

JOURNAL OF COMMISSION WORK SESSION
April 17, 2012

City Commission Work Session

Mayor Winters presiding

CALL TO ORDER: 5:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL: City Commissioners present: Michael J. Winters, Bill Bronson, Fred Burow, Mary Jolley, and Robert Jones.

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager, City Attorney, Directors of Fiscal Services, Planning and Community Development, and Public Works, Fire Chief, GFPD Dispatch Communication Supervisor, Police Chief, and the City Clerk.

1. JOINT LAND USE STUDY UPDATE

Planning and Community Development Director Mike Haynes provided a PowerPoint presentation to update the Commission on the Joint Land Use Study (JLUS). The Final JLUS Report is available on the City's website at: <http://www.greatfallsmt.net/planning>. The Cascade County Commission accepted the report on March 28, 2012. Director Haynes proposed bringing the Final JLUS Report before the Commission for consideration of acceptance on May 1, 2012. Thereafter, if accepted, a Coordinating Committee will be established, the military will be considered in the City Growth Policy, and City and County staff will work towards a possible shared implementation strategy.

2. INSURANCE SERVICES OFFICE (ISO) UPDATE

Fire Chief Randy McCamley provided an Executive Summary to the Commission. He explained that on February 24, 2012, the City received notice from the ISO of its analysis of the City's structural fire suppression delivery system. The ISO findings indicate a regression from the previous Public Protection Classification (PPC) 3/9 to an intended PPC 4/9. Staff has requested exception to several of the findings outlined in the ISO report. Additionally, several operation change scenarios were presented by staff in an attempt to retain the City's current ISO classification. As it relates to requested exceptions, ISO has agreed to credit the City an additional 0.91 points.

Chief McCamley also reviewed PowerPoint slides that compared previous years' ratings, as well as other Montana jurisdictions' ratings.

Chief McCamley and GFPD Dispatch Communication Supervisor Bill Hunter responded to questions about how the rating affects individual insurance policy rates, NFPA requirements, call volume, and staffing scenarios. The bottom line is that the City's rating will not get back to a 3 without additional staffing at a substantial investment.

ADJOURN

There being no further discussion, Mayor Winters adjourned the informal work session of April 17, 2012, at 6:25 p.m.