

CITY OF SALEM LEGISLATIVE SUBCOMMITTEE

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Councilor Jim Lewis

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MEETING AGENDA

January 8, 2021 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Virtual Meeting on Zoom Platform
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1. Welcome and Call to Order
2. Approval of Minutes: December 4, 2020
3. Legislative Session Update, Justin Martin
4. 2020-2021 Legislative Priorities
 - Secure funding support for:
 - Navigation Center
 - Sobering Center
 - Yaquina Hall (affordable housing)
 - Community mental health impacts
 - Protect Drinking Water Source
 - Canyon community wildfire clean up
 - Secure COVID-19 Recovery Resources
5. Adjourn



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**Legislative Committee
December 4, 2020**

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1. Call to Order

With a quorum present, Chair Mayor Bennett called the meeting to order at 11:02 a.m.

2. Legislative Session Update

Justin Martin, Perseverance, provided the Committee with a brief update on the results of the election, and shared key upcoming dates, the framework in the Governor's Budget, and appreciation to the City's legislative team.

- *Election Update:* While there were some changes in individual positions, the election did not result in a significant change in the composition in the State Senate or House.
- *Key Dates:* Legislative days are occurring in December and early January, with the Session scheduled to begin January 19. The Legislature is scheduled to adjourn June 28, 2021.
- *Budget Framework:* The Governor's budget was released December 1. The May forecast, the last before the Legislature adjourns, will be key in determining funding. Within the Governor's budget, there is an emphasis on racial justice, housing and homelessness, behavioral health response, broadband expansion, and criminal justice reform.
- *Recent Activity:* Justin praised the team's responsiveness, particularly related to recent conversations about water and sewer service in the recovering canyon communities. Based on recent conversations with the Senate President, the source for the \$20 million for water system improvements may change but, the commitment remains solid. There are many priorities to balance and he is aware of the City's requests. Restoration of the Eco Earth Globe is not of interest at this time.

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3. Update: Interim Discussions

- Ryan Zink provided an update on the *Modernizing Oregon Recycling* initiative and an overview of the legislative concept designed to make manufacturers responsible for packaging for the lifecycle of their product. The Committee asked for more assurance about impact on rate payers, competitive environment to control cost, and available services with more development on the livable wage component due to concerns about possible impact on Garten Foundation's local social service program.
- Heather Dimke shared an update on cost estimate to restore the *Eco Earth Globe*, based on an updated conditions assessment which shows opportunities to isolate areas in greatest need of repair and restoration. The Committee concurred this renovation, while important, is less of a priority than the other funding requests before the Legislature this coming session.
- Courtney Knox Busch reported on staff participation in a League of Oregon Cities work group on *Boise v. Martin*. The cities participating are seeking enforcement options for public spaces.
- Marcus Pitts reported on work of *Workers' Compensation* Management Labor Advisory Committee. The group is recommending further investigation of COVID on a case by case basis, not presumptive liability, but will continue to gather data for future review.
- Eunice Kim reported on policy conversations about *housing and affordable housing*, including super siting for shelters and affordable housing, middle housing land divisions, etc. As bills drop, staff will provide an overview of topic areas for Committee consideration.

4. Priorities

The Committee revisited priorities for the upcoming session: Yaquina Hall funding gap, operations of a navigation center, COVID-19 recovery resources, behavioral health resources, and canyon wildfire clean up, with the inclusion of a sobering center and CAHOOTS-style model for Salem. The Committee expressed a preference for seeking capital funding for the CAHOOTS model, rather than operating. The Committee also asked staff to keep an eye on the proposal to allow local governments authority on time, place or manner regulations of firearms.

5. **ADJOURN**—With no other business before the Committee, Mayor Bennett adjourned the meeting at 12:07 p.m.
