

	IGR Staff	Department	Agenda Section	Issue	Explanation
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	Create an affirmative defense of "claim of right," and remove the requirement that the state prove a defendant had no claim of right, contained in the trespassing prohibitions.	Defendant would be required to prove that s/he had no legitimate reason to be on the property of another.
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	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.
5	Melissa	Reg. Services	Public Safety	Traffic Control and Animal Control Officers considered 'peace officers' for criminal prosecution purposes.	Current law is a gross misdemeanor for animal control officers, but does not address injuries caused by negligent or intentional failure to keep a dog confined or under control. No statute regarding traffic control officers.
6	Pierre	City Attorney	Municipal Governance	Assessment law, special benefit	Support revising the 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
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 polling place flexibility so polls may be located 3 miles from the boundary of a precinct. Allow local jurisdictions to combine precincts for municipal and state	Combining precincts currently allowed for school board and special elections

9	Gene	City Clerk	Municipal Governance	Repeal requirement that ballots counted centrally by a ballot board shall be considered one precinct eligible to be selected for the purposes of the post election review of voting systems.	Creates an extraordinary and costly burden on Minneapolis if its very large absentee ballot "precinct" is chosen for a hand count review.
10	Gene	City Clerk	Municipal Governance	Allow in-person absentee voting ends on the Saturday rather than the Monday prior to Election Day.	Promotes accuracy in the processing of absentee ballots by increasing the amount of time available to process these ballots.
11	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 ballot to be treated the same as Election Day voters
12	Gene	City Clerk	Municipal Governance	Eliminate redundant voting equipment testing. Repeal requirement for election judges to compare the sample ballot to the electronic ballot display and audio ballot on assistive voting devices prior to the opening of the polls on Election Day.	This test is already performed as part of pre-election testing.
13	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
14	Gene	City Attorney	Municipal Governance	Charter Commission	
15	Melissa	Reg. Services	Municipal Governance	Massage therapists: Opposing legislation that would pre-empt the ability of cities to regulate massage therapy establishments. Support the provision of Chapter Law 146A and calls for legislation that would allow cities to prosecute violations of Chapter Law 146A. Has been included in previous legislative agendas.	Drafting a broader statement to oppose legislation that would pre-empt the ability of cities to regulate certain industries including massage therapy, tattoo and piercing establishment, and pawn shops.
16	Melissa	MPD	Municipal Governance	City recuperation for expenses related to public information requests	City allowed to charge per-page fees. Item refers to staff time involved in responding to requests.
17	Melissa	Reg. Services	Municipal Governance	Authority in State Building Code to enhance and enforce local green building regulations related to housing.	Local authority.
18	Pierre	Reg. Services	Municipal Governance	Expand the authority to impound unlicensed taxis and hold the vehicle for a period of time.	

19	Pierre	Reg. Services	Municipal Governance	Limit the exemption in 169.346, Subd. 3, which require the dismissal of a parking violation or misuse of 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.	
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20	Pierre	CPED	City Livability	60 DNL issue	Tied to lawsuit with MAC regarding sound insulation program
21	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 with a minor dies. Item would allow counties to extend this review authority to young adult deaths.
22	Melissa	Health	City Livability	Support proposals that improve access to mental health services for adolescents affected by youth violence.	Youth have significant mental health needs when they have been involved in or exposed to violence.
23	Melissa	Health	City Livability	Support increasing the statewide tobacco tax as well as a health impact fee or tax on sugar sweetened beverages.	Policy both raises significant revenue and acts as a deterrent to unhealthy behaviors.
24	Melissa	Health	City Livability	Support incentives and systems for K12 schools to adopt and expand Farm to School initiatives	Programs starting in many MPS schools.
25	Melissa	Health	City Livability	Encourage the State to launch a statewide system to support the adoption and long-term availability of EBT at farmers markets.	Technical tax and registration issues prevent smooth implementation. Some barriers are federal.
26	Pierre	Public Works	Environment	Container deposit/refund	Requiring all beverages sold in MN to have a redeemable deposit.
27	Pierre	Public Works	Environment	Co-Composting Rulemaking	Establishing rules for the licensing of facilities to accept mixed co-compostable organic materials.
28	Pierre	City Coordinator	Environment	Support research on insecticides used to treat emerald ash borer to determine effectiveness and impacts on human health and the environment.	Examination of health impacts, length of infestation.
29	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.
30	Gene	CPED	Jobs and Economic Development	Tax credit for improvements to locally designated properties	Similar to Historic Tax Credit. For income producing properties.

31	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
32	Gene	CPED	Jobs and Economic Development	State Low Income Housing Tax Credit	Mirror the federal LIHTC, similar to Historic Tax Credit.
33	Pierre	CPED	Jobs and Economic Development	Park Dedication Fee tweak	Seek clarification that parkland dedication may be required outside of a platting/subdivision process and that a fee may be used for residential development. Has been included in previous legislative agendas.
34	Melissa	Council	Jobs and Economic Development	City support for mandated notification to job applicants of access to criminal background check reports, mandatory to provide if asked	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.
35	Pierre	Public Works	Jobs and Economic Development	Allows cities to use Design-Build process for local project.	Other levels of government already have this authority.