

GOVERNMENT REVIEW STUDY COMMISSION

January 8, 2025

5:30 PM

1) Call to Order

Temporary Presiding Officer Sandra Alessi called the meeting to order. Commissioners present were Nathan Dugan, Kevin McDowell, Dakota Whitman, Scott Wurster, and Ex-officio Michelle Howke, and City Attorney Angela Jacobs. Councilor Norton was in the audience.

2) Communications from the Public - (This time is set aside for the public to comment on items that are either on the agenda, but not a public hearing or on items not on the agenda. City officials do not respond during these comments but may respond or follow-up later on the agenda or at another time. The presiding officer has the option of limiting such communications to three minutes depending on the number of citizens who want to comment and the length of the meeting agenda)

Councilor Norton – talked to Sara Fitzgerald, who served on the LGR 20 years ago and is interested in meeting with the current Commissioners. She suggested each Commissioner think about what they are most interested in researching in the city. This will help to learn what to recommend to council and staff to improve.

3) Approval of Minutes

- a) December 10, 2024, Minutes
- b) December 12, 2024, Minutes

Commissioner Whitman, seconded by Commissioner Dugan to approve the minutes. The motion carried.

4) Old Business

- a) Elect Chair and Vice Chair

Scott made a motion, seconded by Nathan to nominate Kevin as Chair. The motion carried.

Dakota made a motion, seconded by Scott to nominate Nathan as Vice Chair. The motion carried.

- b) Review and Adopt Bylaws

Nathan made a motion to approve the bylaws, seconded by Scott as presented.

Sandra made a motion, seconded by Nathan to amend Section 3.03, Communications to or from Study Commissioners. The motion carried.

Sandra made a motion, *Section 3.02 All agenda matters requiring consideration, discussion or decision proposed by a commission member shall be included on the agenda and shall be submitted in writing to the Chairperson...*, seconded by Scott. Nathan understands sentiment, not support, concerns about ability to hold efficient meeting. He feels there is a place on the agenda to hold discussion for most items. **After some discussion, Sandra rescinded her amendment.**

Nathan made a motion, seconded by Dakota to correct Section 2.03 Public Posting, to 2.04. The motion carried.

The original motion to approve the Bylaws as amended was carried.

- c) Discuss Draft Budget for Approval

Kevin moved, seconded by Dakota to approve the budget. The motion carried.

- d) Discuss and Review Timetable (7-3-186, M.C.A)

Discussion and direction from the Commissioners for Michelle to create a 2-year timetable and bring to the next meeting. **Nathan made a motion, seconded by Dakota to postpone this discussion to February meeting. The motion carried.**

- 5) New Business

- a) Discuss Recording Policy – Commissioner Alessi

Meetings will be recorded via TEAMS and uploaded to the website.

- 6) Public Comment

None

- 7) Schedule Next Meeting

- a) Commissioner Alessi proposal to meet on February 11, 2025

Kevin made a motion, seconded by Scott to move the next meeting to February 5, 2025, at 5:30pm. The motion carried.

Commissioner Comments

Scott – option to create sub-committees to be added to the next meeting agenda.

Kevin will send surveys that Rebecca provided to him from the last LGR, to the Commissioners.

- 8) Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:19pm.

/s/Sandra Alessi

Temporary Presiding Officer Alessi

Attest:

/s/Michelle Howke

Michelle Howke, Whitefish City Clerk