

Regular City Commission Meeting

Mayor Winters presiding

**CALL TO ORDER:** 7:00 PM

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Boy Scout Troop 28

**MOMENT OF SILENCE**

**ROLL CALL:** City Commissioners present: Michael Winters, Bob Jones, Bill Bronson, Fred Burow and Bob Kelly. Also present were the City Manager and Deputy City Manager; City Attorney; Directors of Fiscal Services, Park and Recreation, Planning and Community Development, and Public Works; Police Chief; and the City Clerk.

**PRESENTATIONS:** Kyle Rutton presented his Eagle Scout project that will benefit Sunnyside Elementary School by providing a new reading room called “The Eagles Nest.”

Mayor Winters presented James Morin and Owen Robinson with certificates of appreciation for their years of service as Regional Airport Authority Board members.

**\*\* Action Minutes of the Great Falls City Commission. Please refer to the audio/video recording of this meeting for additional detail. \*\***

## **NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCILS**

### **1. MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.**

Karen Grove, NC 8, announced that the council meets on the third Thursday of each month at the Great Falls Pre-Release Center at 8 p.m. She further announced that at a recent Council of Council meeting NC 8 was recognized as being the top participant in the Community Enhancement Grant Survey. She thanked Commissioners Bronson and Burow for attending that meeting and explaining the purpose and procedures for the upcoming Local Government Review process. On behalf of the Great Falls Pre-Release Center, Chairperson Grove invited the public to attend its 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary in Great Falls celebration on March 26<sup>th</sup> from 2 – 4 pm.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

2. Minutes, February 18, 2014, Commission meeting.
3. Total expenditures of \$1,780,174 for the period of February 7-26, 2014, to include claims over \$5,000, in the amount of \$1,596,638.
4. Contracts list.
5. Grants list.
6. Set public hearing for March 18, 2014, on Resolution 10057, Establishing Great Falls Police Department Fees for Background Checks.

7. Set public hearing for April 15, 2014, on Resolution 10058, Establishing Water, Sewer and Storm Drain Utility Service Rates effective May 1, 2014.
8. Approve Professional Services Contract Amendment No. 1 with DOWL HKM for engineering services for the South Great Falls Storm Drainage Improvements for a fee not to exceed \$139,502. **OF 1554**
9. Award bid for the supply of liquid asphalt to Calumet Montana Refining Company of Great Falls in the amount of \$132,500.

**Commissioner Kelly moved, seconded by Commissioner Jones, that the City Commission accept the Consent Agenda, as presented.**

Mayor Winters asked if there was any discussion amongst the Commissioners or comments from the public. Hearing none, Mayor Winters called for the vote.

Motion carried 5-0.

### **BOARDS & COMMISSIONS**

In response to comments about not having prior knowledge of a proposed fee increase for the Mansfield Center for the Performing Arts at the Civic Center, made at the February 18, 2014, Commission meeting, Commissioner Burow read an email from Mansfield Supervisor Dona Hughes.

#### **10. APPOINTMENT, PARKING ADVISORY COMMISSION.**

**Commissioner Kelly moved, seconded by Commissioner Bronson, that the City Commission appoint Dave Abbott to the Parking Advisory Commission for a three-year term through April 30, 2017.**

Mayor Winters asked if there was any discussion amongst the Commissioners. Hearing none, Mayor Winters asked if there were any comments from the public.

**Dave Abbott**, 1617 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue NW, commented he believes he can bring something to the team, is proud of his city and wants to serve.

**Ron Gessaman**, 1006 36<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE, complimented Parking Advisory Commission applicant Dave Abbott for attending and speaking at the Commission meeting.

Motion carried 5-0.

#### **11. APPOINTMENTS, GOLF ADVISORY BOARD.**

Commissioner Bronson noted that, because of some questions that have been raised with respect to the other proposed reappointments, he would break the motions out for separate discussions.

**Commissioner Bronson moved, seconded by Commissioner Burow, that the City Commission appoint Lori Muzzana as the Malmstrom Golf Association representative for a**

**three-year term beginning April 1, 2014, through March 31, 2017.**

Mayor Winters asked if there was any discussion amongst the Commissioners or comments from the public. Hearing none, Mayor Winters called for the vote.

