Livingston City Commission Minutes

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City – County Complex, Community Room

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1. Call to Order

5:33 pm Chair Nootz called the meeting to order.

2. Roll Call

- Chair Nootz
- Vice Chair Willich
- Commissioner Daniels
- Commissioner Wilcox
- Commissioner O'Neill

City Staff Present

- City Manager Grant Gager
- Chief of Police Wayne Hard

3. Pledge of Allegiance

"I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

Chair Nootz asked the room to stand for the pledge of allegiance

4. Public Comment

Individuals are reminded that public comments should be limited to item over which the City Commission has supervision, control, jurisdiction, or advisory power (MCA 2-3-202)

Chair Nootz read a statement regarding public comment. She shared readings from the Commission Handbook on page 18 related to Commission Meetings, LMC Article 2, part E related to Sergeant-at-Arms, and referenced MCA related to the time for speakers, which is 3 minutes. She stated if decorum is violated, they will lean into local policy. She reminded Commissioners to state "point of order", and that automatically stops the meeting, and the Chair will decide from there on the issue.

Public comment was offered by:

- Frank O'Connor stated he spoke to MDT about putting a sign on the freeway that would say mufflers are required on compression brakes, and MDT told him he would need to ask the City if they were interested in having this sign put up.
- Patricia Grabow expressed thoughts of folks traveling to use exit 337 so they don't miss downtown Livingston. She thanked the City for working together on the Warren McGee statue. She expressed her thoughts that the City has removed itself from the will of the people.
- Becky Bird stated the McGee statue is lovely and a nice contribution to the community. She wondered about adding a crossing at the Depot. She thanked the City Commission for the work they do.
- DF commented on the Growth Policy discussion at the last meeting, and he wondered why tourism has decreased. He would like the City to get data from businesses to understand tourism reliance.
- Kris King from Explore Livingston spoke regarding the previous commenter and stated tourism is not down and she has information she is willing to share related to tourism.

Vice Chair Willich stated he was at the Warren McGee statute unveiling and gave a shout-out to Commissioner Wilcox for the speech she gave at the ceremony.

5. Consent Items

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 1, 2026, REGULAR MEETING PG.4

B. APPROVAL OF CLAIMS PAID 8/27/26 - 9/9/26 PG.17

C. JUDGES MONTHLY REPORT FOR JULY 2026 PG.26

D. APPROVAL OF COLIN FRAZER TO LBID BOARD PG.28

E. CONSIDERATION OF OPEN CONTAINER SPECIAL EXCEPTION REQUEST FOR A PUBLIC EVENT ON SEPTEMBER 19, 2026 PG.33

F. AGREEMENT 20287 WITH LIVINGSTON YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION PG.39

G. AGREEMENT 20288 WITH LIVINGSTON LIGHTNING SPECIAL OLYMPIC TEAM PG.50

Vice Chair Willich pulled Consent Item E.

Chair Nootz pulled **Consent Item** A.

Commissioner Wilcox motioned to approve Consent Items B-D, F & G, seconded by

Commissioner Daniels. Unanimously approved.

Chair Nootz pointed out name spelling corrections and clarified a statement she made.

Chair Nootz motioned to approve Consent Item A with amendments, seconded by Vice Chair Willich. Unanimously approved.

Vice Chair Willich asked about the nature of this event on City property.

The City Manager stated that he reached out to the State's Commissioner of Political Practices and this event is acceptable as long as the normal event application process and reservation process, which are available to all community members, are used.

Vice Chair Willich motioned to approve Consent Item E, seconded by Commissioner Daniels. Unanimously approved.

6. Proclamations

A. A PROCLAMATION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LIVINGSTON, MONTANA, DECLARING SEPTEMBER 16-20, 2026 AS POLLUTION PREVENTION WEEK IN LIVINGSTON, MONTANA PG.56

Chair Nootz read the proclamation.

The City Manager stated that he encourages all community members to participate in Pollution Prevention Week, and he will do his part and try to create no waste over the next 7 days.

Commissioner Wilcox expressed appreciation for this proclamation. She thanked Public Works for their hard work to keep the community pollution-free.

Vice Chair Willich stated that Livingston has the responsibility of being the furthest upstream city on the longest undammed waterway in the lower 48, so it is important that we keep our water clean.

Chair Nootz stated that this proclamation is very meaningful to her. She gave a shout-out to Public Works Director Holmes for keeping the water safe and clean.

