



HELENA CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION

September 11, 2025, 5:00PM

PRE-COUNCIL: Work Session

A discussion and review of City Council agenda items, projects, department, committee, and board liaison reports, and task assigned for City operations and business.

All Members Present except Harold Woodman.

1. Review 09/11/2025 Agenda Items

Laura Joseph asked that Resolution 08252025A be split into two separate resolutions, separating Sections 2 and 3 into separate resolutions as how it is worded now is an all-or-nothing situation. Mayor Puckett states that he would prefer for the resolution to stay as is and vote on it tonight. Andy Healy states that while he loves the idea of updating the Complex, he does not feel comfortable voting on the resolution tonight. Mayor Puckett states that he feels that the current Council has a duty to review and vote on these items through the end of their term.

Laura Joseph expressed concern about paying for the new ladder truck with Resolution 09112025 and wanted confirmation that we could afford the down payment; Chris Willis states that he has spoken with the Revenue Director and we are well above our projected revenue income for the fiscal year.

2. Review and Discussion of FY26 Budget

Andy Healy proposes that we push the budget out 90 days into the new fiscal year and allow the new Council to get in here and look over everything. Chris Willis proposes approving a 3% COLA for all employees and step raises as appropriate with the current pay scale, and not approving the budget as proposed at this time. Mayor Puckett states he will update the pay scale to reflect these updates and will send out to Council tomorrow. Laura Joseph proposes a resolution to continue working with the current budget for 90 days into the new fiscal year.

3. Review and Discussion of FY26 Holiday Schedule

Chris Willis states that he likes the holiday schedule as presented. Mayor Puckett and Alice Lobell clarified that the half day on Christmas Eve (December 24, 2025) will apply for all City employees, not just an administrative holiday.

4. Confirmation 09/22/2025 Meeting dates.

There being no further business, the work session was dismissed at 5:16 pm.

ATTEST:

Madison Harris
City Clerk

SIGNED:

Alice Lobell
Council President



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**MINUTES HELENA CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
September 11, 2025**

The Council of the City of Helena met in a special called meeting on Thursday night, September 11, 2025, in the Helena Municipal Building at 5:00 P.M., the regular place for holding said meetings.

Council President Alice Lobell called the meeting to order at 5:18 P.M.

Andy Healy led the prayer.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Laura Joseph.

4. Roll Call

Present: Alice Lobell, Andy Healy, Chris Willis, Laura Joseph
Members: Alice Lobell, Andy Healy, Chris Willis, Laura Joseph, Harold Woodman
Absent: Harold Woodman
Visitors: Chief Mike Wood, Bill Miller, Dan Dearing, and others (see attached list)

Council President Alice Lobell declared a quorum present, and meeting was open for business.

5. Resolution 08252025A – Bond Proceeds

Chris Willis made a motion to approve Resolution 08252025A – Bond Proceeds; with no second.
Motion not carried.

6. Resolution 09112025 - Purchase of New Aerial Fire Apparatus and Surplus of Current Apparatus

Andy Healy made a motion to approve Resolution 09112025 - Purchase of New Aerial Fire Apparatus and Surplus of Current Apparatus; with a second by **Laura Joseph**.

AYE: Alice Lobell, Andy Healy, Chris Willis, Harold Woodman

NAY: None

Motion carried.

7. Resolution 09112025A - Award Low Bid to Specialty Turf and CO-OP Turf Purchase from GeoSources

Per Council President Alice Lobell, Resolution 09112025A is contingent on the approval of Resolution 08252025A, and since that was not approved Resolution 09112025A will be removed from the Agenda tonight.

8. Resolution 09112025B – FY26 Holiday Schedule

Laura Joseph made a motion to approve Resolution 09112025B – FY26 Holiday Schedule; with a second by **Andy Healy**.

AYE: Alice Lobell, Andy Healy, Chris Willis, Laura Joseph

NAY: None

Motion carried.

9. Period for Public Comment – 3 Minutes per Resident, to Sign in with City Clerk between Work Session and Council Meeting

Residents wanting to speak will sign-in with City Clerk prior to the meeting and will be given three minutes to speak.

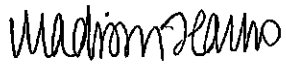
10. Council Comments

No comments from Council.

11. Adjourn

There being no further business meeting was adjourned at 5:31 pm.

ATTEST:



Madison Harris
City Clerk

SIGNED:



Alice Lobell
Council President