Motion carried 5-0.

**Commissioner Burow moved, seconded by Commissioner Bronson, that the City Commission postpone the appointment of the Men's Golf Association representative and advertise for applications.**

Mayor Winters asked if there was any discussion amongst the Commissioners. Hearing none, Mayor Winters asked if there were any comments from the public.

**Jason Lehman**, 2800 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue South, agrees with the motion but requested clarification with regard to the Men's Association and the application process.

Commissioner Burow responded that it's his understanding the applicants must be members of the Men's Golf Association.

Commissioner Bronson noted that it's his understanding that Mr. Aafedt is a member of the appropriate association. There seems to be an issue as to whether or not another application was properly received and could have been considered.

City Attorney Sara Sexe explained that the Official Code of the City of Great Falls (OCCGF) indicates one member represents the City's Men's Golf Association, but is silent on whether or not that person is a member of the Golf Association. The person may not have to be a member of the Association, but they do have to represent the Association's interests.

Mr. Lehman commented that Ron Simonsen, Vice-President of Eagle Falls and the Men's Association, was present to confirm that Mr. Aafedt is not a member of either association and does not attend their meetings. Therefore, they feel their interests are not being properly represented by Mr. Aafedt.

There being no one else to address the Commission, Mayor Winters called for the vote.

Motion carried 5-0.

## 12. **APPOINTMENTS, DESIGN REVIEW BOARD.**

**Commissioner Bronson moved, seconded by Commissioner Kelly, that the City Commission appoint Eric Peterson as an architect member and appoint Tara Tronson to the Design Review Board for three-year terms beginning April 1, 2014, and expiring March 31, 2017.**

Mayor Winters asked if there was any discussion amongst the Commissioners or comments from the public. Hearing none, Mayor Winters called for the vote.

Motion carried 5-0.

**13. MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.**

There were no miscellaneous reports and announcements from representatives of Boards and Commissions.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS****14. LOT 2, MEDICAL TECH PARK MINOR SUBDIVISION, IN THE SE¼, SECTION 18, T20N, R4E, M.M.M. – TALUS APARTMENTS.****A. RESOLUTION 10040, TO ANNEX SAID PROPERTY.****B. ORDINANCE 3114, TO ASSIGN CITY ZONING TO SAID PROPERTY.**

Planning and Community Development Director Craig Raymond reported that this is the public hearing to consider Resolution 10040 to annex and Ordinance 3114 to assign City zoning to the Talus Apartments (also known as Great Falls Apartments), legally described as Lot 2, Medical Tech Park Minor Subdivision, in the City of Great Falls, Montana.

At the conclusion of a public hearing held on August 13, 2013, the Planning Advisory Board recommended the City Commission approve the annexation and a subsequent minor subdivision of the property from one lot into two lots. The Zoning Commission recommended the City Commission approve assigning a zoning classification of R-6 Multi-Family High Density to the easterly lot of the proposed subdivision and M-1 Mixed-Use District to the westerly lot.

The subject property is directly south of the existing Centenne commercial office building. The developer intends to construct a multifamily apartment building on the property. Annexation into the City would allow the property owner access to water and sewer services.

Mayor Winters declared the public hearing open.

Speaking in support of Resolution 10040 and Ordinance 3114 were:

**Brett Doney**, Great Falls Development Authority, 300 Central Avenue, commented that this project provides high quality housing that is needed in Great Falls, and that it is conveniently located near schools and healthcare and may help retain and attract young professionals and others in the community. He reported that the GFDA has provided a loan commitment to bridge financing to help get the project going.

**Jana Cooper**, TD&H Engineering, 1800 River Drive North, commented that the proposed project is a 216-unit apartment complex including a club house and exterior amenities. She further noted that 21<sup>st</sup> Avenue South will be extended across the northern boundary, and that the developers also committed to a dust mitigation plan.

**Eric Ray**, NC 5 Chairman, commented that NC 5 supports the project, but expressed concerns about the dust mitigation plan not being in place before the annexation is approved.

Director Raymond responded that a dust mitigation plan must be submitted and approved prior to any building permits being issued. Additionally, the requirement of a dust mitigation plan is set

forth in the Annexation Agreement and the Development Agreement. He also assured Chairman Ray that that the City will have enforcement capability as part of the dust mitigation plan.

