

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

Thursday, October 21, 2021

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 Thursday, October 21, 2021 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.

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1. Call to Order

Chairperson Carlyle called the Legislative Intergovernmental Relations Committee to order at 11:33. Mayor Baird arrived at 11:38 a.m.

2. Roll Call

Staff in Attendance:

Brian Head

Jina Bellamy

Present: 5 - Chairperson Trish Carlyle
Vice Chair Bob Johnson
Councilmember Andrew Felker
Alternate Fred DeMoro
Mayor Bill Baird

3. Approval of Agenda

Councilmember Felker made a motion to approve the Agenda for the October 21, 2021 City Council Legislative Intergovernmental Relations Committee. Seconded by Councilmember Johnson. Vote was 3-0-1 (Mayor Baird absent). Motion passed.

Aye: 4 - Chairperson Carlyle
Vice Chair Johnson
Councilmember Felker
Alternate DeMoro

Absent: 1 - Mayor Baird

4. Public Comments

There were no public comments

5. Business

- A. [2021-4420](#) Approval of the City Council Legislative Intergovernmental Relations Committee Action Letter for September 23, 2021.

Councilmember Johnson made a motion to approve the City Council Legislative Intergovernmental Relations Committee Action letter for September 23, 2021. Seconded by Councilmember Felker. Vote: 3-0-1 (Mayor Baird Absent). Motion passed.

Aye: 4 - Chairperson Carlyle
Vice Chair Johnson
Councilmember Felker
Alternate DeMoro

Absent: 1 - Mayor Baird

- B. **2021-4366** Continued Discussion of Legislative Priorities

There was some brief discussion regarding consistency with the language on the headers of the brochure (We support, We believe, etc.). There was also a consensus to keep the same colors as last year.

This Discussion Item was continued to the Legislative and Intergovernmental Relations Committee due back on 11/15/2021.

- 1) [2021-4447](#) Discussion of language for eminent domain and local election priorities

Eminent Domain:

There was general discussion regarding eminent domain and how it is believed that this specific bill is focused more on broadband than farmland.

There was discussion regarding how to add this item on the priorities brochure and the language that would be best to use.

*Staff will draft language for the next meeting.

There was extensive discussion regarding how important it is to have and maintain personal relationships with the Legislators. A suggestion was made to compile a list/timeline of all events/activities that Legislators are invited to attend locally throughout the year (i.e. -events held by EJCBC, Chamber, EDC, MML and R-7, etc.). Once the list is compiled, sharing it with Mayor and Council so they are aware of opportunities and can plan to attend when available.

*Staff will get with Administration for assistance with creating a list.

Local Election Priorities:

Staff proposed a first rough draft of the following language as a starting point and suggested adding this to the brochure of priorities under it's own section

titled:

"Democracy"

We believe...

- Municipal elections should maintain their own date
- local elections should stay non-partisan, and
- decisions on local taxation should stay local without special majorities.

After some discussion, Staff worked on a new draft and emailed it to the Committee during the meeting as follows:

Local Elections (or Democracy)

We Believe:

- Municipal elections should maintain their own day.
- Non-partisan local elections should stay non-partisan.
- Maintain current tax vote majorities.

The Committee will review the language at the next meeting.

6. Roundtable

7. Adjournment

Chairperson Carlyle adjourned the meeting at 12:25 p.m.

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