

SPECIAL WORK SESSION AGENDA

**CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL WORK SESSION
WITH STATE LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION
FRIDAY, APRIL 28, 2017 - 12:00 PM**

**FLAGSTAFF BUSINESS ACCELERATOR
2225 NORTH GEMINI ROAD
FLAGSTAFF, ARIZONA**

1. Call to Order

NOTICE OF OPTION TO RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.02, notice is hereby given to the members of the City Council and to the general public that, at this work session, the City Council may vote to go into executive session, which will not be open to the public, for legal advice and discussion with the City's attorneys for legal advice on any item listed on the following agenda, pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(3).

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call

NOTE: One or more Councilmembers may be in attendance telephonically or by other technological means.

MAYOR EVANS
VICE MAYOR WHELAN
COUNCILMEMBER BAROTZ
COUNCILMEMBER MCCARTHY

COUNCILMEMBER ODEGAARD
COUNCILMEMBER OVERTON
COUNCILMEMBER PUTZOVA

4. State Legislative Briefing

5. Informational Items To/From Mayor, Council, and City Manager; future agenda item requests.

6. Adjournment

CERTIFICATE OF POSTING OF NOTICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that a copy of the foregoing notice was duly posted at Flagstaff City Hall on _____, at _____ a.m./p.m. in accordance with the statement filed by the City Council with the City Clerk.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 2017.

Elizabeth A. Burke, MMC, City Clerk

CITY OF FLAGSTAFF

STAFF SUMMARY REPORT

To: The Honorable Mayor and Council
From: Elizabeth A. Burke, City Clerk
Date: 04/24/2017
Meeting Date: 04/28/2017



TITLE

State Legislative Briefing

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

The purpose of this item is to review the City of Flagstaff's 2017 Legislative Priorities with Flagstaff's State Delegation.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

On January 17, 2017, the City Council adopted its 2017 Intergovernmental Priorities. As part of its advocacy strategy, the City meets annually with its federal and state delegation to review the City's legislative priorities. On April 28, 2017, the City Council will meet with Senator Allen, Representative Barton and Representative Thorpe to review the City's state legislative priorities.

INFORMATION:

COUNCIL GOALS:

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Grow and strengthen a more equitable and resilient economy.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Support development and increase the inventory of public and private affordable housing for renters and home owners throughout the community.

SOCIAL JUSTICE

Advance social justice in our community.

TRANSPORTATION AND OTHER PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE

Deliver quality community assets and continue to advocate and implement a highly performing multi-modal transportation system.

BUILDING AND ZONING/REGIONAL PLAN

Revise the zoning code to remove ambiguities, and ensure it is consistent with community values and the regional plan.

CLIMATE CHANGE

Take meaningful climate change action.

WATER CONSERVATION

Become a national leader in water conservation in all sectors.

ENVIRONMENTAL AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Actively manage and protect all environmental and natural resources.

PERSONNEL

Attract and retain quality staff.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Enhance public transparency and accessibility.

TOWN & GOWN

Enhance relationships between the City and institutions of higher education.

CODE COMPLIANCE

Achieve comprehensive and equitable code compliance.

Attachments: [2017 Legislative Priorities](#)

City of Flagstaff Intergovernmental Relations 2017



Adopted by Flagstaff City Council on January 17, 2017

Revised 2/3/17

City Council Mission Statement

To protect and enhance the quality of life for all.

City Council Vision Statement

The City of Flagstaff is a safe, diverse, just, vibrant, and innovative community with a unique character and high quality of life for all. The City fosters and supports economic, environmental, educational, and cultural opportunities.

Intergovernmental Relations

The City of Flagstaff Intergovernmental Relations Program addresses legislative initiatives at the county, state, and federal levels, which follow annual legislative calendars. The program mission is to develop and advocate for the Flagstaff community by fostering and maintaining relationships with individuals and entities that affect the City's interests. As a member of the League of Arizona Cities and Towns, the City of Flagstaff has assisted in the drafting and development of League resolutions. Council adoption of the League resolutions, our identified priorities, and guiding principles are incorporated as part of our legislative agenda.

The City Manager's Office coordinates an active legislative program focused on protecting the interests of our community and identifying resources available to enhance City services and programs. The City Council and City Manager's Office work closely with our legislative advocates in Washington, D.C., and Phoenix, as well as with the League of Arizona Cities and Towns to influence policy decisions that affect city's local control and local funding.

The 2017 Legislative Priorities provide a framework for the City of Flagstaff's Intergovernmental Program. Adopted annually, the City's Intergovernmental Guiding Principles and Legislative Priorities are the foundation of a focused advocacy strategy and serves as a reference guide for legislative positions and objectives that provide direction for the City Council and staff throughout the year.

Federal and state legislative proposals and policies consistent with the City's Intergovernmental Guiding Principles and Legislative Priorities may be supported by the City. Those policies or proposals inconsistent with this agenda may be opposed by the City.

