

Billings City Administration Weekly Report

April 12, 2019

1) Legislative Update – also see attached Crowley Fleck report

- a. **HB 773** – shifts costs from the State to local government for the Office of Public Defender. With much effort by MLCT and MACo, this bill was turned into a study bill and then sent to Senate Finance, where proponents asked that the bill move forward without amendments. Senate Finance, however, amended the bill modifying how the task force will be staffed, committee members and reporting. Notably, the Committee also added an amendment that would fund OPD through a fixed percentage reduction of the entitlement share amounting to about \$180,000. A fixed percentage for the local government contribution would not take effect until 2021. The entitlement share reduction for the City of Billings as amended would be \$19,495. MLCT is actively trying to kill this bill and has asked for our assistance to do so. Expect this will go to the Senate floor Saturday or Monday. Please call local delegation members and ask them to vote this bill down.
- b. **HB 749** – I testified in favor of Rep. Zolnikov's human trafficking bill Thursday morning. Generally revise human trafficking laws, would give the city authorization to check license compliance in spa/massage businesses. It also establishes a 2-person human trafficking task force in the Department of Justice. The bill sailed through the House and had a hearing in the Senate Judiciary Committee yesterday. The bill passed in executive action this morning 7-3.
- c. **SB 147** – the human trafficking bill carried by Sen. Margie MacDonald passed Appropriations by a vote of 21-1. This will go back to the House floor final votes.
- d. **SB 160** - Current estimates from the Montana Municipal Interlocal Authority (MMIA) estimate that the bill will increase the City's costs by over \$750,000 annually. It will return to the Senate for concurrence with the House amendments today on 2nd reading.
- e. **HB 325 & 357** - Billings, along with the MLCT, MACo, School Board Superintendents and School Boards opposed HB 325 & 357. The bills are in the process of being sent to the Governor for signature. The Governor has been asked to veto the bill. The amendatory veto language being proposed to HB 325 would preserve the authority of local governments to regulate certain firearms in public spaces, as well as preserve school districts' ability to control conduct and activities that occur in schools within their district; it would allow schools and local governments to continue regulating firearms.

2) Board meetings

- a. No board meetings this week.
- b. Next weeks:
 - i. West End Task Force – Tuesday April 16, 7:00pm Faith E Church

- ii. Rimrock Task Force – Wednesday April 17, 7:00pm Lillis Chapel St. Johns; I will be presenting the City's adopted goals and answering questions
- iii. Southside Task Force – Thursday 6:30pm St Vincent De Paul
- iv. Central/Terry Task Force – Thursday 7:00pm Bethlehem Lutheran

3) **City Council Agenda Memo Template** – Please review the attached memo template. The leadership team is considering changing all council memos to this new proposed template. We need your feedback. The goal is to efficiently, provide the Council and public with the critical information necessary to make an informed policy decision on items placed on the Council's agenda. Please let us know what you think in whatever format works best for you no later than April 26.

4) **Citizen Police Academy** – The 8-week course starts April 16 and runs through June 4. If you don't see me on Wednesday I may have shot myself in the foot. Slots are still available if you would like to join us. As Councilmembers, you are always welcome to come to any of the classes. I'll pass out the agenda for the 8 week course Monday night.

Have a great weekend



**CITY OF BILLINGS
2019 Montana Legislature
Weekly Abridged Session Report – April 10, 2019**

WEEKLY ABRIDGED SESSION REPORT

City of Billings
April 10, 2019

PLEASE NOTE: This is an abridged report which includes bills in the following categories: (1) bills which the City of Billings has taken a support or oppose position and which have survived transmittal or not yet reached its transmittal deadline; (2) bills of interest which the City of Billings has specifically requested to be included on this list; and (3) newly introduced bills that we are requesting the City of Billings to review and inform us of a position. A full report of every bill being tracked for the City of Billings is maintained at the offices of Crowley Fleck, PLLP and is available upon request.