7. Scheduled Public Comment

8. Action Items

A. CONTINUATION OF PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING RESOLUTION 5207: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LIVINGSTON, MONTANA, ESTABLISHING STORMWATER RATES FOR ALL CUSTOMERS OF THE CITY OF LIVINGSTON STORMWATER SYSTEM. PG.58

The City Manager stated this item is a continuation from September 1st and was continued due to a noticing issue. He stated that rates are based on the residence equivalency factor.

Public comment was offered by:

- Patricia Grabow expressed disagreement with this item.
- Jay Keifer expressed disagreement with this item.
- Quentin Schwarz reminded everyone of a statutory requirement to treat stormwater by the time the population hits 10,000. He expressed being happy this is happening before it is required, and it makes economic sense.
- Jenn asked how much this project will cost, how long it will it take, and when it is finished, whether that money will come off of their taxes.

The City Manager stated this has been worked on since 2018. He stated that, according to the engineering report, there were 13 priority projects that were identified citywide. He stated there is to be one full-time employee to be funded with this revenue. He stated that population is calculated based on how many people live here plus bed availability at hotels, etc., and with that, we could hit

10,000 in population by 2030, but regardless of population, we will still have stormwater issues that we are having today. He stated the action for this item for the Commission is to establish rates, so the City can address some of the stormwater issues that currently exist. He stated that the $7 a month is for every single-family home regardless of value.

Commissioner Wilcox wondered if the $7 or $84 would increase for some reason.

The City Manager stated that at this point, staff is comfortable with the amount of revenue provided by the current fee amount and doesn't see a need to increase that in the foreseeable future.

Chair Nootz asked if having this utility created opens the City up to be able to go after other grant funding.

The City Manager stated that having a local dollar source to match grant funds is always helpful.

Commissioner O'Neill expressed concern about the tax increase for the people.

Commissioner Daniels expressed support for this project.

Vice Chair Willich stated that to clean up the lagoon, if they don't have a process to clean what goes into the lagoon, it's just going to fill up and be dirty the way it is now. He stated this utility has a way to intercept the water that goes into the lagoon and treat it before it goes in there.

Chair Nootz stated that the Commission has not raised taxes. She stated that voters voted to raise taxes for the Wellness Center, and the State has raised taxes. She stated she is really excited that this is moving forward.

Vice Chair Willich motioned to approve this item, seconded by Commissioner Daniels.

For: Nootz, Willich, Daniels, Wilcox

Against: O'Neill

B. RESOLUTION 5208: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LIVINGSTON, MONTANA, TO AUTHORIZE CHANGES TO THE LIVINGSTON URBAN AREA HIGHWAY SYSTEM AND TO AUTHORIZE THE CHAIR TO SIGN RELATED AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE CITY OF LIVINGSTON AND THE MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION. PG.63

The City Manager stated this item is to update the Urban Area Highway System in the City of Livingston. He stated that the request is to remove River Drive from View Vista to 9th Street, as well as 9th Street North from River Drive to Geyser, from the Urban Area System map. This will remove MDT's control of the roadway and enable the City of Livingston to work with community partners to maintain and operate the roadway in a way that is beneficial for the community.

Commissioner O'Neill asked if a flood wiped out that area of road, at this point we would have state funding possibly available, but we wouldn't if they pass this item.

The City Manager stated it is important to know that projects funded by that Urban System are established and voted on by the Transportation Commission many years in advance. He stated the project list is not something simple to change, and it is not really designed for emergency repair

projects. He stated that there are other pools of money that would be appropriate to use for emergencies, such as FEMA.

Commissioner Wilcox expressed appreciation for the opportunity to provide a safer active transportation route for the community that drives in that area.

Chair Nootz asked about flooding and natural disasters and asked for clarification on how those things were paid for.

The City Manager stated that if it is a presidentially declared disaster, FEMA makes available public assistance dollars available, and they make them available to governmental agencies and others impacted by various disasters, and typically that is the pool of money the City would work through. He stated that there is a related hazard mitigation grant program, which is for not repairing damage but instead mitigating future damage from similar types of storms.

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Public comment was offered by:

- Linda Mahr asked for clarification that they are not removing the actual road, just reclassifying the road.

The City Manager stated that they will leave River Drive in place but be able to make locally directed and locally funded improvements to the roadway.

Chair Nootz asked about removal of Veterans' Memorials.

