



**City of Helena**  
**City Commission Meeting**  
**July 29, 2024 – 6:00 PM**  
**Zoom Online Meeting; <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87945436987>**  
**City County Building Commission Chambers, Room 330**

**Time & Place**

A regular City Commission meeting was held on Monday, July 29, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom Online Meeting ID: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87945436987> and physically in the City County Building Commission Chambers, Room 330.

**Call to Order and Roll Call**

**(00:00:00)** The following responded present, either via zoom or in person:

City Attorney Dockter  
City Manager Burton  
Commissioner Dean  
Commissioner Shirtliff  
Commissioner Logan  
Commissioner Reed  
Mayor Collins

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**(00:00:56)** Mayor Collins asked attendees to please stand and join in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Minutes**

- A. 7-10-24 Admin Meeting
- B. 7-15-24 Commission Meeting

**(00:01:20)** **There being no comments or questions from the Commission, Mayor Collins accepted Minutes A and B.**

**Proclamations**

**A. Montana Pride Week Proclamation**

**(00:01:37)** Mayor Collins presented Proclamation A.



## Board Appointments

### A. Board Appointments: Golf Advisory Board, Heritage Tourism Council, Library Board, Parking Advisory Committee

(00:03:55) Mayor Collins presented Item A.

(00:06:12) **Commissioner Shirliff made a motion to approve Board Appointments. Commissioner Dean seconded the motion.**

(00:06:26) Mayor Collins called for a vote.

Commissioner Shirliff voted: **Aye**

Commissioner Logan voted: **Aye**

Commissioner Reed voted: **Aye**

Commissioner Dean voted: **Aye**

Mayor Collins voted: **Aye**

**The motion carried 5:0.**

## Consent Agenda

### A. Interlocal Agreement for a Joint Infrastructure Study with Lewis and Clark County

(00:07:17) **Commissioner Reed made a motion to approve Consent Agenda Items A. Commissioner Dean seconded the motion.**

(00:07:34) Mayor Collins called for a vote.

Commissioner Shirliff voted: **Aye**

Commissioner Logan voted: **Aye**

Commissioner Reed voted: **Aye**

Commissioner Dean voted: **Aye**

Mayor Collins voted: **Aye**

**The motion carried 5:0.**

## Communications/Proposals from Commissioners

(00:07:46) There were no communications from Commissioners.

## Report of the City Attorney

(00:07:50) City Attorney Dockter had nothing to report.



## Report of the City Manager

- (00:07:56) City Manager Burton introduced Arborist Chris Daly to discuss staff involvement in emergency storm cleanup assistance in Missoula.
- (00:12:36) Commissioner Shirliff, Commissioner Dean, Commissioner Reed, Mayor Collins, and Commissioner Logan thanked Arborist Daly and staff for their response and work.

## Communications from the Helena Citizens Council

- (00:15:04) HCC Chairperson Kuiper discussed recent and upcoming meeting agenda items.

## Regular Items

### A. Consider a Resolution Relating to \$1,033,000 Limited Tax General Obligation Bond, Series 2024A, Determining the Form and Details, Authorizing the Execution and Delivery and Making Appropriations for the Payment Thereof

- (00:15:58) Finance Director Danielson presented Item A.
- (00:17:10) Commissioner Dean discussed the necessity for repairs.
- (00:18:40) A representative of Stockman Bank provided public comment, thanking the Commission for considering their bid.
- (00:19:05) **Commissioner Dean made a motion to approve a Resolution Relating to \$1,033,000 Limited Tax General Obligation Bond, Series 2024A, Determining the Form and Details, Authorizing the Execution and Delivery and Making Appropriations for the Payment Thereof. Commissioner Shirliff seconded the motion.**
- (00:19:30) Mayor Collins called for a vote.
  - Commissioner Shirliff voted: **Aye**
  - Commissioner Logan voted: **Aye**
  - Commissioner Reed voted: **Aye**
  - Commissioner Dean voted: **Aye**
  - Mayor Collins voted: **Aye**

**The motion carried 5:0.**



**B. Consider a resolution to repeal Resolution NO. 19549 and dissolving the Non-Motorized Travel Advisory Council (NMTAC) to the City of Helena Commission**

- (00:19:55)** Clerk Clayborn presented Item B.
- (00:20:36)** Commissioner Reed asked Transportation Systems Director Knoepke for clarification about the role of the Metropolitan Planning Organization.
- (00:24:39)** Commissioner Reed explained her opposition and concerns.
- (00:25:54)** Commissioner Dean asked Director Knoepke about a timeline for the impending Long Range Transportation Plan, grant opportunities, and stakeholder recruitment.
- (00:31:00)** Commissioner Dean asked Director Knoepke about staff capacity to facilitate both advisory functions.
- (00:32:38)** Commissioner Logan asked Clerk Clayborn about resolution language regarding recent boards policy updates.
- (00:36:50)** Commissioner Reed expressed support for a reformed resolution for the existing board.
- (00:37:12)** Commissioner Shirliff asked Director Knoepke about the timeline for MPO operation.
- (00:38:34)** Commissioner Shirliff asked Clerk Clayborn about other boards being considered for change.
- (00:40:40)** Greg Wirth of NMTAC provided public comment, advocating for denial.
- (00:42:35)** Ben Kuiper of HCC provided public comment, advocating for denial.
- (00:43:12)** Linda Saul provided public comment, advocating for denial.
- (00:44:37)** Chris Holdews provided public comment, advocating for denial.
- (00:46:20)** Commissioner Dean asked Director Knoepke about the MPO Manager and discussed the necessity of an MPO.
- (00:51:10)** Commissioner Reed expressed concerns for dissolving NMTAC.



