

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

Thursday, January 15, 2026

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 Thursday, January 15, 2026 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 Wednesday, January 14, 2026, 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 can be viewed on the City's YouTube Channel ([YouTube.com/@cityofls](https://www.youtube.com/@cityofls)), the City's website ([WatchLS.net](http://WatchLS.net)) and on various cable providers (Spectrum Channel 2 & Comcast Channel 7).

**1. Call to Order**

Chairperson Carlyle called the January 15, 2026, Legislative Intergovernmental Relations Committee Meeting to order at 11:33 a.m.

**2. Roll Call**

**Staff in Attendance:**

Jina Bellamy

Brian Head

Christal Weber

**Present:** 3 - Chairperson Trish Carlyle  
Vice Chair Donnie Funk  
Councilmember Hillary Shields

**Absent:** 1 - Mayor Bill Baird

**3. Approval of Agenda**

Councilmember Funk made a motion to approve the January 15, 2026, Legislative and Intergovernmental Relations Committee Agenda. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Shields. Motion passed 3-0 (Mayor Baird Absent).

**4. Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

**5. Business**

- A. [2026-7415](#) Approval of the December 15, 2025 Legislative and Intergovernmental Relations Committee Action Letter.

Councilmember Shields made a motion to approve the December 15, 2025, Legislative and Intergovernmental Relations Committee Action Letter. Motion was seconded by

**Councilmember Funk. Motion passed 3-0 (Mayor Baird absent).**

- B. [2026-7413](#)** Update: Filed Bills for the 2026 Session.

Brian gave a brief update on bills anticipated for the upcoming Legislative Session. At this time, most bills are the same as the previous Session. As it is still early in the process, Staff will keep the Committee updated on new bills where the City may want to put or continue their focus.

- C. [2026-7414](#)** Continued Discussion: Potential of Federal Lobbyist

Brian Head presented documents needed if adding Federal Lobbyist Services to the current VERSA agreement which expires in November 2026.

After brief discussion about amending the current VERSA contract by adding Federal Lobbyist services until the original contract expires and that funding is available to increase the contract, a motion was made to move forward.

Once the Amended contract expires, the Committee will discuss the Lobbyist services needed going forward and then go back out for bid at that time.

Chairperson Carlyle mentioned that it would be helpful for the Council to let Staff know if they have any concerns or suggestions during the end of the current contract with a Federal Lobbyist to assist in future decision making.

**Councilmember Shields made a motion to send a recommendation for approval to the Council an Ordinance approving a sole source agreement between the City of Lee's Summit and VERSA Governmental Strategies LLC, for Federal Lobbying services in an amount not to exceed \$50,000 and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute the same by and on behalf of the City.**

**Councilmember Funk seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0 (Mayor Baird absent).**

## **6. Roundtable**

There was discussion regarding the meeting date in February as the standard meeting date would fall on a holiday. Staff will poll the Committee and confirm once a date has been set.

## **7. Adjournment**

**Chairperson Carlyle adjourned the January 15, 2026, Legislative and Intergovernmental Relations Committee meeting at 11:46 a.m.**

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