

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

Monday, September 16, 2019

6:00 PM

City Council Chambers

City Hall

220 SE Green Street

Lee's Summit, MO 64063

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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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