City of Billings Bills with positions that have survived or not yet reached transmittal deadline

Bill Type - Number	LC Number	Primary Sponsor	Status	Status Date	Short Title	Position: Support; Monitor; Oppose
HB 16  	LC0131	Dave Fern (D) HD 5	(H) Conference Committee Appointed	04/09/2019	Establish affordable housing loan program	Support
HB 146  	LC1314	Kenneth L Holmlund (R) HD 38	(S) Scheduled for 3rd Reading	04/10/2019	Establish laws regarding sanctuary cities in Montana	Oppose
HB 192  	LC2899	Marilyn Ryan (D) HD 99	(H) Signed by Speaker	04/08/2019	Revise laws related to privacy in communications	Support
HB 218  	LC1297	Sue Vinton (R) HD 56	(S) Tabled in Committee -- (S) Education and Cultural Resources	04/08/2019	Generally revise laws related to career and technical education	Support
HB 232  	LC2402	Bill Mercer (R) HD 46	(S) Tabled in Committee -- (S) Taxation	03/12/2019	Revise assessment of taxes during condemnation proceedings	Oppose

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HB 236  	LC3012	Dave Fern (D) HD 5	(S) Tabled in Committee -- (S) Local Government	03/11/2019	Generally revise building code program laws	Support
HB 292  	LC0232	Barry Usher (R) HD 40	(S) Committee Report-- Bill Concurred -- (S) Finance and Claims	04/08/2019	Extend funding to Coal Board	Support
HB 295  	LC1296	Fred Anderson (R) HD 20	(S) Tabled in Committee -- (S) Finance and Claims	04/09/2019	Create grant program to encourage work-based learning	Support
HB 325  	LC2922	Matt Regier (R) HD 4	(H) Signed by Speaker	04/09/2019	Generally revise firearm laws	Oppose
HB 357  	LC2997	Matt Regier (R) HD 4	(H) Signed by Speaker	04/09/2019	Revise concealed carry laws	Oppose
HB 462  	LC3199	Tom Burnett (R) HD 67	(S) Tabled in Committee -- (S) Taxation	03/25/2019	Revise administration of tax increment financing districts	Oppose
HB 567  	LC1875	Derek Skees (R) HD 11	(S) Hearing -- (S) Finance and Claims	04/10/2019; 9:00 AM, Rm 317	Establish Montana school marshal program	Oppose
SB 2  	LC0125	Margaret (Margie) MacDonald (D) SD 26	Chapter Number Assigned	03/20/2019	Allow government accounting standards to include DOA framework	Support
SB 24  	LC0154	Terry Gauthier (R) SD 40	(H) Committee Executive Action--Bill Concurred -- (H) Fish, Wildlife and Parks	04/09/2019	Increase optional light motor vehicle registration fee for parks and recreation	Support

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SB 147  	LC1029	Margaret (Margie) MacDonald (D) SD 26	(H) Hearing -- (H) Appropriations	04/10/2019; 3:00 PM, Rm 102	Revising laws concerning human trafficking and sex crimes to protect victims	Support
SB 160  	LC1077	Nate McConnell (D) SD 48	(H) Returned to Senate with Amendments	04/08/2019	Provide workers' compensation for presumptive diseases of firefighters	Oppose
SB 164  	LC1472	Fred Thomas (R) SD 44	(H) Tabled in Committee -- (H) Education	04/01/2019	Generally revise school safety laws	Oppose
SB 254  	LC3240	Diane Sands (D) SD 49	(H) Returned to Senate with Amendments	04/08/2019	Revise laws regarding chief municipal judges	Support
SB 276  	LC0690	Roger Webb (R) SD 23	(S) Sent to Enrolling	04/09/2019	Revise laws related to condos and townhouses	Bill would be acceptable if amendments are added
SB 300  	LC2998	Kenneth Bogner (R) SD 19	(S) Scheduled for 2nd Reading	04/10/2019	Generally revise property laws to protect property rights	Oppose

**City of Billings
Bills of interest**

Bill Draft No. (LC No.)	Request Date	Primary Sponsor	Status	Status Date	Short Title	Position: Support; Monitor; Oppose
HB 299  	LC2936	Jasmine Krotkov (D) HD 25	Chapter Number Assigned	04/01/2019	Generally revising laws related to improvement district bonds	Monitor
SB 48  	LC0440	Tom Richmond (R) SD 28	(S) Returned from Enrolling	04/05/2019	Revise variances to water quality standards	Monitor
LC0181	08/24/2018	Terry Gauthier (R) SD 40	(C) Draft On Hold	11/07/2018	Generally revise human trafficking and child exploitation laws	CoB's CM not in favor, but hasn't seen specific language yet
LC1082	11/12/2018	Mary Caferro (D) HD 81	(C) Draft On Hold	03/23/2019	Revise employment leave laws for certain paid, unpaid situations	Monitor
LC1168  	11/13/2018	Jill Cohenour (D) SD 42	(C) Draft Delivered to Requester	02/15/2019	Generally revise zoning laws	Oppose
LC1173  	11/13/2018	Jill Cohenour (D) SD 42	(C) Draft Ready for Delivery	02/09/2019	Generally revise subdivision and plating laws	Oppose
LC1550	11/26/2018	Daniel Zolnikov (R) HD 45	(C) Draft On Hold	12/06/2018	Generally revise human trafficking laws	Similar to 1029...Billings CM supports this bill
LC1685  	11/28/2018	Janet Ellis (D) SD 41	(C) Draft Delivered to Requester	01/09/2019	Clarify that local governments can issue bonds for street maintenance projects	Support

