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Tuesday, December 3, 2019

6:00 PM

2nd Floor, City Hall

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, in accordance with RCW Chapter 42.30, that the City Council of the City of Longview, Washington, will meet with state legislators at Grant's Restaurant, 1405 17th Avenue, Longview, on Tuesday, December 3rd, at 6:00 p.m. to discuss the 2020 State Legislative Agenda. Final disposition shall be taken on no other matter.

Grant's Restaurant is accessible for persons with disabilities. Special equipment to assist the hearing impaired is also available. Please contact the City Executive Offices at 360.442.5004 48 hours in advance if you require special accommodations to attend the meeting.

1. **DISCUSSION**

19-000487 2020 STATE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

*** Any invocation that may be offered at the Council meeting shall be the voluntary offering of a private citizen, to and for the benefit of the Council. The views or beliefs expressed by the invocation speaker have not been previously reviewed or approved by the Council, and the Council does not endorse the religious beliefs or views of this, or any other speaker.**

**DECEMBER REGULAR MEETINGS RESCHEDULED DUE TO HOLIDAY:
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2019 - 6:00 P.M.**

**NEXT COUNCIL WORKSHOPS:
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2019 - 6:00 P.M. 2020 FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE AGENDA**

City of Longview 2020 Legislative Policies

In addition to the City's 2020 adopted legislative priorities, the city has adopted the following policies. The policy document provides direction to city staff and the city lobbyists. These are issues that the city will monitor and support along with AWC and other stakeholders, but are secondary to the 2020 legislative priorities of the City.

State Environmental Permitting Process: The State of Washington must streamline its environmental permitting processes so that permit decisions are made in a more timely and efficient manner. The communities of southwest Washington, including the City of Longview, have been on the front line as state agencies have turned local projects into extenuated ideological battles. The City supports appropriate environmental review that is balanced with the need for economic development in the region. The state must ensure that its permitting processes do a better job of striking this balance.

Carbon tax: The City of Longview opposes taxes on carbon that will disadvantage industrial and manufacturing activity in the City. Industrial and manufacturing activity are both key economic drivers to the local economy, and a carbon tax would likely impede the City's local economy. Furthermore, the City does not believe that a single-state approaches are the appropriate avenue forward on certain environmental issues.

Lower Columbia College: The City supports the efforts of Lower Columbia College, including Capital Budget asks for buildings on campus.

Preemptions and Unfunded Mandates: The City opposes any preemption of local control or the imposition of unfunded or underfunded state mandates.

City of Longview 2020 Legislative Priorities

Police Department Satellite Office

The City of Longview police department operates a satellite office located in the City's Highlands neighborhood, an area identified as a high crime area. The office is home to a variety of the City's police programs such as their volunteer services, and serves some of the City's most vulnerable residents, including low-income households and at-risk youth. The City currently rents the office space. Due to redevelopment plans, the lease has expired and the department has been given until March 31, 2020, to vacate the space, leaving many residents without critical services. In addition, the satellite office is currently shared with the Department of Corrections, allowing nearby residents the ability to conveniently check in with their probation officers. The department would like to build a replacement office on the City-owned Archie Anderson Park, also located in the Highlands neighborhood, to ensure the continued service of this vulnerable area. The City of Longview requests \$500,000 to fully fund the construction of this facility.

Industrial Way/Oregon Way

The Industrial Way/Oregon Way intersection project is the region's top transportation priority and while \$85 million was included in the Connecting Washington package, WSDOT now estimates that an additional \$50 million is necessary. Completing the project is critical to the region's economic development. As lawmakers consider where to make transportation investments across the state, this project must be prioritized. The City of Longview supports an additional **\$50 million** in state Transportation Budget funding for the Industrial Way/Oregon Way intersection.

Economic Development

The City of Longview supports legislation providing more tools to cities to support economic development in downtown centers, including for commercial and industrial development such as the Beech Street industrial area. The City joins the Association of Washington of Cities in advocating for increment financing tools.

The City supports the efforts of the Association of Washington Cities.