%	\$ 10,717,946	27.50%

General Fund Budget to Actual Comparison

\$ 8,573,730

	FY2024	As of	% to
Revenues	Budget	3/31/2024	Date
Taxes	\$24,182,096	\$13,230,873	54.7%
Licenses & Permits	\$916,500	\$695,513	75.9%
Intergovernmental	\$9,730,562	\$7,299,360	75.0%
Charges for Services	\$1,149,262	\$871,503	75.8%
Fines & Forfeitures	\$680,000	\$382,922	56.3%
Internal Service	\$1,102,343	\$772,876	70.1%
Investment Income	\$20,000	\$162,342	811.7%
Other	\$192,674	\$946,442	491.2%
Total Revenue	\$37,973,437	\$24,361,831	64.2%

General Fund Three Year Tax Revenue

\$0 | Licenses & Intergovern Charges for Permits -mental Services | #FY 2022 \$11,530,879 \$709,624 \$6,761,428 \$884,002

■FY 2023 \$12,669,703 \$738,413 \$7,267,785 \$915,570 ■FY 2024 \$13,230,873 \$695,513 \$7,299,360 \$871,503

Three Year Revenue Comparison

As of 3/31/xxxx

Internal Service \$705,195

\$743,722 \$772,876

\$451,645

\$430.356

Other

\$120,128

\$162,776

\$9,156

\$73,211

General Fund

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General Fund Budget to Actual Comparison

	FY2024	As of	% to
Tax Revenue Detail	Budget	3/31/2024	Date
Real Current Ad Valorem	\$17,839,752	\$9,890,197	55.4%
Real Current Permissive Medical	\$3,962,344	\$2,048,850	51.7%
Real Delinquent Ad Valorem	\$665,000	\$132,573	19.9%
Real Delinquent Permissive Medical	\$85,000	\$35,029	41.2%
Mobile Home Taxes	\$45,000	\$53,031	117.8%
Other Personal Property	\$150,000	\$5,262	3.5%
Delinquent Tax Penalty & Interest	\$35,000	\$18,904	54.0%
Marijuana Tax	\$0	\$111,743	
Local Option Vehicle	\$1,400,000	\$935,284	66.8%
Total Tax Revenue	\$24,182,096	\$13,230,873	54.7%

General Fund Three Year Expense Comparison



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General Fund Budget to Actual Comparison

	FY2024	As of	% to
Expenses	Budget	3/31/2024	Date
Personal Services	\$28,706,029	\$20,712,386	72.2%
Supplies	\$1,106,298	\$787,829	71.2%
Purchased Services	\$1,898,367	\$1,125,107	59.3%
Debt Service	\$317,529	\$317,529	100.0%
Other	\$270,000	\$306,238	113.4%
Internal Service	\$5,733,002	\$4,584,885	80.0%
Transfer Out	\$940,276	\$705,207	75.0%
Total Expenses	\$38,971,501	\$28,539,180	73.2%

General Fund **Budget to Actual Comparison** by Department

	FY2024	As of	% to
Expenses	Budget	3/31/2024	Date
City Commission	\$348,916	\$179,598	51.5%
City Manager	\$713,397	\$515,730	72.3%
Neighborhood Council	\$131,998	\$96,535	73.1%
City Clerk	\$260,422	\$191,308	73.5%
Animal Shelter	\$1,031,912	\$773,858	75.0%
Miscellaneous Admin	\$1,195,279	\$938,204	78.5%
City/County Health	\$250,000	\$250,000	100.0%
Municipal Court	\$1,155,948	\$759,073	65.7%
Legal	\$1,489,101	\$1,122,131	75.4%
Police	\$16,780,939	\$12,304,512	73.3%
Fire	\$11,344,605	\$8,502,288	74.9%
Park & Recreation	\$3,328,708	\$2,200,737	66.1%
Transfer Out	\$940,276	\$705,207	75.0%
Total Expenses	\$38,971,501	\$28,539,180	73.2%