Speaking in opposition to Resolution 10040 and Ordinance 3114 were:

**Mike Witsoe**, 510 11<sup>th</sup> Street South, commented that this area was referred to as the “sand dunes” in the past, and he believes there will be problems with water run-off. He inquired if detention ponds would be required. He also noted opposition to the project if it was one that would qualify for tax abatements. Mr. Witsoe suggested this matter be postponed.

**Fred Burow**, 1926 21<sup>st</sup> Avenue South, left the Commission and spoke at the podium as a citizen. He expressed concerns regarding flooding issues, infrastructure costs, significant increased traffic, and he inquired whether the applicant was a non-profit, and whether the apartments were for low-income or senior living.

There being no one else to address the Commission, Mayor Winters closed the public hearing and asked the will of the Commission.

**Commissioner Jones moved, seconded by Commissioner Bronson, that the City Commission adopt Resolution 10040 and approve the Amended Plat and Annexation Agreement all pertaining to Lot 2, Medical Tech Park Minor Subdivision.**

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

Commissioner Burow noted he would like answers to the questions he personally raised at the podium.

Manager Doyon respectfully noted that Commissioner Burow lost his right to vote on this matter when he testified as a citizen.

Directors Raymond and Rearden responded that it is not intended to be low-income, nor is there is a particular age category associated with the project. There is on-site detention planned for the complex, as well as major work planned for the 18<sup>th</sup> Street storm drain system. The developer is paying the infrastructure costs.

In response to Chairman Ray’s comments, Commissioner Bronson read paragraph 6 of the Annexation Agreement titled Site Dust Mitigation, and he noted that the City/County Board of Health as well as the Department of Environmental Quality would step in if necessary.

There being no further comments, Mayor Winters called for the vote.

Motion carried 4-0-1 (Commissioner Burow abstained).

**Commissioner Bronson moved, seconded by Commissioner Kelly, that the City Commission adopt Ordinance 3114.**

Mayor Winters asked if there was any further discussion. Hearing none, Mayor Winters called for the vote.

Motion carried 4-0-1 (Commissioner Burow abstained).

15. **ORDINANCE 3118, AMENDING TITLE 8, CHAPTER 52, SECTIONS 040 AND 050 OF THE OFFICIAL CODE OF THE CITY OF GREAT FALLS (OCCGF) PERTAINING TO ABATEMENT OF DISEASED VEGETATION.**

Park and Recreation Director Marty Basta reported that the requested action is to conduct a public hearing on proposed Ordinance 3118. Adoption of this ordinance would make Title 8 language consistent with language in 17.44.2.040 and 12.4.010 of the OCCGF, and would clarify that the adjoining property owners are responsible for the treatment and/or removal of nuisance vegetation on boulevard sections outside of the boulevard district.

Mayor Winters declared the public hearing open.

No one spoke in support of Ordinance 3118.

Speaking in opposition to Ordinance 3118 were:

**Ron Gessaman**, 1006 36<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE, expressed opposition to the expanded language of “trees” to “vegetation.”

Director Basta responded that the clarification is to Title 8. Title 17 was not changed as part of this proposal.

**Brian Heagy**, Fairfield, commented that he is an arborist and has removed dozens of trees in Great Falls affected by disease that the City Forester had condemned. He expressed he wasn't opposed so much to the changes proposed by this ordinance, but to the deadlines for review and execution of the City order. Ten days to review the order, and 20 days to execute the order is not enough time.

Director Basta responded that reasonable extensions are granted to allow people adequate time to remove the trees. He emphasized that diseased trees pose a threat to the urban forest and need to be removed in a timely manner.

**Mike Witsoe**, 510 11<sup>th</sup> Street South, expressed opposition to the City coming onto his property or telling him what trees he can or cannot cut down. Mr. Witsoe inquired if the City would cut down a diseased tree and bill the property owner.

Director Basta responded that property owners will be notified and given the opportunity to remove the diseased tree. If it's not removed, the City will cause to have it removed.

City Attorney Sexe clarified that a section of Title 17 was attached to the agenda report for reference to see the inconsistencies with the language in Title 8. There is no proposal to change the Land Development Code with regard to boulevards at this time.