The City Manager stated that this item is not related to Veterans' Memorials, and he looks forward to upcoming open houses with some Commissioners and the community to discuss the Veterans' Memorials.

Vice Chair Willich stated that this is a good move for the City.

Commissioner Daniels stated that it is a good move to help assist in that area, especially during the school year. She is especially looking forward to having some crossing lights.

Commissioner Wilcox motioned to approve this item, seconded by Commissioner Daniels. Unanimously approved.

C. DISCUSSION OF REQUEST FOR 2-HOUR PARKING ON SOUTH B STREET PG.67

The City Manager stated this item is a request for a change in the 2-hour zone in front of 222 S B Street. He stated that the 2-hour zones are governed by the LMC, which would require a change through an ordinance. He stated that given the work involved in that request, he wanted to discuss accommodating the request. The request came from the City to the County for this change.

Commissioner Wilcox asked where the other 2-hour zones are.

The City Manager stated that it is mostly Park Street to Geyser Street, 3rd Street to B Street.

Commissioner Wilcox asked if the Code Enforcement team would be monitoring this area.

The City Manager stated yes, that Code Enforcement patrols citywide with a focus on the 2-hour zones.

Commissioner Wilcox asked about the County renting lots on the north side of that building, and she wondered if all 14 are rented.

The City Manager stated that there are still a handful of spaces available in that lot.

Commissioner Wilcox asked if the empty lot in the packet is public parking.

The City Manager stated it is private parking for employees. He stated that the publicly available rental spaces are to the north of the building, there is a nonpublic lot on the south of the building, and the request is for 2-hour parking on the west side of B Street.

Commissioner Daniels asked how they determined who can rent those spaces.

The City Manager stated that it was an open call to the community.

Vice Chair Willich wondered about not doing 2-hour parking in the singular spot and allowing 2-hour parking in the rest that they asked for.

Commissioner O'Neill asked about eliminating the drive-through area to make it a parking spot.

The City Manager stated he is not proposing to eliminate the drive-through area.

Commissioner Wilcox stated that she understands the issue with removing spots that allow folks to park longer than 2 hours and understands why the County might want 2-hour parking in front of their building. She expressed not being against Vice Chair Willich's suggestion.

Commissioner Daniels asked if the other parking lot is for employees only.

The City Manager stated that the southern lot is for employees.

Commissioner Daniels expressed liking Vice Chair Willich's idea for parking.

Chair Nootz stated that she is not in favor of giving up any parking for the 2-hour zone. She recalled when the land swap was happening with the County, and it was contentious, and they made a choice to make a profit from parking, with their choice to rent those spaces. She stated that if they want folks visiting their building to have closer parking, they maybe should reconsider renting those parking spaces. She expressed not wanting to give up parking in a residential parking area to a building that already has very large parking lots.

Commissioner O'Neill asked if there is a projected timeframe for when they would occupy this building. He stated that he doesn't want to make this 2-hour parking soon, if they are 4 years out from occupying the building.

The City Manager stated that the MSU Extension Office has already moved in there. He stated that part of the building is warehouse space, and the County does have some work to do before it can be occupied by more employees. He stated that the URA received a letter from the County inquiring about a possible land purchase by the URA, then a swap with the County. He stated that the other parcel is the Enterprise Building on Main Street and Geyser.

Commissioner Wilcox expressed understanding that the building is not full of employees and County departments now and wondered if this is something that needs to be done now, or if it can be put on hold until a later date. She thought that for the time being, the parking lot seems sufficient for the small number of staff at the building and their guests.

Commissioner Daniels agreed that waiting might be a good idea until the Health Department moves in, then to gauge what the parking needs are at that time.

Vice Chair Willich stated that we need to be good partners with the County. He expressed that having government offices in the Central Business District is an inappropriate placement. He stated he is against having government offices in this building and the old Enterprise Building. He stated that he doesn't think they need to take residential parking and turn it into 2-hour parking when they have a lot of parking lot space around this building.

Chair Nootz stated she would like to see them use the parking lots that are available around the building.

The City Manager stated that staff does not intend to bring an ordinance back to the Commission to modify the 2-hour zone.

Commissioner O'Neill motioned for a 10-minute break, seconded by Commissioner Daniels. Unanimously approved.

D. UPDATE ON GATEWAY WELLNESS CENTER PROJECT PG.74

The City Manager stated that this update comes from the Commission's conversation at the work session on January 14th, where they identified the Wellness Center and staff updates as two priorities. He gave a brief presentation.