3rd Quarter Fiscal Year 2024

Funds Needing Attention

- Recreation
- Multi-Sports
- · Civic Center Events · Human Resources
- Parking
- Golf Courses
 Planning & Community
 - Development
 - · Health & Benefits



Golf Courses Fund Three Year Comparison

Course Co. Financials as of February 29, 2024

Operating Revenues Revenue Received from Course Co. Revenue Totals

Revenue Over (Under) Expenditures

Beginning Fund Balance, 7/1 Net Change Ending Fund Balance, 2/29

Cash Balance as of 2/29/2024

	As of 2/29/xxxx		
Fiscal Year	Fiscal Year	Fiscal Year	
2024	2023	2022	
\$838,181	\$742,603	\$740,625	
\$0	\$374,411	\$264,000	
\$838,181	\$1,117,014	\$1,004,625	
\$1,051,956	\$952,537	\$822,364	
(\$213,775)	\$164,477	\$182,261	
(\$313,202)	(\$530,804)	(\$1,111,409)	
(\$213,775)	\$164,477	\$182,261	
(\$526,977)	(\$366,327)	(\$929,148)	

(\$679,331)

Recreation Fund Three Year Comparison



Beginning Fund Balance, 7/1 Net Change Net Change Ending Fund Balance, 3/31

Cash Balance as of 3/31/2024

As of 3/31/xxxx			
Fiscal Year	Fiscal Year	Fiscal Year	
2024	2023	2022	
\$141,881	\$144,937	\$104,802	
\$29,405	\$29,405	\$29,405	
\$0	\$105,000	\$226,153	
\$171,286	\$279,341	\$360,359	
\$399,969	\$400,604	\$336,805	
(\$228,683)	(\$121,263)	\$23,555	
\$25,570	\$19,805	(\$118,836)	
(\$228,683)	(\$121,263)	\$23,555	
(\$203,113)	(\$101,458)	(\$95,281)	

(\$151,373)

Multi-Sports Fund Three Year Comparison

> Revenue - Operating Revenue - Transfer In (CARES) Revenue Totals Expenditure Totals Revenue Over (Under) Expenditures

Beginning Fund Balance, 7/1 Net Change Ending Fund Balance, 3/31

Cash Balance as of 3/31/2024

As of 3/31/xxxx		
Fiscal Year	Fiscal Year	Fiscal Year
2024	2023	2022
\$22,617	\$20,200	\$25,195
\$0	\$25,875	\$65,000
\$22,617	\$46,075	\$90,195
\$74,078	\$53,379	\$59,016
(\$51,461)	(\$7,304)	\$31,179
\$28,547	\$31,086	(\$4,210)
(\$51,461)	(\$7,304)	\$31,179
(\$22,915)	\$23,782	\$26,969

Civic Center Events Fund Three Year Comparison



Beginning Fund Balance, 7/1 Net Change Ending Fund Balance, 3/31

Cash Balance as of 3/31/2024

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Parking Fund Three Year Comparison

Revenue - Operating Revenue - Transfer In (CARES) Revenue - Transfer In (ARPA) Revenue Totals

Expenditure Totals Revenue Over (Under) Expenditures

Beginning Fund Balance, 7/1 Net Change Ending Fund Balance, 3/31

Cash Balance as of 3/31/2024

As of 3/31/1000x		
Fiscal Year	Fiscal Year	Fiscal Year
2024	2023	2022
\$477,844	\$507.970	\$466.518
\$0	\$0	\$265,361
\$0	\$52.876	\$0
\$477,844	\$560,846	\$466,518
\$476,966	\$455.254	\$388,956
\$878	\$105,592	\$77,562
\$171,450	\$102,914	(\$72,444
\$878	\$105,592	\$77,562
\$172,327	\$208.506	\$5,118

\$172,086

Planning & Community Development Fund Three Year Comparison

Revenue - Operating Revenue - Transfer In (General Fund) Revenue - Transfer In (CARES) Revenue Totals

