

Item: _____
Fiscal Impact: NA
Funding Source: NA
Account #: NA
Budget Opening Required:

ISSUE:

A Resolution adopting the State Legislative Agenda of West Valley City for the 2015 Legislative session.

SYNOPSIS:

The City is actively engaged in activities at the State Legislature each year. Pursuant to this activity the City employs multiple resources. In an effort to both inform and set forth the general policy direction on these matters, the guidelines for these activities are set forth in the Resolution. Because specific legislative and lobbying efforts during the legislative session change on a daily and sometimes hourly basis, the guidelines set forth in the Resolution are meant to be guidelines only to allow for maximum flexibility in obtaining success.

This year the likely topics of discussion will be as follows.

1. Transportation funding
There is a discussion of an increase across the state but there are currently several very preliminary proposals on how to accomplish this. Support for funding increase and monitor methodologies. The City also has specific funding asks this year which will be pursued.
2. Redevelopment Law Amendments
There is a bill being drafted that would amend the definition of “new growth.” Currently that definition is confusing and not applied consistently. Support the new definition and monitor to ensure that this is the only change and that the definition is accurate.
3. Township, Annexation and Incorporation Law Changes
There is a bill that would modify the methodology by which unincorporated townships act. The proposal currently being drafted is the Salt Lake County Proposal and is an effort to provide alternatives but limit status quo. Support moving toward wall to wall cities and monitor the methodology by which this would occur to ensure it is beneficial to the City.
4. Land Use
There are various land use topics being discussed including prohibiting outside consultants who provide impact fee studies from also building, engineering or providing financial advice after the study is completed. Monitor this and the other land use matters to ensure beneficial outcome.
5. Law Enforcement
There are multiple law enforcement topics of discussion including funding and policy surrounding body cameras. Monitor each of these matters and ensure our benefit.

SUBMITTED BY:

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