Chair Nootz asked about the playground equipment from Katie Bonnell Park.

The City Manager stated they have some playground equipment that will return to Katie Bonnell Park, and as it becomes less of a construction site, they will bring some of the equipment back. He stated that there are some plans in the project to bring some new equipment on-site, including some different types of equipment for more accessibility for all children.

Chair Nootz asked if the playgrounds are grassy or not grassy.

The City Manager stated that the primary grassy area will be at the south end of the property.

Chair Nootz asked who folks should reach out to with questions about the Wellness Center.

The City Manager stated that they could reach out to him or the Recreation Director Maggie Tarr.

Vice Chair Willich asked how they got NorthWestern Energy and BNSF to provide land.

The City Manager stated that he asked, and they said yes.

Commissioner Wilcox asked about Four Ranges and whether, once the Wellness Center is built and the endowment to help fund the operations and maintenance of the building is complete, does the Four Ranges Foundation will go away.

The City Manager stated that he does not speak for the foundation, but it is his understanding that they intend to carry on after construction and completion of the facility and turn it over to the City to operate.

Commissioner Wilcox asked what is happening with the lot to the west.

The City Manager stated that it is several lots under two ownership groups, and the transfer of property has not been completed.

Commissioner Wilcox asked how big the combined set of lots is.

The City Manager stated that it is one-half of a City block.

Commissioner Wilcox asked about the plan to have a safe route to get to the Wellness Center.

The City Manager stated that the Windrider bus stops at Katie Bonnell Park five times per day, and they have had conversations with them about adding a sixth daily stop. He stated that they are also having conversations with MDT related to a resurfacing or pavement preservation project on Gallatin Street that would extend from the Bennett crossing, continue along Gallatin Street to the Wellness Center, and continue to the 5th Street crossing. This would ensure room for a bike lane and maintain sidewalks.

Commissioner Wilcox asked if there is a projected number of staff expected to run this facility.

The City Manager stated that some of those job descriptions will be released to the public for recruitment later this month or early October. In total, they budgeted for 15 full-time employees.

Commissioner Wilcox expressed that she is thankful for the donations to this facility and the equipment inside of it. She stated that the Wellness Center will contribute to the health and well-being of the community.

Chair Nootz asked about the bike lane and where that will be.

The City Manager stated that they are working with MDT to try and get a bidirectional bike lane on the south side. He stated that on the north side there is parking for residents, so they are still evaluating that.

Chair Nootz asked about the Bennett Street crossing.

The City Manager stated that they are evaluating the placement of rapid flashing beacons at the Bennett Street crossing.

Chair Nootz asked about a speed limit in that area.

The City Manager stated that it is something they are absolutely working on.

E. DISCUSSION OF OUTDOOR POOL IN MILES PARK PG.77

The City Manager stated that he added this to the agenda because they have had some public comment related to the public outdoor pool and its future operation. He wanted to give the Commission the opportunity to discuss the pool and provide direction to staff. He gave a brief presentation.

Commissioner O'Neill would like to know if the outdoor pool can be saved.

The City Manager stated that he does not possess the technical capabilities, nor does anyone on staff, to be able to answer that question. He stated that if it is the will of the Commission to see if the pool can be saved, the way to go about that would be to do an engineering assessment.

Commissioner O'Neill stated that he knows that someone has offered to run a camera through it, which might help assess whether further assessment should be done.

Chair Nootz asked for clarification on the process when public property needs to be assessed.

The City Manager stated that under the City's procurement policy, there are different ways of bringing someone in. He stated that a contract above $50,000 does require Commission approval. He stated that a more detailed assessment of the pool would likely be more beneficial than just running a camera through the lines.

Commissioner Wilcox asked if they could see an actual estimate for a proper engineering study.

The City Manager stated that yes, they could put together a request for proposals for engineering services.

Commissioner Wilcox asked if payment for the engineering would come from the general fund.

The City Manager stated that yes, it would be the most reasonable place for funding to come from for that.

Commissioner Daniels wondered if there is an issue with the site where the pool is located since the issues being brought up now are very similar to the ones brought up in previous years going back to 1979.

The City Manager stated that there are some hydrostatic pressure issues that are brought upon by that site, which they believe aid the leak. He stated that the pool was not poured as one piece; it was poured in sections, then joined together.

Commissioner Daniels asked where the water is going that is leaking from the pool.

