

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

Monday, December 15, 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, December 15, 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, December 12, 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 December 15, 2025, Legislative Intergovernmental Relations Committee Meeting to order at 11:33 a.m.

2. Roll Call

Staff in Attendance:

Brian Head
Jina Bellamy
Laura Engeman

Guests in Attendance:

Jon Hensley, Versa

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 December 15, 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. [2025-7331](#) Approval of the November 20, 2025 Legislative and Intergovernmental Relations Committee Action Letter.

Councilmember Shields made a motion to approve the November 20, 2025, Legislative and Intergovernmental Relations Committee Action Letter. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Funk. Motion passed 4-0.

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

B. [2025-7337](#) Presentation: Lobbyist Update

Mr. Jon Hensley, one of our lobbyist, gave a brief legislative update to the Committee on bills filed to date.

He mentioned some of the usual bills filed relating to municipalities (i.e. taxes, elections, short-term rentals, etc.).

There is one specific bill that could impact Lee's Summit as it would require municipalities and MoDot to reimburse non-regulated utilities for expenses associated with relocating their facilities.

Our lobbyists will continue monitoring and updating the City regularly on bills that could impact Lee's Summit.

Chairperson Carlyle asked Mr. Hensley for an update regarding the City's interest in obtaining a Federal Lobbyist.

Mr. Hensley confirmed that Versa has expanded to the Federal level. He mentioned it is important to build relationships and feels confident that the Federal Lobbyists have good relationships with the decision makers that can help Lee's Summit on a project specific basis when the time is appropriate and required (i.e. road priorities, etc.).

Consensus of the Committee was to have Staff look into the process for doing an addendum to the current contract to include the Federal Lobbyist. Staff will also research what processes are required for going forward once the current contract expires.

Staff was also asked to work with our current lobbyist to obtain a fee structure and scope of services and bring that information back to the next meeting.

Mr. Hensley left the meeting after this item at 11:52 a.m.

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6. Roundtable

Brian Head mentioned that the MML Conference will be held Feb 17 and 18, 2026.

The next Legislative Intergovernmental Relations Committee will be held on Thursday, January 15, 2026, due to the holiday on January 19, 2026, as long as the Rules Committee doesn't have any agenda items.

7. Adjournment

Chairperson Carlyle adjourned the December 15, 2025, Legislative and Intergovernmental Relations Committee meeting at 11:55 a.m..

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