

Memorandum

REPORT TO: Study Commission

FROM: Mike Maas, Ex Officio

SUBJECT: Public Hearing for the Purpose of Gathering Information Regarding the Current Form, Functions, and Problems of Local Government

MEETING DATE: April 3, 2025

AGENDA ITEM TYPE: Citizen Advisory Board/Commission

RECOMMENDATION: Receive Information from the Community Regarding the Current Form, Functions, and Problems of Local Government

STRATEGIC PLAN: 1.2 Community Engagement: Broaden and deepen engagement of the community in city government, innovating methods for inviting input from the community and stakeholders.

BACKGROUND: The Study Commission of the City of Bozeman has set April 3 as their "kick-off" for "[t]he purpose of a study commission is to study the existing form and powers of a local government and procedures for delivery of local government services and compare them with other forms available under the laws of the state." ([MCA 7-3-172](#))

Following the initial public hearing, the Study Commission will compile a summary of issues raised that are in their purview and plan future education, events, and meetings to review the subjects raised.

On March 6, 2025, City Attorney, Greg Sullivan, provided an educational session to the Study Commission on the Bozeman Charter and Self-government powers. A [video](#) of that presentation is available, as well as the [slides](#) that were presented.

The Montana Local Government Center has provided additional guidance related to the scope and purview of the Study Commission and its local government review. Those materials are attached.

UNRESOLVED ISSUES: None identified

ALTERNATIVES: As per the Study Commission

FISCAL EFFECTS: None

Attachments:

[Timeline of Bozeman Study Commission.pdf](#)
[Red Light, Green Light.pdf](#)
[Misconceptions About VR--The Voter Review is NOT.pdf](#)
[VR Scope Quick Reference Guide.pdf](#)

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