

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION

Motion to approve the 2019 State Legislative Agenda and the 2019 Statement of Legislative Policy

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council reviewed and provided feedback on the draft 2019 State Legislative Agenda at the January 14 meeting. Revisions have been included that respond to Council direction received at that time. Staff is seeking Council approval tonight of the revised version as presented in Attachment A, along with the 2019 Statement of Policy in Attachment C.

RECOMMENDATION

Move to approve the 2019 State Legislative Agenda and the 2019 Statement of Legislative Policy.

If approved, effective date: 02/11/2019

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS

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

Legislative Agenda – short list of priority items that are the focus of the City's efforts in Olympia each year. A new document is produced each year for Council approval. The legislative agenda (Attachment A) is used to communicate key issues of interest and concern to the City's legislative delegation. The issues proposed for inclusion in the Draft 2019 Legislative Agenda are those preliminarily identified by staff as the most important for the City to pursue during the 2019 legislative session or those that are likely to be pursued by others. Many of the key priorities for 2019 are carried over from 2018 as many issues remained unresolved. In many cases, the proposed policy positions are protective of the City's authority and revenue base.

The 2019 State Legislative Agenda is organized with policies regarding transportation, affordable housing and homelessness as the City's highest priorities. These policies have been updated from 2018 to refine the City's most up to date transportation and affordable housing priorities. In addition, staff has included a capital budget request for the City's Grand Connection project to develop a gateway from the Downtown Park.

Council reviewed and provided feedback to staff at the January 14 meeting. Revisions have been included that respond to Council direction received at that time. Staff is seeking Council approval tonight of the revised version as presented in Attachment A. Attachment B shows the changes since January 14 in a red-lined version.

Statement of Policy – a comprehensive list of legislative policy 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 to reflect changes in the short version of the legislative

agenda as appropriate. The 2019 legislative priorities of the Eastside Human Services Forum (EHSF) are also adopted each year as part of the City's Statement of Policy. The Statement of Policy has grown over the years to encompass many policy issues. The 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 2019 Legislative Agenda so that the two documents are consistent. A clean version and a red-line version are included as Attachments C and D respectively.

POLICY & FISCAL IMPACTS

The State Legislature addresses a range of policy and fiscal issues of interest to the City. Many actions of the State Legislature have an impact on City policies, finances, interests and ability to provide critical services.

OPTIONS

1. Approve the 2019 State Legislative Agenda and the 2019 Statement of Legislative Policy.
2. Do not approve and provide alternative direction to staff.

ATTACHMENTS & AVAILABLE DOCUMENTS

- A. Revised 2019 State Legislative Agenda – clean version
- B. Revised 2019 State Legislative Agenda – red-line version
- C. Draft 2019 Statement of Legislative Policy – clean version
- D. Draft 2019 Statement of Legislative Policy – red-line version

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N/A