

August 29, 2012
3:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Commissioners Michael Winters, Bob Jones, Bill Bronson, Fred Burow and Mary Jolley.

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager; Deputy City Manager; City Manager's Executive Assistant; Interim City Attorney; Directors of Fiscal Services, and Planning and Community Development; City Engineer; Human Resources Manager; and the City Clerk.

OTHERS PRESENT: *Tribune* reporter Richard Ecke and citizens Mike Witsoe and Sam Boor.

City Manager Greg Doyon introduced David L. Nielsen as the Interim City Attorney.

Work Session Review

Manager Doyon reported that Planning and Community Development will be discussing the transportation planning and funding process and 9th Street bike facility.

Manager Doyon reviewed future work session topics and inquired if the Commission wanted to add topics for future discussion. Mayor Winters requested the facility and location of a Convenience Center be added for discussion.

Agenda Review

Copies of the draft \$5,000 report and contracts list were available to the Commissioners.

Manager Doyon reviewed the proposed agenda topics for the September 4, 2012, Commission Meeting.

Department heads discussed agenda report information as set forth on the attached proposed agenda.

With regard to Item 7 (Reimbursement of Eligible Public Infrastructure Expenses from the West Bank Tax Increment Financing District), Commissioner Burow requested that the motion to be separated to consider the requests of James Talcott Construction and Recreational Trails Incorporated separately.

Manager Doyon inquired if the Commission wanted an item added under "New Business" to consider the Great Falls Development Authority's (GFDA) formal request for unscheduled development monies from the water and sewer funds. After discussion about the announcement of a new company coming to Great Falls and its location, and that GFDA's request may be based on old information, Manager Doyon was asked to request specifics from GFDA prior to Commission consideration.

Manager Doyon reported that GFDA requested that the process be initiated to establish a TIF district in the Agri-Tech Park. After discussion, the Commission concurred with Manager

Doyon's recommendation to add an item under "New Business" to consider retaining the services of a consultant to establish the TIF district.

There were no additional changes to the agenda requested by the Commissioners.

Miscellaneous

Manager Doyon discussed GFDA's request for a letter of support to the Montana Big Sky Trust for the Sweetgrass Development. After Sweetgrass approval, Manager Doyon was directed to draft a letter for Commission review.

There being no further discussion, the informal agenda meeting of August 29, 2012, was adjourned at 4:10 p.m.