



**HCC Full Board Meeting
AGENDA**

September 25th, 2024

7-8PM Civic Center In person

Zoom:

7:00PM Call to Order

1. Attendance – Quorum established
2. Approval of August Full Board Minutes
3. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items
4. City Commission Update
5. Swear in new members for District #5 – Shayla Horner, Robert Hoffman

PM Officer Reports

Chair – Ben Kuiper

Vice Chair- Sonda Gaub

Secretary – Diana Hammer

Treasurer – Lori FitzGerald

PM Unfinished Business

Move to October meeting

PM New Business

Report on how Open House Civic Center 4:30-6:30 was received.

PM Commission Attendees' Reports –

9/4 Lori FitzGerald – During the comment section, Commissioner Reed stated she met with the city attorney and clerk regarding the meeting policy and wanted to discuss it further at a future CC meeting to improve clarity. She also wanted to revisit the Cruse Avenue project now that the city budget has been passed.

The City Manager had no real updates regarding the plan for the intersection downtown where the lights were no longer working, besides improved signage.

It was reported that the city recently received an award for Financial Reporting for the 36th consecutive year. Sheila Danielson and her staff were commended for their hard work in this regard.

The Public Health rep advised the commission about a documentary that will be shown at the Myrna Loy (4 episodes over the next 4 months) regarding public health topics entitled the Invisible Shield, with the opportunity for community conversation afterward. She reported grant funds were obtained for 4 home visits to all L&C residents with a newborn. She also encouraged everyone to get their respiratory vaccines updated.

There was ongoing discussion and clarification regarding the new Chapter 23 of the Sign Regulations regarding billboards and electronic message centers, with the capping of numbers of billboards and removal of those who do not get an annual permit. Concerns were raised about the paperwork burden associated with annual permits, but it was assured it would be easy and online. It was clarified that electronic message boards would be turned off when the associated business was closed, and from 11PM-6AM for night sky and light pollution reduction.

The city attorney discussed a quick claim request for 13 feet of the old Hair Hair property belonging to the city.

The American Legion Baseball association raised close to \$300,000 to upgrade Kendrick Legion field with turf and other improvements (safety fencing, painting of dugouts, redo of pitcher's mound) using no city funds in record time.

The Cancer Support Community Montana which offers support services in Missoula and Bozeman for cancer survivors and their loved ones have identified a need for a branch in Helena and is moving forward to gain community support and funding for this effort.

9/9 Anna Kratz

9/23 Ryan Schwochert

Coordinator Report – Peggy Benkelman

Outreach Committee Report – Emily Mowers

HCC Volunteers to attend these advisory boards/committees and give written updates

City-County Planning Board – John Andrew
Helena Public Arts Committee – Paige R. Myers
Non-Motorized Travel Advisory Council – Open
Citizen Conservation Board – Sydney Ausen
Solid Waste Master Plan Meetings – Denise R. Barber
City-County Library Board – Anna Kratz
Golf Advisory Board – Bob Schlack
City-County Consolidated Parks Board – Pat Bik
Affordable Housing Trust Fund - Pat Bik
Water Quality Protection District – Diana Hammer
MPO -

8:00PM **Meeting Adjourned**