

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

Monday, August 18, 2025

11:30 AM

Via Video Conference

Notice is hereby given that the Legislative and Intergovernmental Relations Committee of the City of Lee's Summit will meet on Monday, August 18, 2025 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, August 15, 2025, to the City Clerk at 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 can be viewed on the City's YouTube Channel ([YouTube.com/@cityofls](https://www.youtube.com/@cityofls)), the City's website (WatchLS.net) and on various cable providers (Spectrum Channel 2 & Comcast Channel 7).

1. Call to Order

Chairperson Carlyle called the August 18, 2025 Intergovernmental Relations Committee Meeting to order at 11:34 a.m.

2. Roll Call

Staff in Attendance:

Brian Head

Jina Bellamy

Christal Weber

Present: 4 - Chairperson Trish Carlyle
Vice Chair Donnie Funk
Councilmember Hillary Shields
Mayor Bill Baird

3. Approval of Agenda

Councilmember Shields made a motion to approve the August 18, 2025 Legislative and Intergovernmental Relations Committee Agenda. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Funk. Motion passed 4-0.

Aye: 4 - Chairperson Carlyle
Vice Chair Funk
Councilmember Shields
Mayor Baird

4. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

5. Business

- A. [2025-7092](#) Approval of the July 14, 2025 Legislative and Intergovernmental Relations Committee Action Letter.

Councilmember Funk made a motion to approve the July 14, 2025 Legislative and Intergovernmental Relations Committee Action Letter. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Shields. Motion passed 4-0.

Aye: 4 - Chairperson Carlyle
Vice Chair Funk
Councilmember Shields
Mayor Baird

- B. [2025-6941](#) Continued discussion: Potential of Federal Lobbyist

Brian Head gave a brief summary of documents included in the Committee packet.

1. A document which included several entities that utilize Federal Lobbyists and the cost for their services. This document was created by Sean Marshall, Graduate Fellow in the Administration Department.

2. A memo from Versa with their recommendations for potential Federal Lobbyist firms.

Side note: Our current lobbyists (Versa) are seriously considering partnering with a Federal Lobbyist Firm which would allow them to be able to offer Federal Lobbyist Services, as part of their contract, in the future.

After general discussion, the Committee is interested in doing an "add on/amendment" to Versa's current contract should they partner with a Federal Lobbyist Firm. Their current contract with the City does not expire until next summer. This would give the City an opportunity to work with a Federal Lobbyist.

In the meant time, there was a request to have Staff provide sample contracts from the two firms mentioned in the Versa memo, to get an idea of what services Federal Lobbyists provide.

- C. [2025-7093](#) Discussion: 2026 Legislative Priorities

Brian Head explained that every year in August, the Committee begins to talk about the next Session's priorities. The packet included the final version of the year's priorities to jump-start conversations for next year.

After general discussion, The Committee would like to have the following items done prior to making further changes to the priorities rack card for next session.

1. The standard information updated (i.e. population) and,
2. Management Team's recommendations, and
3. A couple of suggested topics to be deleted as completed and grammatical

errors corrected.

There was also a suggestion to possibly provide more clarification on some of the topics.

Staff will make the changes, gather feed back from Management Team and bring this item back to the next meeting for further discussion.

6. Roundtable

The next meeting is Sept 15, 2025 at 11:30 a.m. via Zoom. Mayor Baird and Councilmember Funk will be unavailable for the meeting. Staff will contact the alternate in order to meet quorum.

7. Adjournment

Chairperson Carlyle adjourned the August 18, 2025, Legislative and Intergovernmental Relations Committee meeting at 12:06 p.m.

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