

Council Legislative Committee

DATE: Wednesday, January 11, 2022

TIME: 4:00 PM

PLACE: City Hall Conference Room

210 N. 27th Street, Billings, MT

ATTENDANCE:

Mayor/Council: X Kendra Shaw – Ward 1; X Roy Neese – Ward 2; X Danny Choriki – Ward 3 X Pam Purinton – Ward 4; X Tom Rupsis – Ward 5

Staff: Chris Kukulski, Wyeth Friday

ADJOURN TIME:

Agenda

PUBLIC COMMENT

1:52 (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)

Pam Ellis - 2000 Outlook Drive (city & county district appointees) HB35

Approve minutes

Approve minutes from December 14.

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

6:58 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

PRESENTER

Pam Purinton

NOTES / OUTCOME:	<p>Updates:</p> <p>HB112 - strengthen privacy protection of human trafficking survivors</p> <p>SB89 - pre-trial diversion (state fund 3 pilot programs)</p> <p>HB174 - jail rates (increase rates)/definition of "actual cost"</p> <p>SB94 - sober living house bill (lots of opponents in judiciary committee)</p> <p>SB11 - data collection across the state</p> <p>SB12 - ordinance requiring city provides public defenders (came out of committee today)</p>
-------------------------	---

Addition - **16:09 Wyeth Friday** update on Governor's Housing Task Force

Local zoning regulations to meet Coal Trust Loan Awards

Senator Hertz - bill to allow ADUs by right everywhere (likely to come soon)

Land use bill ideas from legislature: expedite subdivision regulations, variances, government regulation & oversight, prioritizing infill, infrastructure cost-share, use of TIF, building code, ADUs, short-term rentals

SB142 - impact fees charged at state level

TOPIC # 2 - Continued from prior Meetings	32:50 Continued review of changes to bills MLCT supports or opposes that the committee recommended to Council for general support.
PRESENTER	<i>Chris Kukulski</i>
NOTES / OUTCOME:	HB35 - city & county district appointees SB105

TOPIC # 3 - Continued from prior Meetings	36:19 Discussion of what topic areas committee members may individually be interested in tracking
PRESENTER	<p><i>All members</i> – Public Safety bills, Local government control</p> <p>Kendra – Housing, property tax, local option tax</p> <p>Roy – Land use, housing, property rights, meth reporting, property tax</p> <p>Danny – Human services, appropriations, diversion programs, housing, recommended fastdemocracy.com to track bills.</p> <p>Pam – Local government bills, housing, judicial</p> <p>Tom – economic development</p>
NOTES / OUTCOME:	Brewster - bill on meth reporting (meth used in a house has to be reported)

TOPIC # 4	37:02 Others entities' positions on Legislation that impact the City
PRESENTER	Chris Kukulski - legislative priorities of MT Infrastructure Coalition

NOTES / OUTCOME:	Montana Infrastructure Coalition - educating legislators about infrastructure funding Don Jones - will update with county bills next meeting
-------------------------	---

TOPIC # 5	41:30 Update from the city's lobbyist
PRESENTER	Chris Kukulski - Zoom meeting
NOTES / OUTCOME:	Lobbyist meetings with city scheduled through January Compilation of bills to be pushed out next week for approval/questions Schedule meeting with lobbyists for council work session CM Choriki - questions about Medicaid reimbursement legislation

TOPIC # 6	49:23 Review of current legislation and the City's position (info such as the bill reference, who is testifying when and a summary/rational). Review and forward recommendation to City Council.
PRESENTER	<i>Chris Kukulski</i>
NOTES / OUTCOME:	Informing council when staff is testifying Formal council sign-off on public safety bill resolution

Addition - **52:00** Choriki (city resolution on restoring local government control to ban single-use plastics)
Local control - red light legislation (focus on all issues related to traffic accidents)

TOPIC # 7	1:00:07 Items to add to next or future meeting agenda
PRESENTER	Roy Neese
NOTES / OUTCOME:	Add Commissioner Jones to future agenda to update on county bills Add City Finance Add Chamber of Commerce Dates for legislative lunches: January 19, Feb 2, Feb 16, March 2, March 16, March 30, April 13 (Room 208 Liberal Arts Building, MSUB) @ noon

Public Comment	1:04:41 Pam Ellis - opportunity to eliminate water district this legislative session (must be dissolved at state level)
-----------------------	---

Adjourn by 5:00 PM	1:07:05
---------------------------	----------------

Note: Meetings through the end of the Legislature session will be 2nd and 4th Wednesdays from 4-5pm.