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LC1893	12/03/2018	Derek Skees (R) HD 11	(C) Draft On Hold	12/06/2018	Revise TIF laws regarding use of tax increments	Monitor
LC2417	12/05/2018	Gordon Vance (R) SD 34	(C) Draft On Hold	12/07/2018	Prohibit housing provisions in land use regulations	Monitor
LC3087  	01/07/2019	Jason W Ellsworth (R) SD 43	(C) Draft Ready for Delivery	02/07/2019	Create fairness in subdivision exemption law	Monitor; Oppose as written
LC3088	01/07/2019	Jason W Ellsworth (R) SD 43	(C) Draft On Hold	01/07/2019	Objective review of subdivision exemptions	Monitor; Oppose as written

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Newly introduced bills that we are requesting the City of Billings to review and inform us of a position

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HB 652  	LC2785	Mike Hopkins (R) HD 92	(S) Hearing -- (S) Finance and Claims	04/02/2019; 8:00 AM, Rm 317	Revise the long range building bonding program	
HB 656  	LC1861	Joel G Krautter (R) HD 35	(S) Hearing -- (S) Taxation	04/10/2019; 9:00 AM, Rm 405	Generally revise oil and gas tax and distribution laws	
HB 718  	LC1516	Robert Farris-Olsen (D) HD 79	(H) Missed Deadline for	04/01/2019	Generally revise domestic violence protections	

Bill Draft No. (LC No.)	Request Date	Primary Sponsor	Status	Status Date	Short Title	Position: Support; Monitor; Oppose
			Revenue Bill Transmittal*			
HB 730  	LC1598	Lola Sheldon-Galloway (R) HD 22	(H) Missed Deadline for Revenue Bill Transmittal*	04/01/2019	Increase penalties for certain crimes committed against a pregnant woman	
HB 749  	LC0043	Daniel Zolnikov (R) HD 45	(S) Hearing -- (S) Judiciary	04/11/2019; 9:00 AM, Rm 303	Generally revise human trafficking laws	
SB 307  	LC0518	Jeffrey W Welborn (R) SD 36	(H) 2nd Reading Concur Motion Failed*	04/05/2019	Generally revising alternative project delivery laws	
SB 324  	LC1219	Tom Jacobson (D) SD 11	(H) Hearing -- (H) Judiciary	04/11/2019; 8:00 AM, Rm 137	Revise definition of elder abuse	



Council Memorandum

REPORT TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: Staff Member; Supervisor; City Manager or Assistant City Manager (which ever oversees the department)

SUBJECT: Clearly define the subject matter. When working with agreements, contracts or easements please make sure that the subject title matches the title on the actual document.

MEETING DATE: month-day-full year (example: November 12, 2018)

AGENDA ITEM TYPE: List: Public Service Announcement, Consent, Special Presentation, Action or FYI.

RECOMMENDATION: Clearly define what you are asking the Council to do. This is the language that is used to form the Motion and Vote Language on the Agenda by the City Clerk. If you are asking for multiple motions, please list them separately. If you need assistance regarding the specific action the Commission must take, please do not hesitate to ask the City Clerk or the City Attorney for assistance.

BACKGROUND: Please give a brief summary of the project and the reason for the recommendations above. This memo is intended to be an overview. If the Council is being given all of the information that they need to make a decision in another document (such as an attached resolution, ordinance, conditions on a staff report, etc.) the memo must summarize that information. The memos are not only done for the edification of the Council but also for the education of the public and other staff and thus must be thorough. If there are any unresolved issues, please include them here.

ALTERNATIVES: Use this section to call out alternatives to the unresolved issues identified in the Background. If there are viable alternatives to the recommendation, those should also be included.

FISCAL EFFECTS: Please make sure that this area is filled out and verified by the Department head prior to submitting your materials to Agenda Manager. This area should address your CURRENT budget for revenues and expenditures and how the recommendation would affect it. If your recommendation affects future budgets, that needs to be clearly stated. If you don't have current budget authority to support the recommendation, that needs to be clearly stated and a funding plan outlined.

Attachments:

Report compiled on: