

Council Legislative Committee

DATE: Friday, January 20, 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; Danny Choriki – Ward 3
X Pam Purinton – Ward 4; X Tom Rupsis – Ward 5

Staff: Chris Kukulsi, Wyeth Friday

ADJOURN TIME: 1:15:32

Agenda

PUBLIC COMMENT

00:45 (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)

TOPIC # 1 –

00:57 Modify rules of LC to weekly meeting and allow presiding officer to call a meeting regarding pending legislation

PRESENTER

Roy Neese

**NOTES /
OUTCOME:**

* “When the legislature is in session meetings shall be held weekly on Wednesdays at 4pm. When the legislature is not in session meetings shall be held the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 4pm.”

Motion: CM Rupsis, seconded by CM Purinton
Unanimous approval

* Strike last sentence in 3.MEETINGS beginning: "these should be sent no later than noon..."

11:16 Motion: CM Neese, seconded by CM Purinton
Unanimous approval

TOPIC # 2 -

11:44 Review, discuss and formulate recommendation to council on current bills in the legislature – HB35, SB145, and others

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| PRESENTER | |
| NOTES / OUTCOME: | <p>HB35 - water district salaries may be paid - optional Change city/county appointees from voting members to non-voting members Removes requirement for district to “approve” city appointee</p> <p>24:51 SB145 - Portion of tourism bed tax reallocated for property tax relief (estimated \$3million to Billings, about 13-14 mills net tax relief per taxpayer) Introduced in committee</p> <p>31:45 Larry Brewster - proposed bill on dissolving water districts that exist 70% within city limits Action: CM Neese to followup with Larry Brewster</p> <p>43:15 - Criminal justice bills (HB38, SB19, SB89, SB94, SB95, SB96) Review other public safety bills LC1387 - revise subdivision review process (monitor)</p> <p>53:11 SB195 - exempt faith-based organizations from certain building codes (intent - temporary overnight housing) HB191 & HB278 - removal of class D certification from trash haulers (intent - make trash hauling industry more competitive) - need to hear from Director Meling</p> <p>1:01:34 LC3388 “tax relief through tourism” - 4% tax on prepared food, lodging, and short-term rentals. 90% of the collection goes to tax relief. 10% to grant program for rural infrastructure (Montana poll: 70% approval)</p> <p>1:11:11 SB89 - pretrial diversion pilot program SB12 - municipality picks up cost of public defenders SB94 - recovery residences (city in support) Missing persons bills HB18</p> |

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| TOPIC # 3 | Request by legislature to provided recommendations to legislature on water district bills. |
| | <i>Pam Purinton</i> |
| NOTES / OUTCOME: | |

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| TOPIC # 4 | Items to add to next or future meeting agenda |
| PRESENTER | <i>Roy Neese</i> |
| NOTES / OUTCOME: | |

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| Public Comment | |
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| Adjourn by 5:00 PM | 1:15:32 |
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