

Council Legislative & Local Affairs Committee

DATE: Wednesday, April 17, 2024 - TIME: 4:00 PM

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

Committee Attendance:

Kendra Shaw – Ward 1

Denise Joy – Ward 3

Mike Boyett – Ward 5

Mayor Bill Cole

Staff: Chris Kukulski, Jessica Fust Amy Grmoljiz by phone

Public: Ryle Mc Cauley, Dan Brooks

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)

Dan Brooks wished to state that Home Front will before a city council in the future to conduct a presentation about their goals and issues.

TOPIC # 1

Update from Amy G. (city lobbyist in Helena) - *if available*

NOTES / OUTCOME:

Amy asked that we wait until after the May elections to see who will be representing the county and state before going forward. She would like us to look at the following:

How to prepare for what will be our priorities for the next coming legislature
We need to listen to current legislative discussions.

We will be sent links concerning agenda items such as TIFs,

We should listen to the Governor’s Task Force meetings through June

Our priorities may or may not be the same as what the legislative committees are thinking

TOPIC # 2

Review prevailing wage/hiring preference resolution or ordinance

	<p>Ryle McCauley presented a proposal for a resolution concerning labor standards and salaries.</p> <p>He will be coming forward with language about TIF requirements being the same as other city contracts. Dan Brooks then said he would like to look at the costs associated if this resolution language was included in city TIF contracts.</p>
NOTES / OUTCOME:	

TOPIC # 3	Marijuana Regulation - city priorities for upcoming legislative session
NOTES / OUTCOME:	<p>We would like the legislature to look at the High Potency THC. We know that there are only four Medical MJ dispensaries in Billings and no recreational dispensaries in the city limits. Our real goal would be to start a discussion concerning this problem. Issues at hand:</p> <p>We are not sure that we the city can regulate THC.</p> <p>We are not sure what the dispensaries in Billings are currently selling.</p> <p>Bill Cole will investigate what we can and cannot do.</p> <p>This would be a symbolic gesture.</p> <p>Finally, the council should have more discussion to determine what if anything we should do.</p>

TOPIC # 4 -	<p><u>Ongoing business:</u></p> <p>Legislative priorities</p> <p>Legislators to invite to committee.</p> <p>Future Agenda topics</p>
NOTES / OUTCOME:	<p>We need to look at Drones as the legislature may look at banning Chinese Drones</p> <p>We will invite Denise Baum to talk about the traffic camera situation.</p> <p>We will look at the mental health founding from Chief Jason Banfield</p> <p>We need Bill Mercer to look at the Youth Court Act</p> <p>We need the MOU from the county concerning the short-term holding facility prior to May 13th.</p> <p>KOA property to help with the walking path connecting the sections along Garden Ave and Yellowstone Campground.</p>

Public Comment	
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