

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
140 WEST PINE STREET  
MISSOULA MONTANA  
JANUARY 13, 2010, 11:05 AM – Noon**

**Members present:** Ed Childers, President; Dick Haines; Lyn Hellegaard; Roy Houseman; Bob Jaffe; Renee Mitchell; Pam Walzer; Jason Wiener; and Jon Wilkins

**Members absent:** Stacy Rye, Vice President; Marilyn Marler; Dave Strohmaier;

**Others present:** John Hendrickson

**I. Administrative Business**

Minutes dated [December 21, 2009](#) and [January 6, 2010](#) were approved as submitted

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

**III. Regular Agenda**

A. Appoint council members to boards and commissions ([memo](#)).—Regular Agenda (Marty Rehbein) (Referred to committee: 01/11/10) **REMOVE FROM AGENDA**

**CONSENT AGENDA MOTIONS:**

**The committee recommends the city council appoint Renee Mitchell to serve on the Health Board.**

**The committee recommends the city council appoint Jon Wilkins to serve on the Community Forum.**

**The committee recommends the city council appoint Ed Childers and Jason Wiener to serve on the Missoula Community Technical Advisory Committee.**

**REGULAR AGENDA MOTIONS:**

**The committee recommends the city council appoint Lyn Hellegaard to the Transportation Policy Coordinating Committee.**

**The committee recommends the city council appoint Pam Walzer to serve on the Local Emergency Planning Committee.**

**Health Board**

Mr. Wilkins nominated Ms. Mitchell. Ms. Mitchell was unanimously approved.

**Community Forum**

Ms. Hellegaard nominated Mr. Wilkins. Mr. Wilkins was unanimously approved.

**Transportation Policy Coordinating Committee**

Ms. Mitchell nominated Ms. Hellegaard. Mr. Jaffe nominated Stacy Rye. Ms. Hellegaard received 5 votes and Ms. Rye received 4 votes.

Mr. Wilkins recommends Ms. Hellegaard as she works in the field and attends the meetings. She is pretty well informed of what is happening.

Mr. Haines supports Ms. Hellegaard for the same reasons. Ms. Hellegaard has contacts and experience at the city, state, and national level. She has extensive knowledge and talent that far transcends anybody in the city of Missoula.

Mr. Wiener stated he supports Ms. Rye because this is a policy body and when it comes to policy and transportation her position in line works closely align. There is a place for knowledge and

experience on the Technical Advisory Committee and Ms. Hellegaard represents her agency on the committee.

Ms. Mitchell stated she agrees with Mr. Haines about Ms. Hellegaard being well informed on all the issues than anyone on this council.

Mr. Houseman asked if there is any potential ethical and financial conflict of interests. Ms. Hellegaard stated she checked with Mr. Nugent and there are no conflicts.

Mr. Childers commented that both candidates are qualified. He stated it is helpful to have one council representative on TPCC (Transportation Policy Coordinating Committee) and one council representative on TTAC (Transportation Technical Advisory Committee).

Mr. Haines commented he would like to broaden his earlier comments. He stated there is no one in the city administration or on the council besides Ms. Hellegaard who could talk to some of the people in Washington DC about funding involving our transportation needs and our efforts here in Missoula. She also has many contacts here in the state which she can visit with about our transportation needs.

Ms. Hellegaard received 5 votes and Ms. Rye received 4 votes. Ms. Hellegaard was approved.

Jason Wiener brought to the attention of the committee Council Rule 33 G and F, which states the following:

G. Appointment of City Council Members to Boards and Commissions. When a position exists that requires the appointment of a City Council member, Committee of the Whole is the designated committee. A majority of the Council members elected is required to approve this type of appointment. The Chair of Committee of the Whole will announce the opening at a Missoula City Council meeting. Interested Council members shall make written application to the City Clerk. Committee of the Whole will process the applications in accordance with Section F.

#### **Section F**

F. Council Appointments, Committee Review of Applicants. At the close of the application period, the City Clerk shall forward all applications to the members of the designated committee for consideration as follows:

1. The committee shall establish questions to be asked of applicants at interview.
2. The Committee chairperson shall schedule meeting time of the committee or of a special subcommittee for the purpose of interviewing the applicants. The City Clerk will then schedule individual applicant interviews. If an applicant is unable to meet at the scheduled time, the committee may decide to reschedule, to consider the applicant's papers nevertheless, or to drop the applicant from consideration. If an applicant has been interviewed for the same post within the past six months, the committee may decide that an interview is not necessary.
3. During the interview, the Committee shall ask each non-incumbent applicant a set of the same questions to insure equitable evaluation. Similarly, a set of the same questions, which may differ from those asked of non-incumbent applicants, will be asked of those applying for reappointment. Committee members may follow up on these questions or ask additional questions.
4. The Committee shall make its recommendations to the Council.

