

# Council Legislative Committee

**DATE: Wednesday, May 10, 2023**

**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 Kukulski, Wyeth Friday

**Public:** Bill Cole

## Agenda

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**00:50** (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)

<b>TOPIC # 1</b>	<b>1:21</b> Document lessons learned for next session’s committee and future meetings focus.
<b>PRESENTER</b>	<i>CM Neese</i>
<b>NOTES / OUTCOME:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Find ways to achieve continuity across sessions with committee members - consider changing the resolution</li> <li>*Start a tracking spreadsheet at beginning of session; shared document</li> <li>*Continue evaluating whether or not to support the league’s goals &amp; priorities</li> <li>*Recommend evaluating Infrastructure Coalition priorities</li> <li>*Find ways to work with legislators during interim to develop bills and find sponsors to address city issues</li> <li>*Refine communication with lobbyists on bill tracking &amp; integration</li> <li>*Consider updating bylaws to allow council members to vote on bills via email or text</li> <li>*Collect contact information for Billings’ legislators at beginning and distribute to committee members (order booklet from state)</li> <li>*Right after election, have a meeting with elected legislators to discuss main city priorities</li> </ul>

<b>TOPIC # 2</b>	<b>19:51</b> Set Recap with Aimee & Steve (June 14 meeting)
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<b>PRESENTER</b>	<i>CA Kulkulski</i>
<b>NOTES / OUTCOME:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Council members need to make sure to identify if they are giving a different message than the city's official position</li> <li>*Homework this summer-fall to identify legislators who will run again/run for office</li> <li>*Big disconnect between local government and state government</li> <li>*Disconnect on property taxes - where they go/how they're assessed</li> <li>*Win: Yakawich's bill HB534 passing with lobbyists' help</li> <li>*Massive changes to interim committees - not bipartisan, new bill passed to make them "representative of legislature"</li> <li>*Redistricting - shifted boundaries for next session in house &amp; senate</li> <li>*Local legislators in positions of power (chairing committees) this session - high probability they'll be in same situation next session/work to grow relationships</li> <li>*Work out time for lobbyist to present to full council during the session (preferably transmittal break &amp; end of session)</li> </ul>

<b>TOPIC # 3</b>	<b>43:05</b> Review impacts for city on passed bills and develop report to Council
	<i>CA Kulkulski</i>
<b>NOTES / OUTCOME:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Review league's analysis &amp; create report for council</li> <li>*60-90 day window to produce list of ramifications for local government/the city</li> <li>*Evaluate additional staff resources needed to implement new changes/laws</li> </ul>

<b>TOPIC # 4</b>	<b>50:59</b> Rules change to hold meeting to monthly starting in May
	<i>CM Neese</i>
<b>NOTES / OUTCOME:</b>	*Do not need to change from 1/25/2023 adopted rule change

<b>Public Comment</b>	<b>56:05</b>
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<b>Adjourn by 5:00 PM</b>	<b>59:19</b>
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