Guiding Principles

The City's Intergovernmental Relations Program is guided by the following principles:

1. The City of Flagstaff is governed by its **Charter**, which outlines the City's governmental structure, identifies jurisdiction and provides enabling authority for self-rule. Flagstaff's City Charter and all its amendments have been voted on and approved by a majority of voters.
2. The City of Flagstaff strongly promotes the protection, expansion and restoration of **local control** for cities and may support or oppose legislation based on whether it advances maximum local control by local governments.
3. The Flagstaff City Council adopts **City-wide goals and legislative priorities**. Advancing or defending goals of the City Council and adopted legislative priorities in effect during the current legislative session does not require additional Council action.
4. The City of Flagstaff understands it is in the public's interest to have government at all levels that is **transparent, deliberative, and accountable** to its citizens. The City of Flagstaff also evaluates legislative action based on the City's ability to deliver public services, the impact to Flagstaff citizens and the financial costs to the City.
5. The City's membership in the **League of Arizona Cities and Towns** is a critical component of Flagstaff's advocacy strategy. The City Council will participate in the League's annual priority-setting process.
6. The City of Flagstaff understands that **partnerships** help develop and maintain positive intergovernmental relations and are essential for success and vitality of our community. The City supports proposed legislation brought forth by our partners that advance common goals. Regional, state and federal partners may include*:
Regional Partners: Coconino County, Flagstaff Unified School District, Grand Canyon Trust, Greater Flagstaff Forest Partnership, Northern Arizona Council of Governments, Northern Arizona Intergovernmental Public Transportation Authority and Northern Arizona Municipal Water Users Association, Chamber of Commerce;
Statewide Partners: Coconino Community College, Arizona Department of Transportation, Arizona Game and Fish, Arizona State Land Department, Department of Veterans' Services, Greater Arizona Mayors' Association, League of Arizona Cities and Towns, and Northern Arizona University;
National Partners: Conference of Mayors, Federal Aviation Administration, National League of Cities and Towns, National Park Service, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, U.S. Department of Transportation, U.S. Forest Service and other federal agencies;
Tribal Partners: Including the Hopi Nation and Navajo Nation.

** This is not an exhaustive list of City of Flagstaff partners*

State Priorities

Advocate to Expand and Protect Local Control

The City of Flagstaff supports legislation that upholds and restores the principle of local government and reinforces the authority of the elected leaders of Flagstaff to respect and protect the priorities of its citizenry and respond to local challenges.

Advocate to Preserve Local Funding

Protect existing funding and authorities that bring revenue to the City of Flagstaff, which support the quality of life for its residents. Areas may include, the protection of state-shared revenues and opposition to the imposition of new fees and unfunded mandates by any level of government that would increase costs to the City.

Flagstaff projects and legislative priorities

- Advocate for state enabling legislation for **Property Accessed Clean Energy**, or PACE.
- Advocate for funding to social service providers for the **poor and other vulnerable populations, including those with disabilities**.
- Advocate for state funding and legislation that supports **colleges and universities**.
- Advocate for legislation to create a **Dark Skies** specialty license plate.
- Advocate for investing in **forest health** treatments on state-owned land in the Flagstaff region.
- Advocate for change and establish a process for input to allow greater local government control, and for increased input by local communities regarding **state liquor licensing laws**.

Statewide issues important to Flagstaff

- Advocate against firearm legislation that will allow guns in public facilities.
- Advocate against further sweeps of the State Aviation Fund.
- Advocate for flexible financing authority for commercial entities for upfront investment capital in energy efficiency improvements to properties.
- Advocate for allowing the local sales tax to be included as part of the total bid price when considering the “lowest, responsible bidder.”

- Advocate for removing the \$2.5 million cap, which will allow the State's Housing Trust Fund to be fully funded through unclaimed property proceeds received by the State annually.
- Advocate for restoration and oppose further sweeps of the Highway User Revenue Fund (HURF).
- Repeal Senate Bill 1070, which requires police to determine the immigration status of someone arrested or detained when there is reasonable suspicion they are not in the United States legally.
- Repeal Senate Bill 1487, which withholds shared revenue from cities and towns that are found by the Attorney General to have violated state law. The goal of the repeal is to gain local control of shared funding.

Federal Priorities

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Flagstaff projects and legislative priorities

- Advocate for **public housing and Section 8** funding.
- Advocate for **Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA)** and other federal immigration policies that help keep families together while supporting their higher education goals.
- Advocate for legislation to reform the **Medicaid Institutions for Mental Diseases (IMD) Exclusion**.
- Advocate for funding the **Rio de Flag Flood Control Project**. Fully fund this important community project and qualify for work plan construction funding in future years. Funding priorities for fiscal year 2017 include completing 100 percent design, completing final elements at the Clay Avenue detention basin and environmental clean up and installation of rip rap at the Butler site.

- Advocate for leveraging the voter approved **Flagstaff Watershed Protection Project** funding with federal dollars to maximize investments into forest health, including resources for timber sale administration. Ensure that resources and funding continue to flow to important regional projects such as the Four Forest Restoration Initiative (4FRI), NAU Ecological Restoration Institute and other important forest restoration efforts outside of the 4FRI boundaries.
- Advocate for funding projects in the **Flagstaff Airport** five-year Capital Improvement Program.
- Advocate for authorizing and funding **transportation improvements** in Flagstaff, including priorities identified in the Regional Transportation Plan.
- Advocate for **increasing the gasoline tax** in order help fund transportation improvements.
- Advocate for funding and building a **skilled nursing facility for veterans** in Flagstaff now that the initial state funding has been approved and encourage the Department of Veterans' Affairs to prioritize the project.
- Oppose the transfer of **federal lands** to state or municipal governments unless funding has also been provided to effectively manage those lands.

Tribal Priorities

The City's Intergovernmental Relations Program is responsible for strengthening partnerships and advancing mutual goals between the City of Flagstaff and Native Nations. In addition to fostering relationships with tribal nations, key priorities this year include:

- Improve overall communications and engagement with Native Nations as we work in partnership on shared issues and concerns.
- Support implementation priorities of the Memorandum of Understanding between Navajo Nation Human Rights Commission and City of Flagstaff.
- Facilitation of annual meetings with tribal nations and collaborate on agenda development.