

Council Committee
(Legislative and Local Affairs)

DATE: March 13th, 2024
TIME: 4pm
PLACE: City Hall Conference Room

ATTENDANCE: Kendra Shaw, Mike Boyett, Roy Neese, Bill Cole,
Mayor/Council:

Staff: Gine Dahl, Kevin Iffland, Chris Kukulski, Jessica Fust

Steve Simonson, Ryle McCauley, Dan Brooks

ADJOURN TIME: PM5:04

Agenda

PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY ITEM: Steve Simonson thanked Tom Rupsis for the Grant work on the Land Trust Subdivision presentation. Dan Brooks stated that the County Commissioners has accepted the letter sent to them from the city of Billings for the construction of a temporary holding facility.

TOPIC #1	Election of new secretary/record keeper
PRESENTER	Kendra Shaw
NOTES/OUTCOME	Mike Boyett was elected.

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▪ **Public Comment:**

TOPIC #2	Legislative issues
PRESENTER	Kendra Shaw

NOTES/OUTCOME	The committee did express interest in electronic traffic issues and will pursue this topic.
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▪ **Public Comment:**

TOPIC #3	SD2 Public Safety
PRESENTER	
NOTES/OUTCOME	The committee will work with Dr. Garcia to show our support for the school bond. Mike Boyett was asked to visit Dr. Garcia to see how each council member themselves can help, understanding that the city itself can only provide education and not support. The public will vote on May 7 th .

▪ **Public Comment:**

TOPIC #4	Legislative priorities
PRESENTER	

NOTES/OUTCOME	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 2023 priority is: safeschoolsbillings.org 2. Youth and guns. Change legislation that is old concerning a youth possessing a gun, Misdemeanor vs Felony vs a stolen gun 3. Youth can drop out of school at 16 vs 18 years of age. 4. Communicate with Amy Germallis Shanight is our legislative lobbyist. 5. Determine if our massage parole issues are working or not. 6. Monitor SB 382 7. Monitor HB 301, Gun and drug penalties 8. Monitor SB 96 9. Look at the current laws concerning theft. 10. Look at the Heights Water Board concerning merging with the city. 11. Park dedication, concerning the 10% land vs Cash 12. Look at our Infill Policy
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▪ **Public Comment:**

TOPIC #5	Contract updates
PRESENTER	Gina Dahl
NOTES/OUTCOME	Gina stated that the State of Montana requires preference for Montana workers. We cannot only require City of Billings or Yellowstone County works, rather workers from Montana. We can also ask but not require that companies offer apprenticeship programs.

▪ **Public Comment:**