

# Council Legislative Committee

DATE: Wednesday, Dec 13th, 2023 - 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;  Danny Choriki – Ward 3  
 TBD – Ward 4;  Tom Rupsis – 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 –**

Update and discuss and plans of action on these State Legislative issues.

Public Safety bills to revive:

\*Theft laws (SB96)

\*Pre-trial diversion

Public Safety concerns for future:

\*OPD funding beyond the current biennium

\*Opposition to funding public defenders at local level

\*Family Justice Center - bill to define as “best practice” for state

\*Request state provide another DCI and/or DVI investigator

\*State legislative committee needs to study court communication

Action items for city legislative committee:

\*Study & expand capacity of mental health system

\*Look at other state’s incentive programs to encourage cities to support community-building programs like church, education etc..

*Economic Tools*

Action items for city legislative committee:

\*Participate - send committee member or lobbyist to interim local government committee & law and justice

*Land Use & Housing*

Action items for city legislative committee:

\*Participate - send committee member or lobbyist to local government interim committee input on SB382

\*Planning director meeting with legislators on three TIFs in Billings

Additional items from the December 4<sup>th</sup> Council Work Session on Public Safety.

**PRESENTER**

**NOTES / OUTCOME:**

### **TOPIC # 2 -**

League of City's meeting. There were several committee members that attended the League of City's meetings in Helena. Are there any issues this committee can be involved with?

<b>Those in attendance</b>	
<b>NOTES / OUTCOME:</b>	

<b>TOPIC # 3</b>	Meeting January 10, 2024
<b>Chair</b>	<i>Election of Chair with new committee members, Updated bylaws to reflect the Legislative &amp; Local Affairs Committee rules.</i>
<b>NOTES / OUTCOME:</b>	

<b>Public Comment</b>	
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<b>Adjourn by 5:00 PM</b>	
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