

Council Committee
Legislative & Local Affairs

DATE: Wednesday, January 22, 2025
TIME: 4:00 PM
PLACE: Rimrock Room
316 N. 26th Street
Billings, MT

Mayor/Council: Kendra Shaw, Roy Neese, Mike Boyett

Staff: Gina Dahl, Wyeth Friday, Jessica Fust, Ben Halverson and Cris Kukulski

ADJOURN TIME: 5:00

Minutes

PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY AGENDA OR NON-AGENDA ITEM (3 Min.)

TOPIC #1	Ben Halverson - Public Safety Bills
NOTES/OUTCOME	<p>HB 191 had its first hearing and Ben stated it went well. It is now out of committee. This bill concerns separate criminal offenses involving children. Ben said there was no opposition.</p> <p>We will monitor.</p> <p>Bill Mercer is working on a bill similar to LC 1593 concerning the definition of physical force and bodily injury.</p> <p>We will continue to monitor for this bill.</p> <p>HB 2</p> <p>We will monitor this bill as to our concern about victim funding. Currently we receive \$120,000 a year from the state/feds. We are concerned that we may lose the funding for family victims if passed.</p> <p>Brodies Law is not in bill draft as this time.</p> <p>Our concerns are that funding may go from the YWCA program for family violence to civil issues. This has the potential of hurting our interests.</p> <p>We will continue to monitor.</p>

TOPIC #2	Meeting Schedule for next few weeks
NOTES/OUTCOME	<p>We will continue to meet on a weekly basis with the option of concealing with emails to the people involved.</p> <p>If cancelled, a notice will be posted on the front door of city hall and on the city website.</p>

TOPIC #3	BILLS, BILLS, BILLS
NOTES/OUTCOME	<p>Wyeth said our weekly report from Crowley was not updated. He and Jessica will follow up to see that it is.</p> <p>SB 117. We are not sure how to proceed and need more information. Mike Boyett will contact Mike Yakawich one of our local representatives in Helena to see what he thinks. This bill may not affect Billings, but we also what to help other cities.</p> <p>SB 146 We will oppose</p> <p>HB 232 We will monitor</p> <p>SB 121 We will monitor</p> <p>LOC 1861 This is new, and concerns manufactured homes being able to be place anywhere in the city regardless of zoning. We will monitor</p> <p>Mike Boyett will contact Mike Yakawich to see his thoughts about raising the municipal courts authority from \$25,000 to something higher. Mr. Yakawich was responsible for the increase we currently have. We also need more information from our local court to determine if this increase is needed.</p> <p>HB 208 Support</p> <p>HB 34 Support</p>

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TOPIC #4	Topics of General Discussion/Topics for Future Agendas
NOTES/OUTCOME	