

**The City of Lee's Summit**  
**Action Letter - Draft**  
**Legislative and Intergovernmental Relations Committee**

Monday, November 13, 2023

11:30 AM

Via Video Conference

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Notice is hereby given that the Legislative and Intergovernmental Relations Committee of the City of Lee's Summit will meet on Monday, November 13, 2023 at 11:30 am via video conference as provided by Section 2-50 of the City of Lee's Summit Code of Ordinances, adopted by the City Council on June 15, 2021, Ordinance No. 9172. Persons wishing to comment on any item of business on the agenda may do so by sending a request prior to 5:00 p.m. on Friday, November 10, 2023, to the City Clerk at [clerk@cityofls.net](mailto:clerk@cityofls.net) to attend the meeting on the video conferencing platform. The City Clerk will provide instructions regarding how to attend by this method. The meeting may be viewed on the City's website at [WatchLS.net](http://WatchLS.net), and on various cable providers (Spectrum Channel 2, AT&T U-Verse Channel 99 and Comcast Channel 7).

**1. Call to Order**

**\*\*There were some technical issues with broadcasting the meeting.**

Chairperson DeMoro called the meeting of the Legislative Intergovernmental Relations Committee to order at 11:40 a.m.

**2. Roll Call**

**Staff in attendance:**

**Brian Head**

**Jina Bellamy**

**Present:** 3 - Chairperson Fred DeMoro  
Vice Chair John Lovell  
Councilmember Mia Prier

**Absent:** 1 - Mayor Bill Baird

**3. Approval of Agenda**

**Councilmember Lovell made a motion to approve the Agenda for the November 13, 2023 Legislative and Intergovernmental Relations Committee meeting. Councilmember Prier seconded the motion. Motion passed with vote: 3-1 (Mayor Baird was absent).**

**Aye:** 3 - Chairperson DeMoro  
Vice Chair Lovell  
Councilmember Prier

**Absent:** 1 - Mayor Baird

**4. Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

## 5. Items for Discussion

- A. [2023-5944](#) Approval of the October 23, 2023 Legislative Intergovernmental Relations Committee Action Letter.

**Councilmember Prier made a motion to approve the October 23, 2023 Action Letter for the Legislative and Intergovernmental Relations Committee meeting. Councilmember Lovell Seconded the motion. Motion passed with vote 3-1 (Mayor Baird was absent).**

**Aye:** 3 - Chairperson DeMoro  
Vice Chair Lovell  
Councilmember Prier

**Absent:** 1 - Mayor Baird

- B. [2023-5839](#) Continued Discussion: Lobbyist RFP and Contract

At the previous meeting, the Committee asked Staff to do some further research regarding the candidate's application and requested to see a sample report.

Brian provided a sample report from the candidate prior to the meeting. Consensus of the Committee was they were happy with the level of detail provided.

Mayor Baird arrived at the meeting at 11:43 a.m.

The Committee also asked for clarification of "additional expenses" mentioned in the candidate's application. Brian informed the Committee that the candidate was used to being required to travel to conferences on behalf of some larger clients he works with. In the event that the City of Lee's Summit required him to attend a conference, there would be "additional expenses".

The Committee was also curious as to why the City only received one application and wanted Brian to ask our previous lobbyist for his thoughts.

Mr. Durham had two thoughts about that and explained that most lobbyists do not actively look for available jobs and instead go by word of mouth. The second thought could be that it was not well known that Mr. Durham would no longer be working with the City of Lee's Summit and therefore it was probably assumed that there wasn't a vacancy available.

After brief discussion, a motion was made.

**Councilmember Lovell made a motion to authorize the City Attorney to finalize negotiations with the applicant and move this item to the Council with a recommendation of approval. Mayor Baird seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.**

**Aye:** 4 - Chairperson DeMoro  
Vice Chair Lovell  
Councilmember Prier  
Mayor Baird

C. [2023-5958](#) Discussion of Potential Visit to the Capitol

Brian mentioned a few opportunities for the Committee:

1. The MML conference is February 20 and 21st, 2024.
2. The Chamber Legislative Group does a full day meeting later in the year if anyone is interested.

Mayor Baird mentioned that he will be scheduling visits on his own for Lee's Summit and we need to be thinking about what "asks" Lee's Summit has.

## 6. Roundtable

Mayor mentioned having a hard time setting a meeting with Congressman Graves regarding I-470 improvements and may reach out to Congressman Cleaver to assist.

It was Consensus of the Committee to cancel the December meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for January 8, 2024.

## 7. Adjournment

**Chairperson DeMoro adjourned the Legislative and Intergovernmental Relations Committee meeting at 12:06 p.m.**

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