

**Federal, State and Intergovernmental Relations (FSIR) Meeting
Video Conference Call Meeting
September 25, 2020**

Members Present: Council Member Angela Lawson, Chair; Council Member Allison Hiltz, Vice-Chair; Council Member Crystal Murillo, Member

Others Present: Luke Palmisano, Nancy Rodgers, Kathy Kitzmann, Peggi O'Keefe, Lauri Hettinger, Council Member Curtis Gardner, Natasha Campbell, Roberto Venegas, Dan Brotzman

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** August 28, 2020 minutes were approved as written.
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2. **CONSENT ITEMS:** None.
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3. **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS:**

Summary of Issue and Discussion: Chair CM Angela Lawson welcomed the committee to the video conference call and introductions were made.

Outcome: Information only.

Follow-up Action: None.

4. **FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE UPDATE:** Lauri Hettinger, federal lobbyist, gave an update on current federal legislation. The House has passed a continuing resolution to fund the government at current funding levels through December 11, 2020. It will go to the Senate on Wednesday. Also attached to this resolution was the Transportation bill, which was extended for another year, through October 1, 2021. What happens with appropriations will depend on what happens in the election. If the Republicans still control the Senate, they will most likely pass an omnibus appropriations bill to fund all the federal agencies. If the Senate flips to Democrat control, they will most likely pass a continuation until March of 2021.
- The House is about to introduce another COVID relief bill of \$2.4 trillion. More details to come next week. There may be some support from the administration but the House and the Senate are still far apart on how much to include in the bill. It looks like there will not be another COVID relief bill before the election. If the Republicans stay in office there may be a smaller bill passed since the Democrats will have no leverage. If the Democrats take control, they will wait until they take office to pass something. CM Lawson asked if there is any possibility to get funding for our local transit system even under a new administration? She said she would like to get the message to our federal delegation that our local transit system is facing some impacting budget shortfalls. L. Hettinger said she thinks there will be funding for transit in a larger package and she thinks there is bipartisan support for that.
- L. Hettinger gave an update on the 2020 Census. Originally, the census count was supposed to stop on September 30, 2020 and the delivery date to the President was on Dec 31, 2020. Earlier this

year, in April, the Census moved the reporting to October 31, 2020 due to COVID. In late July, the Census said they were going back to the original date of September 30, 2020. Now, a court order has moved the census count reporting date back to October 31, 2020 with a delivery date to the President of April 2021.

Summary of Issue and Discussion: Information only.

Outcome: Information only.

Follow-up Action: None at this time.

5. STATE LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Summary of Issue and Discussion:

Peggi O'Keefe, state lobbyist, gave an update on the state legislation. The state budget cut all the interim committees for this year, so most legislators have been working on campaigns. There are few bills that look to be coming up next year. One, which Rep Garnett, who is the incoming speaker, will introduce is on police involved deaths. One policy point being the creation of a third-party investigator. There may also be a transparency measure so the public can follow the investigation better. As soon as there is more information P. O'Keefe will send that out to the committee. CML's policy committee has not yet met but there are some bills that they will most likely take up again. The land use bill is one, open meetings cleanup bill is another. There will be more legislation to discuss closer to January.

CM Lawson asked if a meeting will be set up with Council and the state delegation before the election and after the election? L. Palmisano said that he would like to set up a meeting before the election. He will be sending out the proposed date of October 7 to all of council. The topic for this call will be police reform. He will also try to set up a call for after the election as there may be new members of the state delegation. That call will focus on policy and the city's priorities going forward. CM Lawson said she likes the meeting on police reform and would like to have a call after the elections as well. It is important to have the discussion with the state delegation on what the city's priorities are leading into the new legislative session.

Outcome: Calls with council and state delegation will be set up for October 7, 2020 and for after the November elections.

Follow-up Action: L. Palmisano will work on setting up meetings with council and state delegation.

6. 2020 BALLOT QUESTIONS

Summary of Issue and Discussion: L. Palmisano said that the 11 ballot initiatives were in the back up information for this meeting. Staff is recommending that all ballot questions be forwarded

to City Council Study Session on October 5, 2020. CM Lawson, CM Murillo and CM Hiltz agreed unanimously to move all 11 ballot questions to Study Session for discussion with full council.

Outcome: CM Lawson, CM Murillo and CM Hiltz agreed unanimously to move all 11 ballot questions to Study Session for discussion with full council at the October 5, 2020 Study Session.

Follow-up Action: Staff will get the ballot questions on the agenda for the October 5, 2020 Study Session.

7. REVIEW & RENEWAL OF 2021 STATE & FEDERAL LOBBYING CONTRACTS

Summary of Issue and Discussion: L. Palmisano said both the state and federal lobbying contracts are at the end of their first year and are up for an extension. Both lobbying teams have been excellent over the last year. After discussions with both teams and because of current budget restrictions, we are reducing the contracts a little bit. The state lobbying contract for 2020 was \$65,000 and will be reduced by \$2500 in 2021. The federal lobbying contract for 2020 was \$125,000 and will be reduced by \$5000 in 2021. Staff is recommending taking these amended contracts to full council for approval on November 16, 2020. CM Lawson, CM Murillo and CM Hiltz agreed unanimously to forward contracts to full council for approval.

Outcome: CM Lawson, CM Murillo and CM Hiltz agreed unanimously to move state and federal lobbying contracts to full council at the November 16, 2020 Study Session for discussion and approval.

Follow-up Action: Staff will get the state and federal lobbying contracts on the agenda for the November 16, 2020 Study Session.

8. WATER:

Summary of Issue and Discussion: K. Kitzmann said Aurora Water Department is setting up individual appointments with the Aurora state representatives to discuss general water policy issues that might come up in the next legislative session. Also, the Aurora Water department's state lobbying services contract is ending, and a new selection should be made by end of next week and a new contract will be on track to be signed on November 5, 2020.

Outcome: Information only.

Follow-up Action: None at this time.

9. MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION

CM Lawson said she would like to get an idea from all of council, CML and staff on what they would like to see on the city's legislative priorities list. She said she would like to have those items come to FSIR for discussion in November. L. Palmisano said that he is sending out a form to all department heads to get a list of their priorities. And will have a draft list of priorities at next month's committee meeting. Once discussed at committee that list will then go to Study Session in November or December.

L. Palmisano said that Janice Napper, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Officer, is interested in coming to a give an update on her new department in November. CM Lawson said she would like to hear from J. Napper in October.

Outcome: Information only.

Follow-up Action: Information only.

10. CONFIRM NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for October 28, 2020, 1:00 PM WebEx video conference meeting.

Approved:

Angela Lawson 11-9-20
Angela Lawson Date
Committee Chair