

EUGENE CITY COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY



Work Session: Legislative Update

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ISSUE STATEMENT

This work session will provide the City Council an update on the City's current legislative process, a short summary on the priority legislation from the 2016 Oregon State Legislative short session and a recap of the January 2016 United Front trip.

BACKGROUND

In 2013 the City Council passed a resolution calling for a streamlined process to establish and implement legislative policy in order to be more effective while requiring fewer meetings for the Intergovernmental Relations Committee (IGR) and less staff resources. Staff started a review of this process in 2015 and feedback from the IGR indicated that while the process is working well, more frequent updates from staff would be useful. In addition to more frequent written updates, staff is providing the council with a summary update of two primary areas.

Working under the legislative priorities set by the City Council and reviewed by the IGR, the City has been engaged in legislative activity through the 2016 Oregon State Legislative short session. During this work session, staff will review the process by which the City carries forward legislation as well as highlights from the 2016 session.

Working collaboratively with regional partners under the same priorities, Mayor Kitty Piercy and City staff participated in the annual United Front trip to Washington D.C. Staff will share experience and learnings from the trip in this work session.

RELATED CITY POLICIES

City Council Resolution 5081, passed unanimously on February 11, 2013, created the current streamlined process for establishing and lobbying the City's legislative priorities.

COUNCIL OPTIONS

No council action or recommendations are suggested.

CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION AND SUGGESTED MOTION

No council action or motions are suggested. This item is informational only.

ATTACHMENTS

- A. Legislative Overview Memo dated February 9, 2016
- B. 2016 Legislative Priorities
- C. 2016 United Front Brochure (to be distributed separately)

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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