

# Council Legislative & Local Affairs Committee

**DATE: Wednesday, February 14th, 2024 - TIME: 4:00 PM**

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

**ATTENDANCE:**

**Mayor/Council:** ☐ Kendra Shaw – Ward 1; ☐ Roy Neese – Ward 2; ☐ Denise Joy – Ward 3;  
☐ Mike Boyett – Ward 5

**Staff:**

**Public:**

## **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)

### **TOPIC # 1 -**

Election of Chair with new committee members

**CM Neese**

**NOTES / OUTCOME:**

### **TOPIC # 2**

Updated bylaws to reflect the Legislative & Local Affairs Committee rules.

**CM Neese**

Please review draft amendments and be prepared to make changes or adopt.

**NOTES / OUTCOME:**

### **TOPIC # 3**

Local labor

**CM Joy**

Discussion on including local labor law terms in city contracts.

**NOTES / OUTCOME:**

### **TOPIC # 4**

Short term holding facility

**CM Shaw**

**NOTES / OUTCOME:**

<b>TOPIC # 5 – Ongoing business</b>	<p>Update and discuss and plans of action on these State Legislative issues.</p> <p><u>Public Safety bills to revive:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Theft laws (SB96)</li> <li>*Pre-trial diversion</li> </ul> <p><u>Public Safety concerns for future:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*OPD funding beyond the current biennium</li> <li>*Opposition to funding public defenders at local level</li> <li>*Family Justice Center - bill to define as “best practice” for state</li> <li>*Request state provide another DCI and/or DVI investigator</li> <li>*State legislative committee needs to study court communication</li> </ul> <p><u>Action items for city legislative committee:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Study &amp; expand capacity of mental health system</li> <li>*Look at other state’s incentive programs to encourage cities to support community-building programs like church, education etc..</li> </ul> <p><i>Economic Tools</i></p> <p><u>Action items for city legislative committee:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Participate - send committee member or lobbyist to interim local government committee &amp; law and justice</li> </ul> <p><i>Land Use &amp; Housing</i></p> <p><u>Action items for city legislative committee:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Participate - send committee member or lobbyist to local government interim committee input on SB382</li> <li>*Planning director meeting with legislators on three TIFs in Billings</li> </ul> <p><u>Additional public safety items from the December 4<sup>th</sup> Council Work Session.</u></p> <p>Youth Court</p> <p>Issues to Bonding (i.e. no-money bonds and bonds by PFA victims.</p> <p>Issues with data across agencies (not just state-level issue...e.g., BPD)</p> <p>Go forward plan is to establish goals/objectives with staff and council and bring suggested legislative changes by this committed to Council in early 2024. Determine if there is alignment on the Council to pursue recommended changes. Once confirmed with Council work will start with School, County, Legislators, etc. to have policy/bills established.</p>
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<b>Public Comment</b>	
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<b>Adjourn by 5:00 PM</b>	
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