**(00:52:33) Commissioner made a motion to approve a resolution dissolving the Non-Motorized Transportation Advisory Council and repealing Resolution No.19549 and any duties discharged to the Council membership, staff and Commission shall be nullified. Commissioner Dean seconded the motion.**

**(00:52:59)** Mayor Collins called for a vote.  
Commissioner Shirliff voted: **No**  
Commissioner Logan voted: **Aye**  
Commissioner Reed voted: **No**  
Commissioner Dean voted: **Aye**  
Mayor Collins voted: **Aye**  
**The motion carried 3:2.**

## Public Hearings

### **A. Consider a Resolution to Increase the fee charged for use of the Firing Range at the Helena Regional Airport**

**(00:53:26)** Finance Director Danielson presented Item A.

**(00:54:03)** Mayor Collins asked Director Danielson about the price per user.

**(00:54:20)** Commissioner Logan asked Director Danielson about typical user affiliations.

**(00:54:44) Commissioner Dean made a motion to approve A Resolution to Increase the fee charged for use of the Firing Range at the Helena Regional Airport. Commissioner Shirliff seconded the motion.**

**(00:54:57)** Mayor Collins called for a vote.  
Commissioner Shirliff voted: **Aye**  
Commissioner Logan voted: **Aye**  
Commissioner Reed voted: **Aye**  
Commissioner Dean voted: **Aye**  
Mayor Collins voted: **Aye**  
**The motion carried 5:0.**



**B. Consider an ordinance amending City of Helena ordinance no. 3097 and the official zoning map for the City of Helena that changes the zoning district from Public Lands and Institutions (PLI) to R-3 (Residential) for the property legally described as all of Lot 9 and the north 1/2 of lots 10, 11, and 12 in Block 434 of the Allen Addition to the City of Helena, Lewis and Clark County, Montana**

- (00:55:44) Planner Holland presented Item B.
- (01:02:13) Commissioner Dean asked Planner Holland about public comment citing parking concerns and about the outcome of a DLI study.
- (01:03:15) Roger Regazzo provided public comment, expressing concerns regarding parking.
- (01:04:05) Mayor Collins asked Planner Holland to address public comment.
- (01:05:48) Rebecca Stanfell of the Montana Jewish Project provided public comment, advocating for approval.
- (01:10:06) Kathy Brown provided public comment, advocating for approval.
- (01:11:31) **Commissioner Shirliff made a motion to approve an ordinance amending City of Helena ordinance no. 3097 and the official zoning map for the City of Helena that changes the zoning district from Public Lands and Institutions (PLI) to R-3 (Residential) for the property legally described as all of Lot 9 and the north 1/2 of lots 10, 11, and 12 in Block 434 of the Allen Addition to the City of Helena, Lewis and Clark County, Montana. Commissioner Logan seconded the motion.**
- (01:12:10) Mayor Collins called for a vote.
- Commissioner Shirliff voted: **Aye**
- Commissioner Logan voted: **Aye**
- Commissioner Reed voted: **Aye**
- Commissioner Dean voted: **Aye**
- Mayor Collins voted: **Aye**
- The motion carried 5:0.**

**C. Consider a resolution granting a Conditional Use Permit to allow for General Services / Professional Offices in an R-3 (Residential) zoning district for the property located at 515 North Ewing Street, legally described as: All of Lot 9 and the north 1/2 of lots 10, 11, and 12 in**



**Block 434 of the Allen Addition to the City of Helena, Lewis and Clark County, Montana**

- (01:13:00) Planner Holland presented Item C.
- (01:21:17) **Commissioner Reed made a motion to approve a resolution granting a Conditional Use Permit to allow General Services / Professional Offices uses in a R-3 zoning district for the property legally described as all of Lot 9 and the north 1/2 of lots 10, 11, and 12 in Block 434 of the Allen Addition to the City of Helena, Lewis and Clark County, Montana. Commissioner Dean seconded the motion.**
- (01:21:46) Mayor Collins called for a vote.  
Commissioner Shirliff voted: **Aye**  
Commissioner Logan voted: **Aye**  
Commissioner Reed voted: **Aye**  
Commissioner Dean voted: **Aye**  
Mayor Collins voted: **Aye**  
**The motion carried 5:0.**

**D. Consider Quitclaiming City Interest in Property Near Armory**

- (01:22:05) City Attorney Dockter presented Item D.
- (01:24:36) Mayor Collins asked Attorney Dockter about the size of the property in question.
- (01:25:10) **Commissioner Dean made a motion to approve a resolution that authorizes the City to quitclaim the City's interest in Lots 1-6 in Block 55 of the Central Addition No. 3 to D&M Development, LLC. Commissioner Shirliff seconded the motion.**
- (01:25:27) Mayor Collins called for a vote.  
Commissioner Shirliff voted: **Aye**  
Commissioner Logan voted: **Aye**  
Commissioner Reed voted: **Aye**  
Commissioner Dean voted: **Aye**  
Mayor Collins voted: **Aye**  
**The motion carried 5:0.**



## Public Communications

- (01:25:53) Rob Freistadt provided public comment, discussed dust mitigation efforts on Davis Gulch.
- (01:29:44) Mayor Collins asked Transportation Systems Director Knoepke about Davis Gulch jurisdiction.
- (01:30:37) Kenneth Eden provided public comment via Zoom, discussing the LeGrande Cannon Trail.
- (01:32:00) Commissioner Dean asked Manager Burton to address public comment.

## Adjournment

- (01:33:56) There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 7:34pm.



CLERK OF THE CITY COMMISSION

MAYOR