Expenditure Totals Revenue Over (Under) Expenditures

Beginning Fund Balance, 7/1 Net Change Ending Fund Balance, 3/31

Cash Balance as of 3/31/2024

As of 3/31/xxxx		
Fiscal Year	Fiscal Year	Fiscal Year
2024	2023	2022
\$477,282	\$598,413	\$433,384
\$282,699	\$282,699	\$203,949
\$0	\$223,125	\$0
\$759,981	\$1,104,237	\$637,333
\$937,821	\$938,250	\$931,040
(\$177,840)	\$165,987	(\$293,707)
\$105,124	(\$212,464)	\$50,813
(\$177,840)	\$165,987	(\$293,707)
(\$72,715)	(\$46,477)	(\$242,894)
(\$17,088)		

Health & Benefits Fund Three Year Comparison

Revenue Totals Expense Totals Revenue Over (Under) Expenditures

Beginning Fund Balance, 7/1 Net Change Ending Fund Balance, 3/31 Cash Balance as of 3/31/2024

As of 3/31/xxxx		
Fiscal Year	Fiscal Year	Fiscal Year
2024	2023	2022
\$7,967,944	\$7,586,879	\$7,345,757
\$7,537,824	\$5,536,071	\$5,406,869
\$430,120	\$2,050,808	\$1,938,888
\$3,265,995	\$1,917,917	\$1,521,149
\$430,120	\$2,050,808	\$1,938,888
\$3,696,115	\$3,968,725	\$3,460,037

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Human Resources Fund Three Year Comparison

Revenue Totals Expense Totals Revenue Over (Under) Expenditures

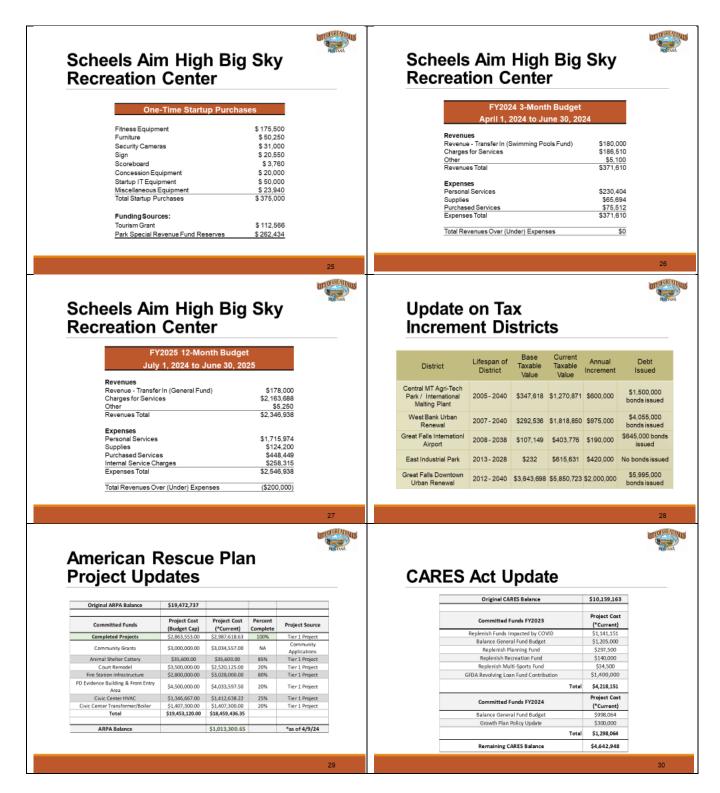
Beginning Fund Balance, 7/1 Net Change Ending Fund Balance, 3/31

Cash Balance as of 3/31/2024

As of 3/31/xxxx		
Fiscal Year	Fiscal Year	Fiscal Year
2024	2023	2022
\$825,799	\$750,474	\$739,876
\$794,973	\$745,118	\$637,366
\$30,826	\$5,357	\$102,510
(\$21,967)	\$97,833	\$17,655
\$30,826	\$5,357	\$102,510
\$8,859	\$103,190	\$120,165

Scheels Aim High Big Sky Recreation Center

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Referring to fines and forfeitures, Mayor Reeves inquired about a recent case law that individuals do not have to pay a fine if they prove an inability to pay to the court.

