

**Federal, State, and Intergovernmental Relations (FSIR) Meeting**  
**Video Conference Call Meeting**  
March 23, 2023

Members Present: Council Member Lawson – Chair, Council Member Jurinsky – Vice Chair,  
Council Member Zvonek

Absent:

Others present: Council Member Marcano, L. Rogers, L. Hettinger, P. O’Keefe, S. Day,  
K. Kitzmann, C. Grant, J. Heckman, J. Bayard, R. Pena, D. Wilson, G.  
Koumantakis, R. Venegas, T. Rees, A. Botham, C. McDonald

**1. CONSENT ITEMS:** None.

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**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

March 10, 2023 meeting minutes were approved.

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**3. FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

Summary of Issue and Discussion: Lauri Hettinger provided updates on the appropriations process.

The President's budget request, the House and Senate deadlines, and the expectation for appropriation bills to be drafted in April and May. She also discussed the Senate's consideration of repealing military force authorizations, Phil Washington's nomination as FAA administrator, and the FAA reauthorization bill. Lauri mentioned her plans to provide Council Member Lawson with prep materials and information on grant opportunities related to her attendance at the National League of Cities conference in D.C.

The Carbon Pollution Reduction Act grant funded through the EPA was discussed, and it was suggested to reach out to DRCOG and the regional EPA office to get more information.

Community Discussion:

Lauri Hettinger provided an update on the appropriations process, noting that the President’s budget request has been released, and committees are holding hearings. She mentioned the

House and Senate deadlines and the expectation that appropriation bills will be drafted in April and May. She also discussed the Senate's consideration of repealing the 1991 and 2002 authorizations for the use of military force, Phil Washington's nomination as FAA administrator, and the FAA reauthorization bill. Lauri mentioned that she would provide Council Member Lawson with prep materials and information on grant opportunities related to her attendance at the National League of Cities conference in D.C.

CM Lawson expressed excitement about attending NLC and mentioned Congressman Crow's reintroduction of H.R. 1541, which amends the Small Business Act to include requirements for apprenticeship programs. She asked Lauri to keep track of the bill and check for a Senate introduction.

CM Zvonek mentioned receiving an email about green grants related to transportation and expressed interest in exploring equipment that could benefit Aurora Fire and Rescue, such as electric chainsaws. He believes this would align with Clean Air Grants and plans to forward the email to Lauri, asking them to keep this opportunity on their radar.

Lauri acknowledged the grant CM Zvonek mentioned, identifying it as the Carbon Pollution Reduction Act funded through the EPA. She explained that the funding is being allocated through MPOs, and it was created in the Inflation Reduction Act. Lauri suggested reaching out to DRCOG and the regional EPA office to get more information on the grant.

CM Zvonek asked for assistance from staff to understand the process of bringing the grant idea forward at DRCOG, as he and CM Marcano are interested.

Lauri suggested having a call with CM Zvonek to develop a strategy for contacting DRCOG and the US EPA regional office. She mentioned that funding is provided to states and MPOs to work with local governments and would check if the specific project idea is eligible for the grant.

### **Congressionally Directed Spending Update**

Liz reported that all four projects the city has brought forward have been accepted by the Senate and Congressional offices. The Senate Office is interested in the Nine Mile Bridge Project and the Pipeline Replacement Project, while both Senate and Congressman Crow's offices are interested in the Valve Replacement Project. Crow's office is also interested in the Library

Project. She mentioned they received compliments on the applications and will keep everyone updated on the progress.

Outcome: Information only.

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

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### **3. STATE LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

#### Summary of Issue and Discussion:

Peggi O’Keefe provided updates on various bills at the Capitol, including House Bill 1132, Senate Bill 97, Senate Bill 75, Senate Bill 111, and the Equal Pay for Equal Work and Power Bills. She mentioned that some bills are waiting in Appropriations Committees and that they are working with the business community to address concerns about certain bills. Peggi also mentioned the Domestic Violence Immunity Courts bill (1222) and a stakeholder meeting held last week.

Cammie Grant updated the Committee on Senate Bill 52, which passed its third reading and is on its way to the governor. She also mentioned Senate Bill 1169, the Low-Level Offenses Bill, and a stakeholder meeting scheduled for Friday. Cammie noted that CML, the Chiefs, Arvada, and the sheriffs have concerns about the bill even with proposed amendments.

