

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
140 WEST PINE STREET
MISSOULA MONTANA
JANUARY 6, 2010, 9:00 AM**

Members present: Ed Childers, President; Stacy Rye, Vice President; Dick Haines; Lyn Hellegaard;; Bob Jaffe; Marilyn Marler; Renee Mitchell; Dave Strohmaier; Pam Walzer; Jason Wiener; and Jon Wilkins

Members absent: Roy Houseman

Others present: Keila Szpaller

I. Administrative Business

Minutes dated December 21, 2009 will be available at a later date

II. Public Comment on items not listed on the agenda—None

III. Regular Agenda

A. Appoint chairs for city council committees and subcommittees ([memo](#)). – Regular Agenda (Marty Rehbein) (Referred to committee: 01/04/10) **REMOVE FROM AGENDA**

Mr. Childers stated according to Rule 21 E of the city council rules, the committee needs to choose a chairperson for each of the six standing committees and any subcommittees. They are the following:

Public Safety and Health:

Mr. Childers asked for nominations for a chairperson for the Public Safety and Health Committee. Ms. Rye nominated Mr. Strohmaier. Upon a voice vote Dave Strohmaier was approved unanimously.

Conservation:

Mr. Childers asked for nominations for a chair of Conservation Committee. Mr. Jaffe nominated Ms. Marler. Upon a voice vote Marilyn Marler was approved unanimously.

Plat, Annexation, and Zoning:

Mr. Childers asked for nominations for a chair of Plat, Annexation, and Zoning Committee. Ms. Hellegaard nominated Mr. Wilkins and Mr. Wiener nominated Mr. Jaffe.

Discussion on the nominations:

Ms. Mitchell stated she would like to support Mr. Wilkins

Mr. Wiener stated he is supporting Mr. Jaffe as he has chaired the committee the last two years and has helped get the zoning re-write passed with 10 votes.

Ms. Hellegaard stated she nominated Mr. Wilkins because she has concerns about some of Mr. Jaffe's comments.

Mr. Wiener called for the question but the motion failed on a vote of 4 ayes, 6 nays, and 1 abstention.

Ms. Walzer stated she is supporting Mr. Jaffe because she feels he is doing a good job in trying to do his best as possible in following the letter of the law. She has concerns about some of Mr. Wilkins comments at the planning board hearings.

Mr. Haines stated he will support Mr. Wilkins.

The committee voted 7 members for Mr. Jaffe and 4 members for Mr. Wilkins. Bob Jaffe will be the chairperson for PAZ.

Administration and Finance:

Mr. Childers asked for nominations for a chair of Administration and Finance Committee. Ms. Walzer nominated Ms. Rye. Ms. Mitchell nominated Ms. Walzer. Ms. Walzer declined nomination due to time commitments. Ms. Mitchell nominated Mr. Wiener. Mr. Wiener declined the nomination due to his interest in continuing chairing the Public Works Committee.

Upon a voice vote Stacy Rye was approved with 7 ayes, 3 nays, and 1 abstention.

Public Works:

Mr. Childers asked for nominations for a chair of Public Works Committee. Mr. Strohmaier nominated Mr. Wiener and Ms. Hellegaard nominated Mr. Wilkins.

Discussion on the nominations:

Ms. Mitchell stated she supports Mr. Wilkins in his knowledge and expertise in the Construction field but she would like to hear from the candidates themselves as to why they would like to chair Public Works.

Mr. Wiener stated one of the reasons he ran for city council was to help make good choices in the every day lives. Transportation is one of those choices that are made every day and is purview of the Public Works Committee. He has enjoyed running the Public Works meetings and he appreciates the opportunity to continue running those meetings.

Mr. Wilkins stated he has been in the construction business for 22 years. He feels it is time to throw politics out the window and do what is good for the people.

Mr. Jaffe stated he supports Mr. Wiener.

Ms. Marler stated Mr. Wilkins did a good job chairing meetings when he stepped in for Ms. Kendall in PAZ about 4 years ago. He is capable of running meetings but she is going to vote for Mr. Wiener so there is continuity in the committee.

Mr. Strohmaier stated he is going to support Mr. Wiener as he has worked on some of the Transportation needs in the Rattlesnake valley.

The committee voted 7 members for Mr. Wiener and 4 members for Mr. Wilkins. Mr. Wiener will be the chairperson for PW.

Ms. Marler asked about the subcommittee chairs. It was discussed Ms. Walzer has expressed interest in not being the chair for the Urban Wildlife Subcommittee.

Ms. Walzer stated she will continue to be the chair person until after the bear and garbage issues have been resolved in the upcoming public hearing.

IV. Held in committee

1. Mayor's Update – Ongoing in Committee. (Mayor Engen)
2. Updates from Council representatives on the Health Board, Community Forum, Transportation Policy Coordinating Committee, other boards and commissions as necessary. – (Ongoing in Committee)
3. Joint meeting of the Mayor, City Council and County Commission; a facilitated quarterly OPG review as directed in the [Interlocal Agreement](#) (Agenda)—Ongoing (Mayor Engen)
4. Develop short and mid-term goals ([memo](#)).—Regular Agenda (Bob Jaffe) (Referred to committee: 4/23/2007)
5. Discuss possibilities for enhancing the applicant pool for vacancies on volunteer boards and commissions ([memo](#)).—Regular Agenda (Dave Strohmaier) (Referred to committee: 09/17/07)

6. Joint meeting between the Missoula City Council and the Missoula County Public Schools' Board of Trustees ([memo](#)).—Regular Agenda (Dave Strohmaier) (Referred to committee: 09/17/07)
7. Examination of Office Planning and Grants ([memo](#))—Regular Agenda (John Hendrickson) (Referred to committee: 09/08/08)
8. Review CIP funding mechanism, vehicle replacement policy, department vehicle use practices, specifically Police, Fire, and Parking Commission ([memo](#)).—Regular Agenda (Ed Childers) (Referred to committee: 11/10/08)
9. Outside legal consultation on the legal opinion regarding zoning rewrite ([memo](#)).—Regular Agenda (John Hendrickson) (Referred to committee: 05/04/09)
10. Referral of support for the Expo-Center ([memo](#)).—Regular Agenda (John Hendrickson) (Referred to committee: 05/04/09)

V. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:26 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Nikki Rogers
Deputy City Clerk