

**JOURNAL OF COMMISSION WORK SESSION**  
**February 7, 2017**

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 and Tracy Houck. Commissioners Bob Jones and Fred Burow were excused.

**STAFF PRESENT:** City Manager Greg Doyon, City Attorney Sara Sexe, and Deputy City Clerk Darcy Dea.

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

**1. PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no public comments.

**2. MONTANA AIR NATIONAL GUARD UPDATE**

Postponed to later date.

**3. UPDATES FROM NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL 6**

Secretary Cherry Loney introduced Council Member Darrell Beauchamp and Julie Parker. Secretary Loney reported that Neighborhood Watch is a big project and that NC 6 has done a lot of outreach and promotion activities. She reported that Sgt. Jeff Beecroft gave a compelling presentation with regard to gang activity at Sunnyside School. NC 6 Official Delegate Julie Parker did a door to door campaign recruiting people to join Neighborhood Watch and was responsible for getting signage around her block.

Secretary Loney further reported that NC 6 is exploring opportunities to partner with the Sunnyside School Parent Teacher Association (PTA) with regard to recruiting more citizens. She expressed appreciation to Sunnyside School Principal Lance Boyd, NeighborWorks Community Engagement Coordinator Carol Bronson and Police Officer Donny Gerhart for their efforts with regard to the Neighborhood Watch program.

Secretary Loney commended Public Works for their hard work with regard to the Upper Lower River Road Drainage Project.

Secretary Loney expressed concern with regard to the traffic volume if the new apartment complex is built near the Talus Apartments.

With regard to NC 6 meetings, Secretary Loney commented that an elderly neighbor, Emma White, rarely misses NC 6 meetings and that she always has something to offer. Secretary

Loney further commented that Neighborhood Council Coordinator Patty Cadwell does a super job supporting NC 6.

Secretary Loney requested that the Commission consider a small budget for Neighborhood Councils. She commented that it is a challenge to get the word out with regard to any upcoming events.

Mayor Kelly inquired if NC 6 had a Facebook page. Secretary Loney responded that they do not have one. She explained that NeighborWorks has access to Facebook pages and that they have helped NC 6 immensely. Secretary Loney further commented that the PTA has a Facebook page and that they want to put crime statistics for the Sunnyside area on it.

Mayor Kelly commented that other Neighborhood Councils use social media to communicate and list their events and that it is effective.

With regard to electronic communications, City Attorney Sara Sexe suggested that NC 6 work with the City Clerk's office in order to have proper record retention.

Mayor Kelly thanked NC 6 with regard to the success of the Neighborhood Watch Program.

#### **4. DISCUSSION OF POTENTIAL UPCOMING WORK SESSION TOPICS**

City Manager Greg Doyon reported that the Montana Air National Guard Update will be rescheduled for the March 21 work session. The 2017 Second Quarter Budget, updates from NC 5 and a Firefighter Presumption Presentation will be at the February 21 work session. Future work sessions will include CDBG Funding Recommendations, Updates from NC 3 and Utility Rate Review.

Mayor Kelly commented that he would like the Montana School for the Deaf and Blind to present at a future work session.

Manager Doyon commented that budget discussions would be presented at future work sessions.

There were no objections to adding these topics to the list.

#### **ADJOURN**

There being no further discussion, Mayor Kelly adjourned the informal work session of February 7, 2017 at 5:43 p.m.