#### **Judge Day Update**

Judge Day thanked Peggi, Cammie, and Totsy for their work on bill 1222 and mentioned that Rep. Weissman is considering amendments to the bill, though nothing has been seen on paper yet. He also discussed the Data Sharing Bill, which has been moved to April 3rd. Day expressed concerns about the 1169 Bill (non-arrests for certain level offenses), stating that he shares the concerns of other cities. He also mentioned the 1182 bill (remote public access to criminal court proceedings) and highlighted potential issues enforcing court orders for sequestration and recording proceedings. Judge Day urged opposition to this bill unless it is significantly amended.

Doug Wilson asked Judge Day about the implementation date for the DV bill if it passes, to which Judge Day replied that it would be January 1, 2024.

## **Legislative Position Discussion**

Summary of Issue and Discussion: Liz Rogers gave updates on legislation being introduced and asked the committee to take a position on the following bills.

### **Bill Positions**

#### **HB23-1232: Extend Housing Toolkit Time Frame**

The bill would allow multiple grants recipients for regional navigation campuses. Staff recommends actively supporting the bill as the city would be a recipient of funds.

#### **Committee Discussion**

The Committee unanimously voted to take an Actively Support position on the bill.

#### **SB23-183: Local Government provision of Communications Services**

The bill would allow municipalities to engage in broadband services to connect city infrastructure without the need for a city-wide vote. This removes restrictions on the municipality. The bill would provide greater flexibility to the city, support advanced traffic control systems, and provide data connectivity.

Staff recommends Actively Support.

#### **Committee Discussion**

The Committee unanimously voted to take an Actively Support position on the bill.

#### **HB23-1233: Electric Vehicle Charging and Parking Requirements**

This bill addressed electric vehicle charging and parking requirements. The bill would prohibit local governments from adoption of ordinances or resolutions that prohibit installation or use of EV charging stations. She stated that the city staff opposes the bill, as it infringes on home rule powers and could impact parking and development.

Staff recommend to Actively Oppose

## Committee Discussion

The Committee unanimously voted to take an Actively Oppose position on the bill.

### **SB23-213: Land Use**

She also mentioned Senate Bill 23-213, the Land Use and Affordable Housing Bill, which has generated interest from the city staff. Due to its complexity and length, she suggested scheduling a special meeting to discuss the bill in more detail and determine the city's stance on it.

CM Lawson agreed with Liz on the importance of discussing Senate Bill 23-213 and proposed scheduling an additional meeting next week. She asked Council Members Jurinsky and Zvonek for their thoughts and availability to attend the meeting.

CM Zvonek agreed to the importance of discussing the bill and was willing to attend the additional meeting. CM Jurinsky also agreed on the significance of the bill but expressed concerns about coordinating schedules on short notice.

Outcome: After some discussion, they settled on scheduling the meeting for Wednesday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, at 9:30 AM.

### **Council Member Marcano Update**

CM Marcano shared concerns from residents about the 11-mph threshold in the radar pilot, especially in school zones. He mentioned the differences in survival rates for accidents at various speeds and explained that he is talking to state representatives about the possibility of amending the statute to provide more leeway to local governments.

CM Lawson asked for clarification on Marcano's lobbying efforts and checked if other committee members had questions about his proposal. She then instructed Liz to track the issue and asked CM Marcano to work with her on any updates that may come about on this issue.

Outcome: Information only.

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

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## 5. WATER UPDATE

### Summary of Issue and Discussion:

### Community Discussion:

Kathy mentioned that the CDS request for FY-24 was already covered by Liz, and the Water Department will review Senate Bill 213. They will try to provide comments to Liz before the meeting. She also noted that they are expecting a few more water bills, but they haven't been introduced yet.

Outcome: Information only.

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

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## 6. MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION

No issues to discuss.

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## CONFIRM NEXT MEETING

The next meetings were set for Wednesday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, at 9:30 AM and April 7, 2023, at 1:00 PM

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Approved:

*Angela Lawson*  
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Committee Chair

4-10-23

Date