

Federal, State, and Intergovernmental Relations (FSIR) Meeting
Video Conference Call Meeting
November 18, 2022

Members Present: Council Member Lawson – Chair, Council Member Gardner – Vice Chair,
Council Member Marciano

Others present: T. Rees, R. Venegas, C. McDonald, K. Kitzmann, A. Botham, G.
Koumantakis, C. Grant

1. CONSENT ITEMS: None.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

October 26, 2022 meeting minutes were approved.

3. FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

The federal legislative update will be sent to the committee members through email.

4. STATE LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Summary of Issue and Discussion: Totsy Rees and Cammie Grant gave an update on the state legislature.

The Colorado General Assembly will be meeting on January 9th. The State House is currently made up of 46 Democrats and 29 Republicans which gives Democrats a Supermajority. This means that they can override a veto that the governor makes on any policies. The State Senate is composed of 23 Democrats and 12 Republicans. The State and the House have held their leadership elections.

State House Leadership is as follows:

- Speaker of the House: Julie McCluskie
- Majority Leader: Monica Duran
- Assistant Majority Leader: Jennifer Bacon
- Joint Budget Committee: Shannon Bird and Emily Sirota
- Majority Caucus Co-Chair: Mandy Lindsay and Brianna Titone
- Majority Co-Whip: Iman Jodeh and Andrew Boesenecker
- Minority Leader: Mike Lynch
- Assistant Minority Leader: Rose Pugliese
- Joint Budget Committee: Rod Bockenfeld
- Minority Whip: Richard Holtorf

- Minority Caucus Chair: Mary Bradfield

Senate State Leadership are as follows:

- President of the Senate: Stephen Fenberg
- President Pro Tempore: James Coleman
- Majority Leader: Dominick Moreno
- Assistant Majority Leader: Robert Rodriguez
- Joint Budget Committee: Rachel Zenzinger and Jeff Bridges
- Majority Whip: Julie Gonzales
- Majority Caucus Chair: Janet Buckner
- Minority Leader: Paul Lundeen
- Joint Budget Committee: Bob Rankin
- Assistant Minority Leader: Bob Gardner (R-El Paso)
- Minority Whip: Barbara Kirkmeyer (R-Weld)
- Minority Caucus Chair: Jim Smallwood (R-Douglas)

Former Speaker Alec Garnett is now Chief of Staff for Governor Polis. The governor's office is looking at a statewide zoning bill, which may be coming from environmental groups and developers. They are looking at density issues to promote more affordable housing. However, there have not been any stakeholder meetings and more information are not yet available. Elisabeth Epps will be bringing back Right to Rest. State legislature is also looking at making all car thefts a felony regardless of the value of the vehicle. Previously, HB22-1131 Reduce Justice-involvement For Young Children which increases the age a juvenile could be involved in the justice system from 10 years old to 14 years old, passed a study. State Representative Serena Gonzales-Gutierrez would like to proceed with this.

State Senator Rhonda Fields will be running a no-knock warrants bill to implement recommendations from a study that recommends changes to the conditions of granting a no-knock warrant. It is recommended to require specialized training, accountability after the no-knock is performed, and data collection for race, ethnicity, and neighborhoods. CML will be presenting this to the policy committee on December 2nd. Senator Fields wants to go beyond the scope of the study recommendations to include more data collection and have more information on the racial impact statements and potentially limit the use of no-knock warrants.

The governor asked for \$42.1 million in public safety investments to increase tools and resources to reduce auto thefts, reduce crime, support communities, support the recruitment and retention of officers, and increase intervention and crime prevention strategies.

Committee Discussion:

CM Lawson asked about the outcomes of the study on reduced justice involvement for young children and how they are going to proceed with legislation. T. Rees mentioned that the outcomes of the studies will be presented at SMART hearings. CM Lawson asked if the study has been done. T. Rees stated that the Task Force will be meeting twice in December with the study due on December 30th. A presentation will be made to the Judicial and Human Service Committees during the SMART hearings.

CM Marcano asked for clarification if the statewide zoning effort would be similar to California's where they up zoned anything that would be considered R1. T. Rees said that this may be the model that they are looking at. She mentioned that she had been trying to get more information from CML and the Home Builders Association, but they have not shared any.

CM Marcano commented that he is interested to see the initiatives for the public safety investments package, especially with law enforcement performance. C. Grant said that it has not specifically been noted, but she will get back to CM Marcano for more information.

2023 State Priorities Update

Summary of Issue and Discussion: R. Venegas provided an update on the 2023 state priorities.

The final state priorities document will be forwarded to lobbyists. R. Venegas and P. O'Keefe recommend keeping lines of communication open with the legislators on working on the city's priorities and position on bills that are moved forward. It is also recommended to reach out to legislators in the delegation regarding what their priorities are before the session starts.

Committee Discussion:

CM Lawson stated that it would be important for the next chair of the FSIR Committee to keep communication lines open with the delegation to let them know that the Committee will continue to review bills that outside of the defined priorities that impact the city. T. Rees mentioned that while the city's priorities may have changed, the priorities are also changing in the State House. She said that the delegation would understand that some items had to be tweaked. She agreed that a meeting with the delegation would be helpful.

Outcome: Information only.

Follow-up Action: No follow-up is needed.

5. 2023 CHERRY CREEK/APS INTERGOVERNMENTAL UPDATE PLAN

Summary of Issue and Discussion: R. Venegas presented the Cherry Creek/APS Intergovernmental Update Plan.

CM Lawson discussed that representatives from APS and Cherry Creek presented during a previous FSIR Committee meeting. They talked about the partnership and collaboration that the city could have with the school districts. She stressed the importance of keeping communication lines open between the entities, especially now that they are dealing with repurposing and school closures.

It is recommended that a State of the District Annual Report be presented to the City Council during a Study Session. In addition, quarterly updates will be given to the FSIR Committee with topics on community outreach, engagement efforts, public safety initiatives including the SRO/PAR officers, shared facility opportunities for libraries, recreation centers, and fields, Board-specific initiatives, bond campaigns, and a review of current IGAs/MOUs in place for each district. Moreover, the school board and council members could have an informal meeting at the beginning or end of the school year. In contrast, council members or the mayor could go to a school board meeting to present city business, initiatives, and priorities that are relevant to the school district. R. Venegas suggested introducing the Interim Chief to the school board and having a discussion.

Committee Discussion:

CM Lawson stressed the importance of ensuring collaboration by arranging for a FSIR committee member to attend school board meetings and provide updates and have school board members from both APS and Cherry School Districts present to the committee on things that are happening in their districts. CM Marcano commented that he is really excited about the direction of the effort. He mentioned that their goal is to strengthen the relationship between the school districts and the city to tackle and collaborate on issues such as housing instability, food insecurity, public safety, etc. CM Gardner expressed appreciation for the initiative. R. Venegas mentioned that this initiative will be a point of emphasis for the Intergovernmental Relations Manager once they are hired.

Outcome: Information only.

Follow-up Action: No follow-up is needed.

6. MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION

CM Marcano asked CM Lawson how the conference is going. CM Lawson said that are some very good and she sat on a panel with mayors and city council members to talk about public safety. She mentioned that CM Gardner's Gun Buyback Program received good reviews on the panel she sat on. CM Gardner stated that they have retrieved 906 firearms over eight events.

CONFIRM NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled on December 16, 2022, at 1:00 PM.

Approved:

Angela Lawson
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Committee Chair

12-18-22
Date