



The City of Lee's Summit

Final Agenda

Legislative and Intergovernmental Relations Committee

Monday, October 21, 2019

6:00 PM

City Council Committee Room

City Hall

220 SE Green Street

Lee's Summit, MO 64063

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Public Comments
5. Business
 - A. [2019-3094](#) Approval of September 16, 2019, Legislative and Intergovernmental Relations Committee Action Letter
 - B. [2019-3095](#) Discussion on activity to build intergovernmental relations with neighboring municipalities.
Presenter: Councilmember Edson
 - C. [2019-3031](#) Continued Discussion of 2020 Legislative Priorities Brochure
Presenter: Brian W. Head, City Attorney
6. Roundtable
7. Adjournment

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Action Letter

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1. Call to Order

Chairperson Edson called the meeting of the Legislative Intergovernmental Relations Committee to order at 6:04 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Staff in Attendance

David Bushek

Brian Head

Jina Bellamy

Steve Arbo (left at 6:45 p.m.)

Present: 4 - Chairperson Phyllis Edson
Vice Chair Bob Johnson
Councilmember Rob Binney
Mayor Bill Baird

3. Approval of Agenda

Councilmember Bob Johnson made a motion to approve the Agenda, motion was seconded by Councilmember Binney. Vote was: 4-0. Motion passed.

4. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

5. Items for Discussion

A. [2019-3030](#) Discussion of Intergovernmental Efforts and Needs

Chairperson Edson started the conversation by stressing the importance of increasing our relationships/partnerships with other governmental jurisdictions. The Committee agrees that there is a need to have some groups created that could enhance relationships and be beneficial to several area communities with similar vested interests. The Committee would like to have more innovative opportunities/events where they meet with the Legislators more often than once a year. They also discussed current groups that meet and brainstormed ideas of what groups could be created from Eastern Jackson County and Northern Cass County with area municipalities that have shared highways to

discuss future economic development from a more project based perspective.

B. [2019-3031](#) Review and Discussion of 2020 Legislative Priorities Brochure

Brian Head gave a brief outline of the process for developing the priorities and handed out the previous brochure from 2018.

He mentioned the main focus this year will most likely be regarding taxes (franchise, internet sales, Jackson County assessments, taxes on streaming services, etc.)

The Committee decided they would review the draft document from 2018 and bring back suggested changes to the priorities to the next meeting. They did discuss briefly possibly changing the look and feel of the document to a one page document that would be quick to read and hold the Legislator's attention with a great first impression.

C. [2019-3032](#) Review and Discussion of Lobbyist Contract

Brian Head mentioned that there is one more year on the contract with our lobbyist. The plan is to do a RFP late in July/August. Councilmember Johnson would like to see a lobbyist that can testify on the spur of the moment on our behalf.

There was mention about the Quick Response Team when eminent issues are emerging in the Legislature. The quick response team is comprised of: Chairperson Edson, Mayor Baird, Brian Head and Steve Arbo.

D. [2019-3033](#) City Support for Amendments to the Missouri Community Improvement District (CID) Act Regarding Location of CID-Funded Public Improvements

David Bushek, Chief Counsel of Economic Development and Planning for the City, presented information about the City pursuing amendments to the Missouri Community Improvement District (CID) Act regarding location of CID-Funded Public Improvements. He explained that the CID Act prohibits a CID from funding public improvements outside the boundaries of a CID. He explained the problems this creates with achieving a validly signed CID petition in many cases and can cause developers to take extraordinary and artificial steps to meet the petition signing requirements. This can also cause jurisdictional issues which require extraordinary measures to solve.

Mr. Bushek provided a couple of examples and answered a few questions.

