

JOURNAL OF COMMISSION WORK SESSION
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City Commission Work Session
Civic Center, Gibson Room 212

Mayor Kelly presiding

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

STAFF PRESENT: Assistant City Manager Chuck Anderson, City Attorney Sara Sexe, Assistant City Attorney Joe Cik, Fiscal Services Director Melissa Kinzler, Public Works Director Jim Rearden, Police Captain Rob Moccasin, 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. **CALL TO ORDER:** 5:30 p.m.

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Ron Gessaman, 1006 36th Avenue NE, commented that the water accumulation by Montana Eggs is a public safety issue.

3. **ALLIANCE FOR YOUTH, ORGANIZATION UPDATE AND PLANNED 24/7 CHILD CARE FACILITY**

Alliance for Youth Executive Director Janet Thayer provided and discussed handouts with regard to a business concept for the Alliance for Youth (AFY) as well as a 2015-2016 Annual Report. Director Thayer referred to Social Entrepreneurship and reported that the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) had granted nonprofit organizations the opportunity to start a for profit business so long as it is in alignment with the organization's mission, and the proceeds that are generated from the business enterprise are returned to support either the nonprofit cause of the organization that operates the for profit or other nonprofit enterprises within the community.

Director Thayer further reported that the AFY business concept is to provide a 24/7 child care facility that would benefit the community. AFY would sustain its prevention work being done within the community, as well as reach out to other organizations.

Director Thayer inquired about the statistics with regard to population, economic and community development trends.

Mayor Kelly responded that the Great Falls Development Authority (GFDA) could provide the census surveys and that the City would assist with regard to the public safety aspect.

Commissioner Jones commented that the trends are well set by GFDA.

Commissioner Houck commented that conducting a survey of the medical field, as well as Malmstrom Air Force Base (MAFB) could help determine who would take advantage of a 24/7 child care facility.

Director Thayer pointed out that the health care community and MAFB have nontraditional hours of employment. With regard to conducting a survey, Commissioner Houck mentioned that she would provide contact information for MAFB.

Deputy City Manager Chuck Anderson reported that the accreditation program for MAFB is run by the Fourth Squadron Family Support Center.

Director Thayer announced that the long term vision for the facility would be to have staff from the City-County Health Department (CCHD) provide services to struggling families. She further commented that the access location of the facility would be considered.

Mayor Kelly received clarification that the facility would hire a director prior to the opening date of the facility.

Commissioner Houck inquired if the the state would pay for a 13 hour child day care through the state subsidy program. Director Thayer responded that she would check into that.

Mayor Kelly expressed support with regard to the efforts of opening a 24/7 child care facility.

4. CITY CODE REVISIONS FOR TITLE 6 RELATED TO ANIMALS

Assistant City Attorney Joe Cik reviewed and discussed the attached PowerPoint concerning proposed changes to Title 6 of the Official Code of the City of Great Falls (OCCGF) pertaining to animals. He commented that the animal code and enforcement would be more specific for the criminal justice process. Assistant Attorney Cik expressed appreciation to City Clerk Lisa Kunz for her assistance with regard to making sure the formatting and cross referencing were correct.

Commissioner Bronson reported that the code revisions would provide simplicity, as well as consistency to law enforcement. Commissioner Bronson further expressed appreciation to City Attorney Sara Sexe and Assistant City Attorney Cik with regard to their efforts to the code revisions.

Commissioner Houck received clarification that the code revisions would be available to the public. She further commented that the code revisions would be easy for the public to refer to.

Assistant City Attorney Cik requested that the Commission examine a few policy considerations, and he further noted that the code revisions would be presented on June 6th.

Mayor Kelly inquired about the issues that the Animal Shelter deals with. Animal Control Officer Alisa Ethridge responded that some of the issues are: welfare checks, barking complaints, as well as animals at large. Mayor Kelly commented that offering a ride along with an Animal Control Officer would be an educational tool for the public. Mayor Kelly further received clarification with regard to the protocol for rabies exposure caused from bats.

Assistant City Attorney Cik commented that registering cats is important so that the Animal Shelter would be able to return cats to their owners.

5. DISCUSSION OF POTENTIAL UPCOMING WORK SESSION TOPICS

Deputy City Manager Anderson reported that the next work session will include the proposed Park District and an Animal Shelter update. Future pending topics will include the City County Health Department update, Marsy's Law, and the quarterly budget.

Mayor Kelly asked if the Commission wanted anything added to the topic list. No one added any topics.

ADJOURN

There being no further discussion, Mayor Kelly adjourned the informal work session of May 2, 2017, at 6:19 p.m.

Title 6 Code Revision Proposal

PRESENTED BY JOSEPH CIK, ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY
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Large Changes

- ▶ Formatting and numbering
- ▶ Much larger and detailed definition section

Large Changes Continued

- ▶ More references to the Administrative Rules of Montana
 - ▶ State and federal rabies control regulations evolve and change regularly
- ▶ Changes in terminology regarding the Animal Shelter
 - ▶ Designating correct agencies for the various animal control functions

Substantive Changes

- ▶ Animal Control investigative procedure
 - ▶ Outlining specifically, the procedures for investigations
- ▶ Regulating Potentially Dangerous/Dangerous Animals
 - ▶ Previous code did not carry the designation of potentially dangerous animal

Substantive Changes, continued

- ▶ Creating appeal processes for denial of breeder licenses
- ▶ Prohibiting bee hives when an individual residing in an adjacent property has a medically documented bee allergy

Substantive Changes Continued

- ▶ Adding additional penalties to owners of nuisance/dangerous/at large animals
- ▶ Clarifying the number of animals allowed without a multi-animal permit
- ▶ Removing owned animal euthanasia provision for Animal Shelter

Agencies providing input

- ▶ GFPD
- ▶ PLCD
- ▶ City Commission
- ▶ Prosecutor's Office
- ▶ Animal Shelter
- ▶ City-County Health Department
- ▶ City Manager

How to review it

- ▶ Exhibit A
 - ▶ Copy of what will replace the current code
- ▶ Exhibit B
 - ▶ Current code and will be repealed in its entirety
- ▶ Exhibit C
 - ▶ Comparison between A and B

Questions