

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
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Approve minutes	8:40 Approve minutes from November 9, 23 and 30.
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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
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PRESENTER	<i>Pam Purinton</i>
NOTES / OUTCOME:	No updates

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

TOPIC # 3 - Continued from prior Meetings	10:15 Discussion of what topic areas committee members may individually be interested in tracking
PRESENTER	<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.
NOTES / OUTCOME:	Pam - landlord issues Tom - parks, recreation & trails focus Roy - meth property contamination (Larry Brewster)

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

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

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

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

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