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**Columbia Falls Study Commission
Workshop Minutes
March 16, 2025**

Call to Order - Meeting called to order at 5:00 pm.

Roll Call - Present: Study Commissioners Hopkins, Konopatzke, Nicosia and Piper. Also present: Interim City Manager Shrives

Approval of Agenda – Motion made by Commissioner Nicosia to approve agenda, With a 2nd by Commissioner Konopatzke. All approved

Consent Agenda – Approval of minutes from previous meeting. Commissioner Nicosia motioned to approve the consent agenda, with a 2nd by Commissioner Hopkins. All approved

Public Comment (for Items not on the agenda) - None

Notice of Public Hearing:

Interim City Manager Mark Shrives provided a staff regarding types of Local Governments in Montana. During his presentation there was a question asked about what was included in the Charters of some cities. The Commission took some time and reviewed the City of Whitefish Charter. It was the consensus of the Commission that there wasn't really anything in the Whitefish Charter that the City of Columbia Falls can't do under the Executive – Manager form of government. The Interim City manager provided the results of the survey that had been conducted to receive input regarding the City. The Public Hearing was opened for public comment. No comments were received. The Public Hearing was closed.

New Business: There was discussion regarding possible collaboration between the two study commissions of Whitefish and Columbia Falls. Roger Hopkins said he will attend the next meeting of the Whitefish Study Commission and will report back at the next meeting.

Miscellaneous: There were no agenda items proposed for the next meeting.

Adjourn: Motion made by Commissioner Nicosia to adjourn with a 2nd by Commissioner Hopkins. The meeting adjourned at 6:46 pm.

Chairman