

JOURNAL OF COMMISSION WORK SESSION
October 4, 2016

City Commission Work Session
Civic Center, Gibson Room 212

Mayor Kelly presiding

CALL TO ORDER: 5:30 p.m.

CITY COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT: Bob Kelly, Bill Bronson, Bob Jones and Tracy Houck. Commissioner Fred Burow was excused.

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager; City Attorney; Assistant City Attorney; Directors of Fiscal Services, Public Works, and Planning and Community Development; Police Chief; and, the Deputy City Clerk.

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

1. PUBLIC COMMENT

Ron Gessaman, 1006 36th Avenue NE, reviewed the plans with regard to the revamp of 36th Avenue NE. Mr. Gessaman expressed opposition to the elevation changes associated with the street. He noted that he would present the plans at the next Neighborhood Council meeting.

2. OFFICE RENOVATIONS IN THE CIVIC CENTER

City Manager Greg Doyon discussed the needs, dynamics and challenges with regard to the Civic Center. Manager Doyon noted that employee and public safety are considered when doing an office renovation.

Manager Doyon introduced Ryan Smith from Nelson Architects. Mr. Smith presented and discussed the attached PowerPoint presentation.

Commissioner Houck received clarification with regard to the size that the proposed new offices would be in the Gibson room.

Mayor Kelly received clarification with regard to whether moving HR instead of the Legal department into the Gibson room has been considered.

Mr. Smith noted that preserving the historical value of the Civic Center is a consideration.

Commissioner Houck received clarification with regard to the feasibility of adding on to the Civic Center.

Commissioner Bronson commented that doing exterior work to the Civic Center would destroy the integrity of the building.

Mr. Smith noted that there are numerous buildings downtown that contribute to the district. He further noted that any additions could impact the original reconstruction.

Commissioner Jones received clarification with regard to the number of full time employees in the Legal department.

Manager Doyon noted that Assistant City Attorney Joe Cik has been working in the Prosecutor's office to help offset the work load.

Commissioner Houck received clarification with regard to the financial impact of the conference rooms being used for space.

Mayor Kelly commented that if the Gibson room is converted into office space, that an alternate room be made available to use as a meeting room. Mayor Kelly noted that public interaction needs to be a consideration. He concluded that a decent working space makes for better services for everyone.

Commissioner Jones commented that records storage needs to be looked at.

Manager Doyon noted that the Mansfield Center will be notified when he has a recommendation.

Commissioner Houck received clarification with regard to other city owned buildings throughout the community have been considered.

Commissioner Bronson expressed opposition to getting away from the campus environment. He noted that facilities need to be located in a general area.

Manager Doyon noted that the most critical building need is the façade of Civic Center. Mr. Doyon further discussed options with regard to the Great Falls Fire Rescue putting two shifts in one building, and space behind the Police Station to do an addition. He concluded that the City is growing as an organization and that the needs have to be addressed.

3. DISCUSSION OF POTENTIAL UPCOMING WORK SESSION TOPICS

City Manager Greg Doyon reported that the Park Master Plan and future repairs at the Natatorium will be presented at the November 1 work session. The Upper Missouri River Heritage Planning Committee will present at a future work session.

Mayor Kelly announced that the October 18 work session is available for any boards that need to present. Mayor Kelly further announced that the Library Strategic Planning Board, and its foundation members, will present at the November 15 work session at the Library.

Mayor Kelly referred to a letter from the Montana Department of Transportation with regard to the I-15 Special Speed Study. Mayor Kelly further announced that the Audit Committee has an opening.

With regard to City Manager Greg Doyon's performance review, Mayor Kelly suggested a special work session on October 18. Mayor Kelly concluded that he and the City Manager will be attending the Montana League of Cities and Towns Conference in Missoula for the rest of the week.

ADJOURN

There being no further discussion, Mayor Kelly adjourned the informal work session of October 4, 2016 at 6:13p.m.

Civic Center Basement Level Floor Plan Utilization



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CITY OF GREAT FALLS
CIVIC CENTER - OFFICE MASTER PLAN
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NO.	REVISION	DATE

EXISTING BASEMENT FLOOR PLAN

PROJECT: CIVIC CENTER - OFFICE MASTER PLAN
DATE: 10-01-18
DRAWN BY: AUSTIN
CHECKED BY: []

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Civic Center 1st Floor Level Floor Plan Utilization



Civic Center 2nd Floor Level Floor Plan Utilization

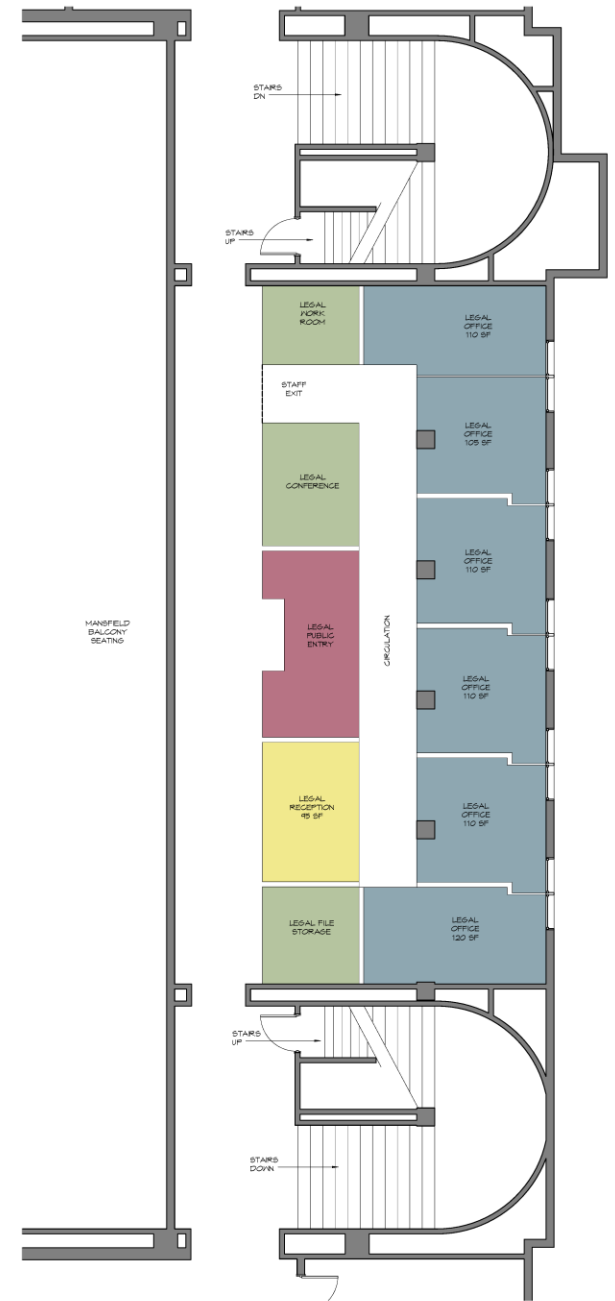


1 EXISTING 2ND LEVEL FLOOR PLAN
1/8" = 1'-0"

Civic Center 2nd Floor Level Floor Plan Renovation



2 PROPOSED HR OFFICE REMODEL
1/4" = 1'-0"



1 PROPOSED LEGAL DEPARTMENT RELOCATION
1/4" = 1'-0"