**Ron Gessaman**, 1006 36<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE, commented that the proposed changes to Title 8 considerably expand the authority.

There being no one else to address the Commission, Mayor Winters closed the public hearing and asked the will of the Commission.

**Commissioner Jones moved, seconded by Commissioner Kelly, that the City Commission adopt Ordinance 3118.**

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

Commissioner Jones commented that Mr. Heagy brought up some good points, and that he appreciates staff's use of discretion in extending the time allowing people time to comply, and keeping in mind it is a diseased tree.

Mayor Winters inquired how quickly diseases spread to other trees.

Director Basta reported that staff is dealing with various tree diseases and are working proactively on a program to educate the public about the diseases and the timeframes involved.

Motion carried 5-0.

16. **ORDINANCE 3117, AMENDING TITLE 5, CHAPTER 3, ARTICLE 3 OF THE OFFICIAL CODE OF THE CITY OF GREAT FALLS PERTAINING TO PAWNSHOPS AND SECONDHAND STORES.**

Police Chief Dave Bowen reported that this item is a request to conduct a public hearing and adopt Ordinance 3117, amending Title 5, Chapter 3, Article 3 of the Official Code of the City of Great Falls (OCCGF) pertaining to pawnshops and secondhand stores. The Great Falls Police Department has been working with area pawnbrokers and secondhand stores to combat the sale or transfer of stolen goods. Ordinance 3117 is being proposed in order to increase participation by local businesses and help reduce the resale of illegally obtained items. The requested change to existing City Code would require pawnshops, secondhand stores and valuable article dealers to upload their transactions into the secure database provided by the Police Department to allow the Police Department to view the items and help locate stolen property. Businesses will be required to hold the merchandise for 14 days before it is disposed of.

Mayor Winters declared the public hearing open.

Speaking in support of Ordinance 3117 were:

**Al and Candace Recke**, 609 33<sup>rd</sup> Avenue NE, provided a narrative of a personal situation regarding stolen items from their property and the process they had to go through to search for their stolen items. Mr. Recke suggested that the time has come. There is no need for a detective to go to each and every pawnshop and look through paper slips.

**Jason Lehman**, 2800 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue South, also shared a story of being a victim of burglary. He thanked Chief Bowen, Captain Schaffer and City staff for putting this ordinance on the table.

**Julie Knight**, 1110 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue North, owner of Barn Vintage Treasures at 816 15<sup>th</sup> Street North, commented that multiple dealers rent space from her in the antique mall to sell their merchandise.

She inquired if she had to inventory her renter's merchandise to list on the database.

Chief Bowen responded that a provision was added to the Ordinance that allows the Police Department to develop some guidelines on what items need to be uploaded, as well as some exceptions and exclusions. The plan is to develop a working group and have training sessions with store owners. The purpose is to encourage the participation of store owners to help prevent stolen property from being resold.

Ms. Knight inquired if she would be able to search the database prior to making purchases.

With regard to technology, Captain Schaffer commented that the Police Department is taking a proactive approach. When large amounts of property have been stolen the Police Department can get that information to the storeowners. The database gives them another opportunity. Instead of having to put boots on the ground and send their limited resources to all of the pawnshops to hand search, this would be a couple of keystrokes away.

Ms. Knight inquired who would have access to the database and was informed the database is a secure database accessible to law enforcement.

Speaking in opposition to Ordinance 3117 were:

**Scott Drewes**, 301 Airport Bench Road, owner of Once Upon a Child at 802 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue South, commented that he is not speaking in opposition of the ordinance, but has issue with the inclusion of all secondhand stores. At Once Upon a Child they sell mostly children's clothing. As the Ordinance reads, his store would be included in the definition of a secondhand store. Adding, on average, 8,900 items purchased per month to the database would be an enormous task. Mr. Drewes requested that the ordinance be amended to exclude secondhand stores such as his.

Captain Schaffer responded that it is not the intention to put a tremendous burden on business owners in the community. The ordinance was previously amended to allow the Police Chief to grant exclusions based upon a list of items that the working group will come up with.

