

	IGR Staff	Department	Agenda Section	Issue	Explanation	Vote
1	Melissa	City Attorney	Public Safety	Extend sunset or make permanent Dept. of Public Safety pilot program for drivers who drive after cancellation, revocation, etc.	Existing program began in 2009 statewide, Minneapolis program just starting.	
2	Melissa	City Attorney	Public Safety	Amend Minn. Stat. 609.226 (harm caused by dog) to enhance the criminal penalties for injuries caused to animal control officers.	The safety of animal control officers is often placed in jeopardy. Recent cases involving dangerous dogs have highlighted this concern. While there is a provision in Minn. Stat. 609.2231 to enhance penalties for assault of animal control officers to a gross misdemeanor, this does not necessarily include injuries caused by negligent or intentional failure to keep a dog confined or under control.	
3	Melissa	City Attorney	Public Safety	Allow law enforcement to withhold data when access to the data would reveal the identity of a victim of or witness to a crime and the agency reasonably determines that revealing the identity of the victim or witness would threaten the personal safety or property of victims or witnesses in that case.	No statute that allows law enforcement to protect data after an investigation is closed, even if it threatens the safety of witnesses or victims. Witness or victim must request data be confidential.	
4	Melissa	City Attorney	Jobs and Economic Development	Amend eminent domain statute in response to MN Supreme Court decision holding that the fair market value of contaminated property in a condemnation proceeding is the value of the property as if the contamination had already been remediated.	Moorhead Development Authority v. Anda.	
5	Melissa	City Attorney	Public Safety	Amend statute to make clear that prosecutors have the authority to charge the listed offenses as gross misdemeanors.	Current language makes unclear the procedural mechanism the legislature intended for an enhanced prosecution to occur.	

6	Melissa	City Attorney	Public Safety	Create misdemeanor to refuse to submit to a chemical test, if a peace officer has lawfully placed a person under arrest for carrying a pistol in public while intoxicated.	Currently, it is a misdemeanor to carry a pistol in public while intoxicated; however, if the person refuses to submit to testing, he or she may only receive civil consequences (the permit may be revoked). Because of this discrepancy, there is no incentive for offenders to submit to chemical testing. This amendment would create an incentive to submit to testing and make the law more consistent.
7	Gene	City Clerk	Municipal Governance	Allow cities to require write-in candidates for municipal office to register ahead of time.	Already occurs for county and state-level candidates.
8	Gene	City Clerk	Municipal Governance	Allow local jurisdictions to combine precincts for municipal and state elections	Combining precincts currently allowed for school board and special elections.
9	Gene	City Clerk	Municipal Governance	Establishing Early Voting in Minnesota	Would take the place of in-person absentee voting and allow early voters and their ballots to be treated the same as Election Day voters
10	Melissa	Civil Rights/Council	Jobs and Economic Development	City support for mandated notification to job applicants of access to criminal background check reports, mandatory to provide if requested.	Public employers already required to share criminal background check information at the applicant's request. Item extends this requirement to private employers. Drafting new language regarding policies to reduce racial disparities.
11	Pierre	CPED	Municipal Governance	Variance language	Support legislation that gives cities greater authority and discretion to grant zoning variance to respond to the unique land use needs of particular communities.
12	Pierre/Gene	CPED	City Livability	60 DNL issue	Tied to lawsuit with MAC regarding sound insulation program.
13	Gene	CPED	Jobs and Economic Development	This Old House Program	5-year tax deferral on improvements made to houses built prior to 1960. Has been included in previous legislative agendas.

14	Gene	CPED	Jobs and Economic Development	Park Dedication Fee modification	Seek clarification that parkland dedication may be required outside of a platting/subdivision process and that a flat fee may be used for residential development. Has been included in previous legislative agendas.	
15	Melissa	Health	City Livability	Seek legislative action to create a statewide 3-year pilot project granting all county child mortality review panels the option to expand their scope to conduct juvenile and young adult (24 and younger) mortality review for deaths resulting from peer to peer violence.	Counties already required to conduct child mortality review panel when a minor dies in foster care, or from abuse or neglect. Item would allow counties to extend this review authority to young adult deaths.	
16	Melissa	Health	City Livability	Support increasing the statewide tobacco tax.	Policy both raises significant revenue and acts as a deterrent to unhealthy behaviors.	
17	Melissa	Health	City Livability	Support creating a wholesale level excise health impact fee or tax on sugar sweetened beverages.	Policy both raises significant revenue and acts as a deterrent to unhealthy behaviors.	
18	Pierre	Public Works	Environment	Container deposit/refund	Requiring all beverages sold in MN to have a redeemable deposit.	
19	Pierre	Public Works	Environment	Co-Composting Rulemaking	Establishing rules for the licensing of facilities to accept mixed co-compostable organic materials.	
20	Pierre	Public Works	Jobs and Economic Development	Allows cities to use Design-Build process for local project.	Authorizing all cities to use the design-build procedure and providing municipalities with broader authority to negotiate contracts. The design build authority was granted in statute in 2009 as a pilot program on a limited bases and limited scope. There may be an opportunity to broadened the existing authority or the scope of the pilot program in the upcoming legislative session. The City may also find an appropriate project and seek to participate in the pilot program.	
21	Pierre	Public Works/CAO/ Reg. Services	Municipal Governance	Assessment law, special benefit	Support revising the state law to clarify that the collection of unpaid service charges may be ordered without regard to valuation and is not subject to the special benefit rule.	

22	Melissa	Reg. Services	Public Safety	Establish a gross misdemeanor for assault against code enforcement officers while they are performing their duties. Currently, the penalty is a misdemeanor.	It is currently an enhanced criminal penalty (usually a gross misdemeanor) for someone to assault several types of public employees while they are "engaged in the performance of a duty imposed by law, policy, or rule." This amendment would add "code enforcement officers" to the existing statutory list.
23	Melissa	Reg. Services	Municipal Governance	Authority in State Building Code to enhance and enforce local green building regulations related to housing.	Allow the optional authority in the State Building Code for municipalities to enact and enforce the green building regulations of the International Green Construction Code (IGCC). This would allow municipalities the authority to enact and enforce local green building regulations as it relates to the built environment.
24	Pierre	Reg. Services	Municipal Governance	Expand the authority to impound unlicensed taxis and hold the vehicle for a period of time.	The City currently does not have the legal authority to ensure that the driver or vehicle owner is held responsible, and that the unlicensed vehicle is not released and allowed to operate in the same illegal manner in the future. Towing and impounding would ensure unlicensed and often unsafe vehicles are not used and that only properly licensed cabs are provided to the public.
25	Pierre	Reg. Services	Municipal Governance	Limit the exemption in 169.346, Subd. 3, which requires the dismissal of a parking violation or misuse of a disability parking certificate violation if the certificate holder or the vehicle owner comes in with a valid certificate, to use of permits less than 6 months old.	Current state law allows for simple dismissal of a ticket issued for violation of use of a disability parking certificate by production of such a valid certificate. Leads to abuse of the system.
26	Pierre	Reg. Services	Municipal Governance	Collection of Unpaid Citations	Allow for the collection of unpaid fines. Could include a lien on a vehicle that has multiple unpaid parking violations, place a deficiency claim on the owner of a vehicle with unpaid citations, or other measures that would force the payment of unpaid fines before a vehicle title can be sold or transferred or before a license can be renewed.