



as part of their permit application, solicits comments from other agencies and one of these agencies is the State Historical Preservation Office.

- Butte-Silver Bow has worked diligently over the last six months with Jim Jarvis, Historic Preservation Officer who has been very helpful with the process.
- Butte-Silver Bow hired Historic Research Associates to perform two studies, a surface study and an underground study, which will be submitted to the State Preservation Office.
- Jim Jarvis, Historic Preservation Officer, submitted a staff report to the Historic Preservation Commission in favor of Butte-Silver Bow moving forward with the project. This report contained six requests, which Butte-Silver Bow agreed to comply with. The local Historic Preservation Commission decided against proceeding with the project and Butte-Silver Bow is making two requests of Council and the Chief Executive.

1. Requesting Council to concur with the staff report of the local Historic Preservation Officer, Jim Jarvis.
2. Requesting Council to invoke the ordinance which allows Council to move forward because of the health and safety impacts of the dam project.

**It was moved by Commissioner Palmer, and seconded by Commissioner Granger to concur with the request of Communication 10-201 and implement section 2.64.160 of the Public Safety Exclusion of the Historic Preservation Ordinance and allow the work to continue on the dam project and place Communication 10-201 on file.**

Commissioner O’Leary stated he agreed with Mr. Larson’s position regarding the importance of moving forward with the project and hoped no one in the community interprets Council’s action as a closing of a door regarding the process. He further stated dialog would continue over the next four months to address the needs of everyone.

**The motion passed with a unanimous verbal vote.**

Chief Executive Babb commented Butte-Silver Bow has stepped up and made a commitment regarding historic preservation in the community. Butte-Silver Bow has hired a professional, Jim Jarvis, who works both for historic preservation and the good of this community. Chief Executive Babb stated the recommendations of staff members should be taken seriously, and while historic preservation needs to stay at the forefront, some projects must move forward. He further stated Council’s action should not be interpreted as historic preservation being bypassed in any way. The Historic Preservation Committee members were invited to tonight’s Council meeting and work has been ongoing with the Committee for over six months. Butte-Silver Bow is committed to preserving the Big Hole Pump House and will abide by all federal, state and local regulations. Chief Executive Babb thanked Council for their vote and for touring the dam and the Pump House.

**ADJOURN**

**It was moved by Commissioner Palmer, seconded by Commissioner Lee and carried by a unanimous verbal vote to Rise to the Call of the Chair.**

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**CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

**ATTEST:**

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**CLERK AND RECORDER**