Mr. Haines would like to have Mr. Nugent, the city attorney, to look into rule 33.

#### **Missoula Community Technical Advisory Committee**

Mr. Wilkins nominated Mr. Childers. Ms. Walzer nominated Mr. Wiener. Mr. Childers and Mr. Wiener were approved unanimously as two people represent the council on this committee.

#### **Local Emergency Planning Committee**

Mr. Wiener nominated Ms. Walzer. Ms. Walzer was approved with one nay Mr. Wilkins.

**The following committees are appointed by the president of the city council:**

**Public Art**

Ms. Walzer stated she was interested serving on the public art committee provided Mr. Strohmaier not interested but he has indicated he would like to continue to serving. She will withdraw her request. Mr. Childers appointed Mr. Strohmaier to serve on the Public Art Committee.

**Chamber of Commerce**

Mr. Childers appointed Mr. Wiener and Ms. Hellegaard to the chamber of commerce.

**Employee Benefit**

Ms. Walzer has been on the committee and Mr. Houseman asked to be on the committee. Mr. Childers appointed Mr. Houseman and Ms. Walzer will serve as a reserve in case Mr. Houseman is unable to attend meetings.

**Farmer's Market**

Mr. Childers appointed Ms. Mitchell as the liaison.

**Saturday Market**

Mr. Childers has been doing that and will continue to serve on the Saturday Market.

**Clark Fork River Market**

Mr. Childers appointed Mr. Wiener to the Clark Fork River Market as a voting member.

**Aging Services**

Mr. Childers appointed Mr. Haines to the Aging Services to serve as the liaison.

**EIS Peer Review**

Mr. Childers appointed Mr. Wilkins would like to be on the EIS Peer Review which is a subcommittee of Public Works.

US 93 Corridor Committee and Bridge Market Committee have both gone away.

Mr. Childers stated the PAZ chair serves on the Sewer Service Committee and the PAZ planning team. Also, the conservation chair appoints Urban Wildlife Subcommittee.

Ms. Walzer asked Mr. Childers about the Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund Committee which his appointed by the President. Ms. Walzer would like to continue serving on the committee.

Mr. Childers stated he thought Committee of the Whole made the appointments instead of sending it to the floor of the city council. All appointments need to be brought out on the council agenda.

B. Discuss City Council budget holdbacks for FY10 ([memo](#)).—Regular Agenda (Marty Rehbein)  
(Referred to committee: 01/11/10) **REMOVE FROM AGENDA**

Mr. Childers indicated Ms. Rehbein and Mr. Ramharter were unable to make the meeting. Ms. Rehbein sent an email to the council notifying them of a budget savings of \$ 3,114.00 in the Personal Services line item because not all City Council members participate in PERS or the health plan. He mentioned the Travel and Training line item has been curtailed.

Ms. Walzer asked about the City County Government magazine and if they pay for it. Mr. Childers stated it is a free magazine subscription and they do not pay for it.

Mr. Jaffe asked about the computers they have and if they are part of the departmental budget or part of the IT budget. Mr. Childers stated the fixing of the computers comes from the department

budget. Mr. Jaffe stated he has another laptop and it inconvenient for him to remember to switch laptops on council days. He would like to figure out a way for council to use their own equipment if they have it. It is annoying to use city computer. He will visit with IT about it.

Ms. Hellegaard stated she was looking on the blogs and citizens are asking the council to stop paying for the internet service. She also didn't know what telephone services they were paying for because the council was not being provided cell phones. Mr. Childers stated the internet service is provided to the council so they can do their business. Also, the council president does have a cell phone in case of emergencies.

Mr. Wilkins stated he is not being compensated for any of his internet services. He also stated there might have been some council members who did not have internet service and it should be provided to them. He also stated for what little money the council gets paid he doesn't think anyone is in the job for the money because it is not much.

Ms. Walzer stated the LEPC has changed their bylaws so they need to make changes to the rules by stating the council does not have alternating terms with the county commissioners. There will be one representative from both the county commissioners and the city council.

#### **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)
11. Review Committee of the Whole and Budget Committee of the Whole referrals. ([memo](#)) – Regular Agenda (Marty Rehbein) (Referred to committee: 01/11/10)

#### **V. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

*Nikki Rogers*  
Deputy City Clerk