**Brad Onstat**, 2309 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue South, owner of Runway Fashion Exchange, commented that, on average he pays \$3 - \$5 dollars per clothing item and buys about 5,000 – 7,000 clothing items per month. Mr. Onstat also requested exclusion from entering the items in the database. He further noted that he would not have the storage space to hold on to those items for 14 days.

**Mike Witsoe**, 510 11<sup>th</sup> Street South, discussed being burglarized and items stolen from his property. He doesn't like the definition of secondhand dealer and operator, and that registration is required.

Mayor Winters stepped out at 8:43 and returned at 8:46 p.m. Commissioner Kelly stepped out at 8:46 and returned at 8:50 p.m.

**Stuart Boylan**, Pacific Steel & Recycling, 5 River Drive South, commented that he is not opposed to the intent or purpose of the ordinance. But, he asked that it be tabled to allow time for input. Mr. Boylan reported that he has experience in Wyoming, Washington and Idaho writing anti-theft ordinances with the help of a national organization. He feels he could bring a lot to the



table for clarification, enforcement and relieve some of the burden to the business owners as the ordinance is currently drafted.

Commissioner Jones noted the amendment that was previously made, and that he would like to see Mr. Boylan as part of the working group.

Commissioner Bronson commented that he will be proposing an amendment that may address many of the concerns.

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

Commissioner Bronson and City Attorney Sexe further discussed the amendment language.

**Commissioner Bronson moved, seconded by Commissioner Jones, that the City Commission adopt Ordinance 3117, with the following amendments:**

- 1) **Strike the last sentence of 5.3.3.310;**
- 2) **Add a new section, 5.3.3.340, as follows:**

**5.3.3.340 Extensions – Exclusions**

**“The chief of police may, for good cause shown, grant an Operator a written extension to the deadlines herein, or an exclusion from these requirements based upon the type or value of property.”**

Mayor Winters asked if there was any further discussion amongst the Commissioners.

Commissioner Burow commented that he would like to see the issues resolved before the ordinance goes into effect.

Considering the concerns and comments made tonight, Commissioner Kelly questioned if it was best practice to adopt this ordinance tonight, that will have exceptions and have to be enforced.

After further discussion, it was reiterated that the amended code language and the creation of the working groups addressed the concerns.

Mayor Winters called for the vote.

Motion carried 5-0.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS**

17. **ORDINANCE 3116, TO REZONE THE AMENDED PLATS OF LOTS 1-6, BLOCK 3, STONE MEADOWS ADDITION, N½SE¼ OF SECTION 25, TOWNSHIP 21 NORTH, RANGE 3 EAST, P.M.M.**

Planning and Community Development Director Craig Raymond reported that this item is a request to set a public hearing for April 4, 2014, to consider adoption of Ordinance 3116 that would rezone certain property within a portion of Stone Meadows Addition and also to consider an amended plat which will essentially create eight individual lots. The catalyst for these actions was the developer's desire to continue with a similar development pattern of similar styled units to the south and along the west side of 9<sup>th</sup> Street NE. In this case the developer wishes to construct (4) 2-unit townhomes with a property line dividing the units along a common wall. The current zoning of the property is R-3 zoning which does not lend itself well to the specific goals of the developer. It does allow townhouse units but only in strings of 3-8 attached units. With the proposed PUD zoning designation, which is the same zoning as the property to the south where the aforementioned existing duplex units are located, the developer will be able to construct the desired density of units in a fashion which is consistent with existing construction.

At a public hearing held on February 11, 2014, the Planning Advisory Board/Zoning Commission recommended that the City Commission rezone the subject properties to PUD and approve the amended plat.

**Commissioner Bronson moved, seconded by Commissioner Jones, that the City Commission accept Ordinance 3116 on first reading and set a public hearing for April 1, 2014.**

Mayor Winters asked if there was any discussion amongst the Commissioners. Hearing none, Mayor Winters asked if there were any comments from the public.

**Ron Gessaman**, 1006 36<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE, commented he has a problem with the continued build up of residents in that area with only one exit, 9<sup>th</sup> Street NE on 36<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

**Brett Doney**, Great Falls Development Authority, 300 Central Avenue, applauded City staff and the developers for being creative and keeping housing affordable in Great Falls.

Motion carried 5-0.