The City Manager stated that they periodically do testing out at the end of Fleshman Creek, and they are not picking up chlorine at levels that they might expect. He stated that their guess is that it is just going down into the alluvial aquifer that runs underneath the area.

Chair Nootz asked if the City had staff that could run cameras through water lines.

The City Manager stated yes.

Chair Nootz asked what a certified pool operator is.

The City Manager stated that it is a state-provided test and deals with chlorination and disinfectants of the pool and safe operations of the pool.

Public Works Director Holmes stated that it is the safety, sanitation, and regulatory compliance, functionality, and maintenance of public swimming pools.

The City Manager stated that the circulation system for the pool has not been working for many years, but the leak in the pool allows us to refill it at about 1,000 gallons per hour, which is what creates circulation. So, without the leak, they would have to fix the circulation system, which has been an issue known since 1979.

Chair Nootz asked if the pool really impacts the day-to-day work of Public Works in the summer when it's open.

The City Manager stated that operating the pool is no small feat for the Parks Division of Public Works.

Chair Nootz asked how many gallons the reservoir holds and where the water comes from that fills the pool.

The City Manager stated that we have a little over 3 million gallons of reservoir space. He stated that as a community, we can use 4 million gallons of water in a day. He stated that all of the pool water is our drinking water, so it does come from those reservoirs.

Public comment was offered by:

- Patricia Grabow gave a suggestion of someone to use to look at the pool. She expressed thoughts that the pool should be saved.
- Victoria Bell expressed thoughts that the pool should be saved.
- Ellen Collins stated that it is important to kids to swim in an outdoor pool.
- Melanie Maganias gave thoughts in the pool.
- Linda Mahr expressed that it would be important to get an assessment to see what it would take to keep the pool open.
- Denise Fischer expressed that it seems like a waste of money for an assessment when they just got one in the presentation that shows the loss.
- Nicole Maher expressed thoughts that it is not a good idea to keep the pool going.
- Quentin Schwarz expressed understanding of how much it would take to keep the pool running, but pointed out that it's not being taken away without being replaced in some way elsewhere.
- Commenter stated that this is an emotional topic but understands how much money the City is losing to keep the pool running.
- Kiersten Holycross expressed understanding how important the City pool has been to the community but also understands the cost and loss to keep it open.
- Becky Bird expressed being emotional about the pool closing, but stated that this is a great example of deferred maintenance.
- Audrey Winfrey expressed that the pool as an asset and is needed in the community.
- Jack Luther expressed that it would be good to get an assessment to see what it would take to maintain the pool.
- Brooklyn Wilde wondered what it would take to keep the pool open.
- Jordan Ballinger expressed understanding of the emotional weight of pool but encouraged everyone to think logically about the financials.
- Tammy Lewis stated that she believes the outdoor pool has ended its life cycle.
- David Fuentes stated that it is a misuse of water to keep the outdoor pool open.

Chair Nootz asked about the cost to decommission the pool, and the role of reserves in municipal finance.

The City Manager stated that they have not received an estimate from a private contractor regarding the cost of removal. He stated that he spoke with the Public Works Director, and that would be a project that could be accomplished in-house. He stated that as for reserves, the City does maintain a fund balance, and the current budget does include an approximate 26% reserve level.

Vice Chair Willich asked how much the utility bill would be on the water lost through the leak in the pool per month.

Public Works Director Holmes stated that it would be $10,482 a month.

Chair Nootz asked what departments rely on the general fund.

The City Manager stated the largest use of the general fund is Livingston Fire and Rescue, and the second largest is the Livingston Police Department. After that is Rec, then the Parks Division, and City Hall departments.

Commissioner O'Neill stated that he would like to see what it would take to repair the pool.

Commissioner Wilcox wondered if an RFP to get an estimate on what it would take to keep the pool open is worth even doing because if they find out they are just going to have to close it anyway, then they are out taxpayer dollars for the assessment. She understands and respects the emotion behind folks wanting to keep the pool.

Commissioner Daniels stated that she understands the emotional side of this, but they do have a fiscal responsibility to do the right thing. She stated that she struggles with even wanting to do the assessment because she understands the cost of repair will be astronomical, and the City would likely choose to not pay for the repairs at that point.

Vice Chair Willich stated that he loves the outdoor pool, but they do have a financial obligation to the City of Livingston. He stated that this pool has lived well beyond its lifespan.