Municipal Court Judge Mark Dunn responded that there must be a finding that an individual has the inability to pay. There was a recent Supreme Court case that mandatory minimum fines are unconstitutional and several statutes create a mandatory minimum fine. Prosecutors have been requesting jail time versus imposing fines because of the new case laws.

Commissioner Tryon inquired how much of the \$1.5 million in newly taxable property was attributed to Calumet and the Montana Renewables Biofuels project.

Deputy Finance Director Wavra responded that the State is unable to provide the City with a complete rundown of what makes up the \$1.5 million. Given the value of the City's protested taxes, the City's true newly taxable property received continues to remain around \$400,000 because the increased amount of approximately \$1.1 million is what the City's protested taxes are.

With regard to the "General Fund – Three Year Expense Comparison - as of 3/31/xxxx" slide, Commissioner Tryon inquired about the difference with the transfer out amounts.

Deputy Finance Director Wavra responded that the subsidies to Civic Center Events and Engineering Funds were removed in last years adopted budget, and the return of the transfer to the library with the passage of library levy.

With regard to the "Golf Courses Fund Three Year Comparison" slide, Finance Director Kinzler explained that the contract with CourseCo is a management agreement, so they manage the golf courses for the City. If there was not enough revenue to cover the actual expenses of the golf courses, the City would pay Great Falls LLC to cover that shortage.

City Manager Greg Doyon added that he discussed with CourseCo whether both golf courses should continue to be maintained. CourseCo had a compelling argument for continuing to maintain both courses, such as clientele, usage for tournaments and it would not change the City's revenue model. It was also discussed if CourseCo would consider a lease versus a management agreement and it was determined that a lease agreement would not recoup some of the revenue from CourseCo managing the golf courses. The City is paying CourseCo to manage the golf courses and when they perform well the City benefits. There is a short golf season in Montana and is weather contingent; however, City staff will continue to work on eliminating debt in the golf course fund.

Finance Director Kinzler added that there was a cash deficit in the golf course fund of approximately \$1.4 million when CourseCo took over management of the golf courses; however, the cash deficit is down and it has been a successful partnership with CourseCo.

With regard to the "Recreation Fund Three Year Comparison" slide, Finance Director Kinzler commented that the cash balance is from the old recreation fund.

City Manager Doyon added that the potential sale of the Great Falls Recreation Center would more than likely resolve the debt service in the old recreation fund.

With regard to the "Parking Fund Three Year Comparison" slide, City Manager Doyon explained that at some point the City needs to make an investment from some resource to make repairs on the parking garages before something critical happens to them.

With regard to the "Scheels Aim High Big Sky Recreation Center" slides, Commissioner Tryon inquired about the Park Maintenance District assessment, Park Special Revenue Fund Reserves, transfer in for the Swimming Pools Fund and General Fund.

Finance Director Kinzler responded that the Park Maintenance District assessment is not being increased. The \$384,158 will be used short term from the Park Maintenance District Assessments for the construction costs until the donation funds are received. There is approximately \$2 million in donations; however, it is paid over a five-year period. As those donations come back, the Park Maintenance District could be reimbursed with those donations. The Park Special Revenue Fund Reserves is a fund that has been used for special park projects. There is a cash balance because of prior revenue collections for parks. There is approximately \$400,000 in the Swimming Pools Fund. When the Wave Rider was paid off, the City put that same amount of money from the General Fund into the Swimming Pools Fund, knowing it would be needed in the future. Currently, there will not be a request for increase subsidy from the General Fund because \$39,000 was transferred from the General Fund to the old recreation fund and that \$39,000 is going to the Scheels Aim High Big Sky Recreation Center. Approximately \$265,000 from the General Fund will go to the Swimming Pool Fund and \$140,000 of that will go to the recreation center.

