



PUBLIC WORKS BOARD MEETING AGENDA



**Monday, August 10, 2020
12:00 p.m.**

THOMAS LLEWELLYN, CHAIRMAN

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1. Call to Order
 2. Roll Call -Tom Llewellyn absent
 3. Approval of Minutes – February 26, 2020
Motion to approve by Mr. Wilson and seconded by Mr. Jones
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NEW BUSINESS:

1. Public Safety Mill Levy Presentation – Chris Kukulski, City Administrator

Chris Kukulski presented the Public Safety Mill Levy and information on why the City of Billings is in need of the replace and repeal levy. Expenditures are exceeding revenues by \$4.7 million this year. Mr. Wanzenreid asked about per capita cost per household, which is \$4.75 per month for the median household assessed value of \$211,000. If the PSML does not pass, there will need to be cuts of 5 million in FY22. Mr. Kukulski emphasis is on education of the public to make an impact and help citizens understand why there is a need for the new PSML. There will be public meetings that include the PSML presentation in different parks around the City over the next five weeks. Mr. Wilson asked if there are any groups advocating the PSML. Mr. Kukulski stated that there were several neighborhood groups and members of City council are working on advocacy for PSML. The City will be have some social media efforts on Facebook. By law, the City and City Council can spend time, but no City dollars on education or promotion of the PSML. The PSML ballots are due September 15th. The link to answer any questions regarding the PSML is <https://www.ci.billings.mt.us/2843/Public-Safety-Levy>

2. CIP – Jennifer Duray, Deputy Director

Jennifer Duray presented the FY22-FY26 Capital Improvement Plant (CIP). Ms. Duray stated that all departments will need to have their projects and information to her by September 11th. There will be several public meetings in October that will most likely be by Zoom or Facebook live. In past years, Public Works has had meetings at different locations, but they have not been well attended by the public. The FY22-FY26 CIP will be presented at the November City Council Work Session. If the City Council requests changes, those will be made and the CIP will be on the December City Council regular meeting for approval

A few changes include the Solid Waste composting facility be moved up to this fiscal year, along with material recovery facility, and Phase 3 closure will move up by one year. The Phase 6 expansion will need to added to the CIP

Storm projects include annual maintenance of culverts, storm drainage in problematic intersections, and storm sewer rehabs. The Stormwater Master Plan will continue to be implemented. Public Works and Engineering are continuing to work on a Stormwater Utility fee.

Transportation projects include annual ADA replacements, gravel and street reconstruction, pedestrian crossings, curb, gutter, and sidewalk replacements, and SIDs. Construction of the Inner Belt Loop could begin in FY22 if the City receives a BUILD Grant.

Debi Meling was asked what is the FY23 project of 36th Street West-Central Ave to Broadwater Ave. Ms. Meling explained this project is to ease the traffic congestion that is currently on 32nd Street West.

Utility projects include mostly annual programs like water and wastewater main replacements, lead service replacements, and water treatment plant electrical improvements. The West End Reservoir project includes the water intake, pump station, and pipeline to the plant. The West End water treatment plant will most likely be built before the reservoir section.

Ms. Duray asked the PW Board for input or projects they would like to see in the FY22-FY26 CIP. These items need to be communicated to Ms. Duray by Monday, August 24th. Rod Wilson asked for the Public Works CIP spreadsheet and the past CIP. These items will be emailed to the PW Board. Ms. Duray also stated that all PW funds are restricted by law to be spent on PW projects and cannot be used by the City's General Fund. Mr. Wanzenreid asked if anyone needed more information or had questions. Mr. Enright asked if all the PW projects that are in the CIP can be paid for with current funding and Ms. Duray confirmed there are ample funds.

Other business included Mr. Wilson asking if it was possible to meet in person with masks and social distancing. Ms. Duray stated we would need to find a meeting location and pay for the meeting space. Mr. Wanzenreid asked the Board their thoughts on an in person meeting versus a Zoom meeting. All members were agreed to another Zoom meeting in October. Public Works will work with all board members if they need assistance with the Zoom process.

Meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.