18. **RESOLUTION 10059, A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A POLICY CONCERNING APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS AND REPEALING RESOLUTION 9962.**

City Manager Greg Doyon reported that the Commission makes appointments to over 21 boards and commissions. This resolution is designed to help the Commission with filling vacancies. Adoption of this resolution would allow members to serve until a successor is appointed.

**Commissioner Kelly moved, seconded by Commissioner Jones, that the City Commission adopt Resolution 10059.**

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

Commissioner Burow encouraged the City Manager to schedule work sessions to discuss the various boards and commissions.

Mayor Winters asked if there were any comments from the public.

**Ron Gessaman**, 1006 36<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE, commented the word “shall” in the resolution means mandatory and he doesn’t believe it’s consistent with other portions of the resolution. He further suggested the internal advertising procedure for recruitment was insufficient.

Manager Doyon responded if someone didn’t want to continue their service they would resign.

Motion carried 5-0.

**19. RESOLUTION 10060, APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE MONTANA MUNICIPAL INTERLOCAL AUTHORITY REVISED AND RESTATED WORKERS’ COMPENSATION PROGRAM AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE MONTANA MUNICIPAL INTERLOCAL AUTHORITY AND THE CITY OF GREAT FALLS.**

City Manager Greg Doyon reported that the requested action is to approve and adopt the Montana Interlocal Authority Revised and Restated Workers’ Compensation Program Agreement with the Montana Municipal Interlocal Authority (MMIA). He was recently briefed by MMIA staff of a different method in which to determine contributions and target range for surplus in the workers’ comp program so that it is properly capitalized. In the event reserves are robust enough to meet expected losses MMIA will return money to members.

**Commissioner Burow moved, seconded by Commissioner Bronson, that the City Commission adopt Resolution 10060.**

Mayor Winters asked if there was any discussion amongst the Commissioners. Hearing none, Mayor Winters asked if there were any comments from the public.

**Ron Gessaman**, 1006 36<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE, inquired how the rates could be “just and reasonable” if the City hasn’t investigated other rates.

Commissioner Bronson explained that the City is better off being in a self insurance pool such as MMIA rather than attempting to go out on the private market, which the City would not be able to get coverage because private insurance companies will not typically insure municipalities. There is no reason to go to the Montana State Fund because, despite what may have been reported in terms of some initial drops, that organization is sitting on several time bombs with respect to their future liability. Nearly 30 years ago cities and towns made a wise decision to go into a self insurance pool, and it is still a wise decision today.

Motion carried 5-0.

**PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

**20. MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.**

**A. John Hubbard**, 615 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue South, invited the public to attend the Electric City Boxing Club’s Montana State Novice Tournament Championship at Great Falls High School on March 15-16, 2014.

**B. Ron Gessaman**, 1006 36<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE, cautioned the Commission about passing ordinances when there is the possibility of having selective enforcement. Mr. Gessaman opined that, until

people see City meetings in a friendly atmosphere, they will not attend. He also commented that businesses were the worst offenders of shoveling snow into the streets.

- C. **Michael Witsoe**, 2612 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue South, announced upcoming events: C.M. Russell Week and the St. Patrick's Day parade.

**CITY MANAGER**

21. **MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.**

City Manager Greg Doyon thanked the Commission for extending his contract for three years and for the feedback he received. He reviewed some of the work plan items and priorities for this upcoming year.

**CITY COMMISSION**

22. **MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.**

Commissioner Bronson reported that the Great Falls Development Authority recently approached the City and asked if it would reconsider its position and restore general fund contributions to GFDA, preferably in the range of \$50,000 - \$100,000 per year. It was the consensus that, for the coming budget year 2014/2015, the Commission would not be making an allocation to GFDA. Commissioner Bronson reviewed PowerPoint slides and discussed City initiatives and economic support to GFDA from 2001 to 2013 totaling \$13,355,008.

23. **COMMISSION INITIATIVES.**

There were no Commission initiatives.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Commission, **Commissioner Bronson moved, seconded by Commissioner Jones, to adjourn the regular meeting of March 4, 2014, at 9:59 p.m.**

Motion carried 5-0.

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Mayor Michael J. Winters

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City Clerk Lisa Kunz

Minutes Approved: March 18, 2014