

February 13, 2017

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT

Motion to approve the 2017 State Legislative Agenda and the 2017 Statement of Legislative Policy

FISCAL IMPACT

Many actions of the State Legislature have an impact on City revenues, regulations, rules, local control and fees that can have an effect on the City's interests and ability to provide critical services

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POLICY CONSIDERATION

The State Legislature addresses a range of policy issues of interest to the City. Council may wish to provide direction to staff regarding particular legislative proposals.

BACKGROUND

Each year, the City Council adopts two policy documents related to the State Legislature:

Legislative Agenda – a short list of priority items that will be the focus of the City's efforts in Olympia each year. A new document is produced each year for Council approval. The agenda is used to communicate on key issues of interest and concern to the City's legislative delegation (Attachment A). The issues proposed for inclusion in the 2017 State Legislative Agenda are those preliminarily identified by staff as the most important for the City to pursue during the 2017 session or those that are likely to be pursued by others. In many cases, the proposed policy positions are protective of the City's authority and revenue base. Council reviewed and provided feedback to staff at the January 17 meeting. Revisions have been included that respond to Council direction received at that time. Staff is seeking Council approval tonight of the Revised Draft 2017 State Legislative Agenda. For ease in reading, a red-line version and a clean version are included as Attachments A and B respectively.

Statement of Policy – a comprehensive list of legislative positions covering a broad range of issues developed over time. These issues may or may not surface during the legislative session. The Statement of Policy is carried forward each year with changes to remove items that have been resolved or are no longer policy positions of the Council and to add new policies as appropriate. The Statement of Policy has grown over the years to encompass many policy issues. This document is utilized by City staff to provide policy direction as issues are considered by the Legislature. Staff has included a revised draft of the Statement of Policy that reflects changes in the Draft 2017 Legislative Agenda so that the two documents are consistent. A red-line version and a clean version are included as Attachments C and D respectively.

EFFECTIVE DATE

If approved, this Motion becomes effective immediately upon Council adoption.

OPTIONS

1. Approve motion to adopt the 2017 State Legislative Agenda and the 2017 Statement of Legislative Policy.
2. Do not approve and provide alternative direction to staff.

RECOMMENDATION

Option 1

MOTION

Move approval of the revised version of the 2017 State Legislative Agenda and the 2017 Statement of Legislative Policy.

ATTACHMENTS

- A. Draft 2017 State Legislative Agenda – Red-line
- B. Draft 2017 State Legislative Agenda
- C. Draft 2017 Statement of Legislative Policy – Red-line
- D. Draft 2017 Statement of Legislative Policy

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