



TO: Mayor
Members of the City Council

FROM: Alderman Scott Burlingame

DATE: 4/1/23

SUBJECT: MINOT COMMITTEE ON CHILDCARE REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

I. RECOMMENDED ACTION

- A. City Council make recommendations on its priorities and assign City Staff and the Childcare future action.

II. DEPARTMENT CONTACT PERSONS

Alderman Scott Burlingame

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III. DESCRIPTION

A. Background

The Minot Committee on Childcare was convened by the governing body on March 23rd, 2023, with a focused mandate: to address the pressing childcare crisis gripping the city. Tasked with investigating the multifaceted impacts of this crisis, the committee delved into critical areas affecting Childcare in Minot. Through 16 meetings, the committee engaged in a comprehensive exploration, examining challenges from various angles.

B. Proposed Project

Address Childcare Crisis: Improve access, affordability, and quality of childcare services.

Support Economic Development: Strengthen workforce participation and attract talent by ensuring reliable childcare infrastructure.

Enhance Quality of Life: Enable parents to pursue opportunities while ensuring children receive proper care and education.

Streamline Processes: Simplify licensing, provide financial assistance, and offer guidance to childcare providers.

C. Recommendation

The recommendations provided in this report are made without prioritizing and the Committee on Childcare is requesting guidance from the Council.

IV. IMPACT:

A. Fiscal Impact:

Impacts are contingent on how Council decides to move forward. Given the economic impact of this issue Council could consider providing funding from the Magic Fund. There are likely a couple of different ways to include this in the Magic Fund given the recent guideline changes. It could be funded as a Council priority or through an economic development partnership. Any inclusion of funding will alter the balance of funding distribution of the Magic Fund programs.

V. CITY COUNCIL ASPIRATIONS

Assists with the aspirations of Dynamic and Flourishing, and Resilient and Prepared.

VI. ALTERNATIVES

- A. Council could take action on some or all of the recommendations
- B. Council could table the matter
- C. Council could refine which of the findings are of interest and ask the committee to provide more detailed recommendations

VII. TIME CONSTRAINTS

There are no pressing time constraints for a decision of the Council.

VIII. LIST OF ATTACHMENTS

- A. Childcare Whitepage