Chair Nootz stated that she believes Public Works staff and Commissioners that came before her when they say that the pool is in bad shape. She is having a hard time justifying an assessment. She reminded everyone that if they pay the money for the assessment, that it is being used from the general fund and will be taken away from a department like police and fire. She reminded the Commission that the outdoor pool is not on their priority list.

Commissioner O'Neill would like to see an assessment done or a camera run through the lines so they can say for sure if it could be fixed or not.

Commissioner Wilcox suggested putting a pause on this item since this doesn't need to be decided on right away. She would like to give folks the opportunity to watch tonight's meeting and give more feedback, then go from there.

Commissioner Daniels stated that it is not feasible to do a study. She stated they have heard the facts about the state of the pool. She would like the community to bring forward other ideas of what could be done with that space.

Vice Chair Willich stated that there is no reason not to trust the staff that are bringing forward the issues of the outdoor pool and showing that it is at the end of its life. He feels that they should do their due diligence and show the public that it is beyond saving, but understands they don't have to make any decisions tonight.

Chair Nootz expressed that the pool is like a colander because it has so many issues.

Public Works Director Holmes stated that the only thing salvageable from the pool is the diving board.

Chair Nootz reminded everyone that Public Works Director Holmes is an engineer. She stated that it is not their role as the Commission to manage staff, and it's not the Commission's role to select people they know for certain projects. She doesn't think the pool is fixable or savable.

The City Manager stated that they will leave the pool as is for now, secure it, and make sure it is not a public safety hazard. They will work with the community to figure out what they want to do with that location.

Commissioner O'Neill motioned for a 5-minute break, seconded by Commissioner Daniels. Unanimously approved.

F. DISCUSSION AND DIRECTION TO STAFF REGARDING TOWN HALL MEETING PG.81

The City Manager stated that at the Commission work session in January, communications were one of their priorities. He is hoping to talk about the logistics of Town Halls and when, location, and topic.

Chair Nootz asked about what staff is working on and if something they are working on would be helpful to have a Town Hall about.

The City Manager stated that the Veteran's Memorial is a good one; also, there is an invasive bass species issue in the Lagoon.

Commissioner Daniels would like to stick to the priority list for a topic.

Commissioner Wilcox liked the idea of the Growth Policy for a topic.

Vice Chair Willich gave the idea of disaster prep, community wildfire protection, and an evacuation plan.

The City Manager stated that, in his opinion, the Town Halls are best used to solicit information from the community on how they would like to see a certain situation move forward.

Chair Nootz stated that the options she is leaning towards are the Veteran's Memorial, Growth Policy, and URA plan.

The City Manager stated that the URA plan is coming back before the Commission in October.

Commissioner Daniels asked what the timeframe is for the next Town Hall.

The City Manager stated that they could shoot for the second week in October.

Commissioner Daniels stated that with Veterans Day coming up, it might be a good time to talk about the Veteran's Memorial.

Commissioners decided on October 27th with the topic of the Veteran's Memorial.

The City Manager stated that they would likely reach out to MSU Extension to help facilitate the Town Hall.

Chair Nootz asked the City Manager to ensure partners for this topic are invited. She liked having a hard stop time for the last one.

Commissioners decided on a 2-hour timeframe from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. They want to include snacks, a kid-friendly area, and more back-and-forth dialogue with the public.

G. CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS LEGAL STRATEGY PURSUANT TO MCA 2-3-203(4)(a)

City Commission did not enter closed session.

9. City Manager Comment

The City Manager stated that the City has several projects happening in the vicinity of the Bennett Street crossing over the next few weeks. Bennett Street water loop and the placement of concrete crossing panels on the Bennett Street crossing. He wanted to remind the community to use alternate routes during these projects.

10. City Commission Comments

Commissioner O'Neill thanked everyone for a good meeting.

Commissioner Wilcox thanked everyone for a good meeting and appreciated everyone's patience.

Commissioner Daniels thanked everyone for a good meeting. She is hoping that moving forward, the community can come together. She is excited about the Veteran's Memorial discussion.

Vice Chair Willich thanked everyone for a good meeting.

Chair Nootz thanked David Fuentes for his comment tonight. She stated that there has been a lot of misinformation going around and she does not believe that City staff should be subject to personal or public attacks. She reminded everyone that the City Commission is not the judicial branch.

11. Adjournment

10:30pm Vice Chair Willich motioned to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner O'Neill. Unanimously approved.

Notice

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