

# **Council Legislative Committee**

**DATE: Wednesday, December 14, 2022**

**TIME: 4:00 PM**

**PLACE: City Hall Conference Room  
210 N. 27th Street, Billings, MT-**

## **ATTENDANCE:**

**Mayor/Council:** XKendra Shaw – Ward 1; XRoy Neese – Ward 2; XDanny Choriki – Ward 3 (arrived at 13:00) XPam Purinton – Ward 4; XTom Rupsis – Ward 5

**Staff:** Chris Kukulski

**ADJOURN TIME:** 54:37

## **Agenda**

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

(Public comment is limited to three minutes or as set by the presiding officer. Please sign in on the roster provided Comments are to be directed to agenda items and items within the scope of this committee)

**Public Comment: 2:00**

**Mayor Bill Cole - how council members represent themselves at legislature**

**Allison Corbyn - eliminating tax on veteran pensions; film tax credits; housing**

**Approve minutes**

**8:40** Approve minutes from November 9, 23 and 30.

### **TOPIC # 1 – Continued from prior Meetings**

**9:00** Continued review of changes to public safety bills that the Committee recommended to Council for general support. Bills can be found at <https://leg.mt.gov/committees/interim/cjoc/>

- A) CJOC 1.2 - Revises sentencing laws for theft and thematically-related crimes.
- B) CJOC 2.2 - Addresses matters regarding recovery residences, also known as sober living homes.
- C) CJOC 3.2 - Creates a separate definition for persistent felony offender under supervision.
- D) CJOC 4 - Revises sentencing laws for disorderly conduct.
- E) CJOC 5.2 - Makes theft of a motor vehicle assessed at any value a felony.
- F) CJOC 6 - Creates diversion agreement program for certain drug offenses.

Attachments: Draft Legislation: CJOC 2.2, CJOC 3.2, CJOC 4, CJOC 1.2, CJOC 5.2, CJOC 6, Draft Legislation Decision Points

<b>PRESENTER</b>	<i>Pam Purinton</i>
<b>NOTES / OUTCOME:</b>	No updates

<b>TOPIC # 2 - Continued from prior Meetings</b>	<b>9:30</b> Continued review of changes to bills MLCT supports or opposes that the committee recommended to Council for general support.
<b>PRESENTER</b>	
<b>NOTES / OUTCOME:</b>	no updates

<b>TOPIC # 3 - Continued from prior Meetings</b>	<b>10:15</b> Discussion of what topic areas committee members may individually be interested in tracking
<b>PRESENTER</b>	<i>All members</i> – Public Safety bills, Local government control Kendra – Housing, property tax, local option tax Roy – Land use, housing, property rights, meth reporting, property tax Danny – Human services, appropriations, diversion programs, housing, recommended fastdemocracy.com to track bills. Pam – Local government bills, housing, judicial, Tom – economic development, this session bills.
<b>NOTES / OUTCOME:</b>	Pam - landlord issues Tom - parks, recreation & trails focus Roy - meth property contamination (Larry Brewster)

<b>TOPIC # 4</b>	<b>15:35</b> Others entities' positions on Legislation that impact the City
<b>PRESENTER</b>	Steve Simonson from Billings Association of Realtors
<b>NOTES / OUTCOME:</b>	BAR priorities: Affordable Housing - reducing regulatory costs, 3D printing Workforce development Builder incentives for starter homes Land trust as a tool

<b>TOPIC # 5</b>	<b>35:30</b> Others entities' positions on Legislation that impact the City
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<b>PRESENTER</b>	Chris Kukulski - legislative priorities of MT Infrastructure Coalition
<b>NOTES / OUTCOME:</b>	Kukulski update from Infrastructure Coalition investments in data collection & educating legislators

<b>TOPIC # 6</b>	<b>38:25</b> Others entities' positions on Legislation that impact the City
<b>PRESENTER</b>	Chris Kukulski - review a draft resolution of legislative support for Council to adopt in January.
<b>NOTES / OUTCOME:</b>	<b>44:16</b> Kendra - motion to recommend council approve Tom - second Vote: all in favor

<b>TOPIC # 7</b>	<b>44:49</b> Items to add to next or future meeting agenda
<b>PRESENTER</b>	<i>Roy Neese</i>
<b>NOTES / OUTCOME:</b>	Groups to invite: Chamber Commerce School Board Member BSEDA Amy G. County Commissioners  Danny: proposed legislation (traffic cams, local governance, revenue estimates)

<b>Public Comment</b>	<b>52:40</b> Mike Yakawich - no comment
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<b>Adjourn 5:00 PM</b>	<b>54:37</b>
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Note: Meetings through the end of the Legislature session will be 2nd and 4th Wednesdays from 4-5pm.