With regard to the "Update on Tax Increment Districts" slide, Finance Director Kinzler explained that the City could receive \$168,000 annually if the Central MT Agri-Tech Park/International Malting Plant District were to be closed.

Commissioner McKenney inquired about closing the East Industrial Park District since there are no bonds issued and the lifespan of the district is 2028.

Finance Director Kinzler responded that the City has a development agreement with Agri-Tech LLC and has approximately \$2 million left. Currently, the City does not have enough increment at 85 percent to pay off the \$2 million and the City is under no obligation to pay it off.

Commissioner McKenney inquired if there would be a disadvantage to closing the Central MT Agri-Tech Park/International Malting Plant District.

Finance Director Kinzler responded that the City could no longer use that tax increment district to do public improvements.

Commissioner McKenney requested that there be further discussion at an upcoming work session about whether it would be feasible to close the Central MT Agri-Tech Park District.

City Manager Doyon responded that a disadvantage to closing the Central MT Agri-Tech Park District is that the area was initially designed to accommodate heavy industrial and extend infrastructure. There

needs to be heavy industrial somewhere in the community to grow the tax base. An advantage to closing this district would be an opportunity to resolve some TIF debt and bring revenue back into the General Fund to help address public safety.

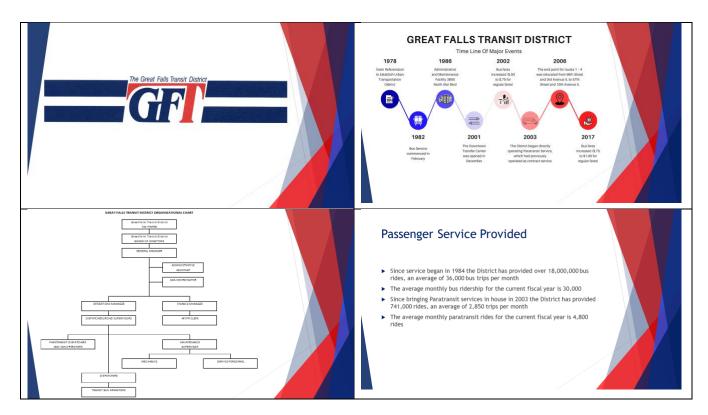
Commissioner Wolff added that there are sustainable oils in that area and the City would want to know what that districts plans are before closing it.

Finance Director Kinzler further added that there are some tax abatements that are going to be expiring soon and the City has a State Fund loan with ADF in this district.

With regard to the "CARES Act Update" slide, City Manager Doyon explained that CARES funds were initially kept separate in order to track where the money came from; however, it will eventually reside in the City's undesignated fund balance.

2. TRANSIT DISTRICT UPDATE

Great Falls Transit District General Manager Nadine Hanning reviewed and discussed the following PowerPoint:







Ms. Hanning commented that her goal for the Great Falls Transit District would be for people to use the transit because they want to and not because they have to. Ms. Hanning explained that the Great Falls Transit District is not funded or operated by the City; however, it is a part of the community.

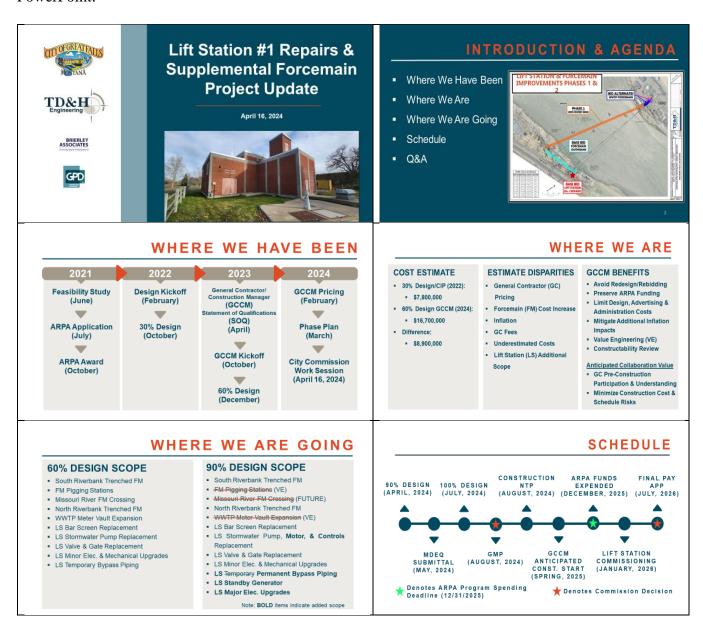
Mayor Reeves expressed appreciation to the Great Falls Transit District for its Paratransit services.

