

**PUBLIC SAFETY AND HEALTH COMMITTEE REPORT**  
**Wednesday, August 24, 2011 10:30 AM – 11:00 AM**  
**Council Chambers, 140 West Pine Street, Missoula, Montana**

**Members Present:** Dave Strohmaier, Pam Walzer, Cynthia Wolken, Bob Jaffe, Jon Wilkins, Renee Mitchell, Lynn Hellegaard, Dick Haines, Ed Childers

**Members Not Present:**

**Other Present:** Jim Nugent, Mike Brady, Carl Horton, Ed Franceschina, Jim Carlson, Marty Rehbein

## **I. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS**

1. Approve minutes from [August 24, 2011](#). Minutes approved unanimously.

## **II. PUBLIC COMMENT**

## **III. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

1. Authorize Mayor to sign award document for COPS Technology Grant in the amount of \$750,000 to be used for upgrades of network and department security, video and mobile data computers for patrol cars and point-to-point network bridges in various areas throughout Missoula. ([memo](#))—Regular Agenda (Mark Muir) (Referred to committee: 08/22/11)

**MOTION: The committee recommends that the Mayor sign award document for COPS Technology Grant in the amount of \$750,000 to be used for upgrades of network and department security, video and mobile data computers for patrol cars and point-to-point network bridges in various areas throughout Missoula.**

Mike Brady described the Technology grant.

Ed Childers asked if the technology that is being considered actually works.

Mike Brady responded that he has worked with the City I.T. department in the testing of a portion of the new technology that is to be implemented. He pointed out that the grant is a three-year grant.

Ed Childers requested that the council should be informed of the status of the new technology implementation as appropriate. Ed moved to authorize the mayor to sign the award document.

Renee Mitchell pointed out that according to the award letter, the official start date of the grant was listed as 12/16/2009. She asked if any money from the grant has been expended.

Mike Brady described the process of meeting the requirements for the grant, and explained that the grant was in the works for several years. He noted that no expenditures have been made at this point.

Renee Mitchell asked if other funds would be needed in the future in order to maintain the technology implemented with the grant.

Mike Brady referred the committee to Carl Horton's expertise. He described the current process of cost allocation for the relevant technology.

Carl Horton discussed the point to point technology that will be developed using the grant. He stated that there would be a one time purchase for the hardware. He stated that the technology would reduce costs overall.

Bob Jaffe asked if there was matching funding.

Mike Brady responded that there was not.

Motion passed unanimously.

#### **IV. REGULAR AGENDA ITEM**

1. Consider an ordinance amending Title 6 Missoula Municipal Code entitled "Animals" repealing Chapters 6.02, 6.04, 6.09, 6.12, 6.16, 6.20 and 6.22, enacting Chapter 6.07 entitled "Animal Ordinance" and renaming Chapter 6.08 entitled "Dogs and Pet Shops" to "Pet Shops, Pet Sales and Boarding Kennels" to generally amend, recodify and update the city's regulations pertaining to animals, increase license fees and increase fines pertaining to violations. ([memo](#))—Regular Agenda (Marty Rehbein) (Referred to committee: 06/27/11) **(HELD IN COMMITTEE)**

Ed Franceschina described the proposed changes to the rabies, impoundment, administration, and enforcement sections of the Animal Ordinance.

Jon Wilkins asked about the rabies vaccination exemption for dogs with medical conditions where a vaccination can be harmful.

Ed Franceschina clarified the exemption.

Jim Carlson further discussed the vaccination exemption.

Cynthia Wolken asked if an indicator in an animal's blood can be reviewed to determine the need for further vaccination.

Jim Carlson stated that the ordinance requires vaccination. There is no legal exemption from the process.

Ed Franceschina discussed animal impoundment and related fees.

Renee Mitchell asked if impounded animals are not claimed.

Ed Franceschina replied that it happens all the time. He stated that a \$25 fee is required.

Ed Childers asked about releasing unlicensed dogs.

Ed Franceschina described the process.

Ed Childers expressed confusion about the need to address subsequent licensing offenses.

Ed Franceschina clarified.

Bob Jaffe feels that the licensing fee could be incorporated into the fine. He asked if Animal Control could administer a rabies shot.

Ed Franceschina responded that a rabies shot could only be administered by a licensed veterinarian.

Bob Jaffe would like to see licensing and rabies fees be collected prior to releasing the dog back to the owner.

Lynn Hellegaard suggested keeping a veterinarian on retainer.

Jim Carlson noted that Animal Control has two veterinarians on contract, although they are not always available.

Jim Nugent asked what happens if the dog does not live in the City.

Ed Franceschina noted that the City and County animal ordinances are identical.

## **V. HELD AND ON-GOING AGENDA ITEMS**

1. Police Department Update – Ongoing in Committee. (Mark Muir)
2. Fire Department Update – Ongoing in Committee (Mike Painter)
3. Health Department Update – Ongoing in Committee. (Ellen Leahy)
4. Eat Smart Coalition information. ([memo](#))—Regular Agenda (Jason Wiener) (Referred to committee: 07/11/11)

## **V. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 AM. Submitted by Gregg Schonbachler.