After brief discussion, Mayor Baird made a motion to direct City Staff to work with the City's lobbyist to pursue the proposed amendments to the CID Act. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Binney. There was further discussion regarding who should take the lead. Mr. Bushek informed the Committee that all the terminology hasn't been worked out yet and this proposal will be revised

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further prior to taking it to the CEDC in October. Having no further discussion, Chairperson Edson asked for a roll call vote. Vote was: Councilmember Edson - aye, Councilmember Johnson-aye, Mayor Baird - aye, and Councilmember Binney - aye. Motion passed with vote of 4-0.

6. Roundtable

Discussion regarding next meeting dates. Executive Assistant will send out dates to the Committee looking for consensus.

There was brief conversation regarding the MML Conference and improving legislative efforts.

7. Adjournment

Meeting Adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

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Discussion on activity to build intergovernmental relations with neighboring municipalities.

Issue/Request:

Chair Edson brought an idea to LIRC to strengthen the relationships between the neighboring municipality elected officials. She suggested that the City of Lee's Summit find a way to host a breakfast social event for the Mayors and City Councilmembers of Lee's Summit, Blue Springs, Independence, and Raytown. It has also been suggested that we invite the Mayor and City Councilmembers of the City of Kansas City. Chip Moxley, Tingle Flooring has offered his meeting space located in his distribution / office building, as the location to host the event. He has also agreed to pay for the costs associated with catering the event.

Chair Edson will be seeking the committee's recommendation to seek the City Council's support for this activity. The target date will be during a weekday morning in November 2019.

Proposed Committee Motion:

I move that we recommend to the City Council the "Intergovernmental Relations Breakfast" for area community Mayors, City Councilmembers, Board of Aldermen, and City Managers / Administrators.

Councilmember Edson

Committee Recommendation: [Enter Committee Recommendation text Here]

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Continued Discussion of 2020 Legislative Priorities Brochure

Issue/Request:

Each year the Committee reviews and recommends various items as legislative priorities to the City Council. Generally, we attempt to complete that work and seek approval of the full City Council in December of each year. As part of that effort, we include the priorities in a printed brochure. The 2019 brochure is attached to the packet for review.

Brian W. Head, City Attorney

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9** LEGISLATIVE
INTERGOVERNMENTAL
PROGRAM

The fundamental goal of all City of Lee's Summit legislative and intergovernmental activities is to produce positive outcomes for the citizens of Lee's Summit as a whole. Numerous proposals in the General Assembly or by State agencies have the potential to seriously impact the ability of the City to carry out its overall mission. By taking a proactive role in monitoring and commenting on proposals, we are working to ensure that the citizens of the City of Lee's Summit can continue to enjoy the quality of life they have come to expect and deserve.

For questions regarding our Legislative Priorities, please contact City Attorney Brian Head.
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Lee's Summit General Position

As a general policy, the City of Lee's Summit seeks to preserve its current authority to govern the city, its citizens, and its property. The City may oppose any legislation viewed as detrimental to the City's strategic goals; or that is contrary to the health, safety, and welfare of its citizens; or that mandates increased costs or loss of revenues; or that would diminish the fundamental authority of the City.

Partnerships

The City will form strategic partnerships with cities, political subdivisions (counties and school districts) and private sector entities that share common goals with the City of Lee's Summit. Additionally, the City will work in coordination with organizations such as the Missouri Municipal League, Mid-America Regional Council, and Lee's Summit Chamber of Commerce when their adopted positions are in line with the legislative objectives and goals of the City. The formation of strategic partnerships and coordinated efforts is intended to provide the City with a stronger presence in the legislative and administrative process.

PRIORITIES TO WATCH

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GENERAL SUPPORT

The City will support initiatives that preserve municipal authority or that otherwise have a positive impact on municipal operations, including but not limited to legislation that would:

1. Maintain municipal authority,
2. Eliminate or reduce the impact of unfunded mandates,
3. Preserve local control over municipal revenue streams,
4. Increases the ability of Missouri cities to attract quality businesses and jobs.