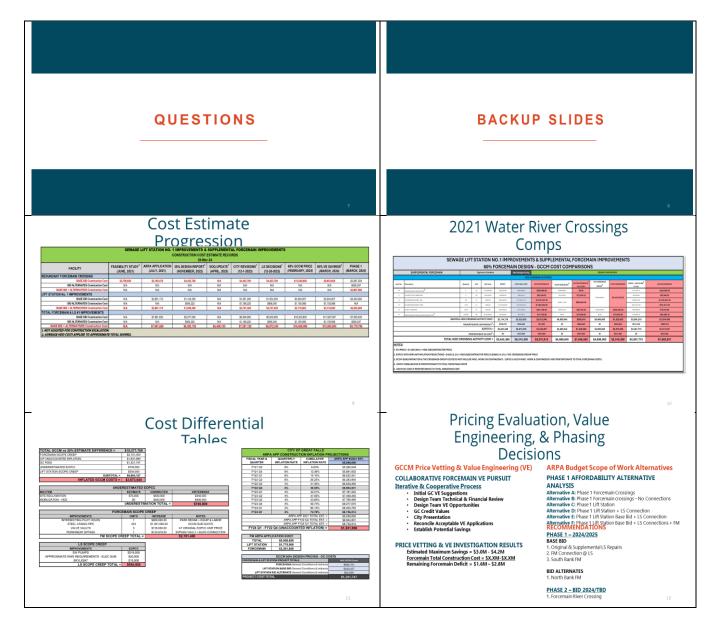
3. LIFT STATION #1 REPAIRS & SUPPLEMENTAL FORCEMAIN PROJECT UPDATE

City Engineer Jesse Patton reported that Lift Station #1 and Supplemental Forcemain is an ARPA project that was awarded \$2 million in competitive grant funds and approximately \$3.89 million of the minimum allocated funds which must be utilized by December 2025. The City is working with TD&H and PCI and has been planning this project for approximately three years. This is the City's second attempt utilizing

the alternative delivering method General Contractor Construction Manager (GCCM). GCCM allowed the City to identify a \$9 million budget shortfall well before construction biding started, giving the team an opportunity to modify the scope of the project and meet fiscal restraints. The cost estimate for the directional drilling portion of the project to provide a redundant river crossing increased by approximately \$9 million as the team progressed from the 30 percent design to the 60 percent design cost estimate. City staff is monitoring the project schedule to ensure the ARPA funds designated for this project will be utilized by the deadline.

TD&H Engineering Principal/Civil Engineer Nate Young reviewed and discussed the following PowerPoint:





Commissioner Wolff expressed appreciation to Public Works for utilizing the GCCM process because it saves money.

DISCUSSION OF POTENTIAL UPCOMING WORK SESSION TOPICS

City Manager Greg Doyon reported that an urban deer program and a 2025 budget kick off will be topics for the May 7, 2024 work session.

Commissioner McKenney reiterated that a Central MT Agri-Tech Park Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District be a topic for an upcoming work session.

City Manager Doyon responded that City staff would notify the Central MT Agri-Tech Park District and Great Falls Development Alliance to get their feedback.

ADJOURN

There being no further discussion, Mayor Reeves adjourned the informal work session of April 16, 2024 at 6:49 p.m.