GENERAL OPPOSITION

The City specifically opposes initiatives that undermine the local control of cities such as:

1. Preemption of local laws,
2. Unfunded mandates,
3. Limitations on the ability of cities to manage local revenue sources or to issue debt,
4. Restrictions on local right of way and land use authority,
5. Diversion of municipal revenue streams to other entities,
6. Elimination of proven economic development tools available to local governments.

LEE'S SUMMIT GENERAL POSITION

1. Preservation of Local Self-Governance

- a. Supports inclusion of an opt-in provision for local governments on any sales tax exemption passed by the State. Opposes any sales tax exemption passed by the state that mandates a local sales tax exemption.
- b. Supports legislation streamlining sales tax and use tax collection under recent U.S. Supreme Court decisions and preservation of local control of revenues.
- c. Opposes legislation that will result in an unnecessary loss of local control regarding the placement or permitting of communications or other infrastructure.
- d. Supports reimbursement to cities for direct costs of compliance with state laws, polices, and regulations and standards that impose additional costs and responsibilities on local governments, pursuant to the Missouri Constitution.
- e. Supports enabling legislation allowing airports to remove abandoned aircraft from airport property.
- f. Supports legislation maintaining municipal authority related to residential short term rentals.

2. Economic Development Programs

- a. Supports the continuation of proven economic development tools used to stimulate employment and leverage private investments, including but not limited to, the Missouri Technology Corporation and high-performing tax credit programs, such as the historic tax credit program.
- b. Supports continuation of workforce development efforts through community partners, Summit Technology Academy and the Missouri Innovation Campus.
- c. Encourages the addition of State tax credits and other incentives for projects that create and retain quality jobs or for capital investments in new or expanding businesses. We specifically support reasonable incentives for:
 - Investments in next generation businesses that focus on innovation in industries like healthcare, life sciences, and advanced technologies.
- d. We oppose efforts to reduce the effectiveness of such programs, including proposals to subject them to the annual appropriations process.
- e. Supports continued investment in the arts, tourism, and recreation as pro-economic development tools.
- f. Opposes legislation granting control of the air traffic control system to anyone other than the FAA.

3. Public Safety

- a. Supports legislation to allow voters to broaden the scope of communication devices where users are levied a fee to support 9-1-1, with revisions to state 9-1-1 statutes to allow for either a county fee or a statewide fee on all communication devices,

- b. Opposes the preemption of reasonable, local regulation of vehicles-for-hire.
- c. Supports open records and transparency regarding video and audio recordings collected by public safety agencies, but asks the General Assembly and Governor to provide for the protection of individual privacy and integrity of open investigations when considering any related legislation.
- d. Supports legislation that gives authority and limits liability of EMS agencies in treating and transporting patients that are unable to give consent and standardizes service protocols for such patients.
- e. Supports legislation authorizing extension of additional funding for ambulance services.

4. Transportation Funding

- a. Encourages legislation that would allocate direct funding for roads and highways within Lee's Summit. We also ask our local representatives support in urging the Missouri Department of Transportation to partner with the City of Lee's Summit to leverage combined resources to fund local projects.
- b. Supports funding to maintain and support passenger rail services in Missouri including AMTRAK's Missouri River Runner Service.
- c. Supports the continued funding of and administration of state aviation grant programs.
- d. Supports funding to provide for the continued development of the Rock Island Trail and Katy Trail.

At a GLANCE



Lee's Summit is a premier community in the Kansas City bi-state metro area. Though Lee's Summit, with a population of over 97,000, enjoys many of the attributes of a significant suburb within a major metropolitan area, it still maintains a small town feel with an award winning, historic downtown. Lee's Summit also holds four accreditation statuses in the Police, Fire, Parks & Recreation and Public Works. In combination with great shopping opportunities, outstanding community health facilities, award winning schools and the nationally recognized Missouri Innovation Campus, these are the reasons that *Money Magazine* voted Lee's Summit one of the 100 Best Places to Live" six times in a row.