

CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION



MEETING DATE: December 14, 2021

ITEM NUMBER: 9.K

SECOND READING:

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TYPE OF ITEM: Consent

PRESENTED BY:

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SUBJECT/AGENDA TITLE:

Approve 2022 City Of Longmont Water Principles, Colorado Municipal League Policy Statement And National League Of Cities Priorities In Preparation For The 2022 State Legislative Session

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: The Colorado State Legislature will convene on January 12, 2022, and will likely introduce 800 bills throughout the five-month session. Attached is the Colorado Municipal League (CML) Policy Statement and Longmont Water Principles. The National League of Cities (NLC) Federal Legislative Priorities, which are not reprinted and attached due to their length, can be found at the following website: <https://www.nlc.org/advocacy/federal-action-agenda>. The Longmont Water Principles were approved by Water Board on November 15 and have a few small changes from last year. Changes include using numbers rather than bullets for easier reference, clarifying Principal #9 regarding cost and adding Principal #22, regarding City's support of forest stewardship efforts.

These guiding principles are used during the legislative session to determine each organization's stance on various issues brought up at the statehouse and at the federal level. If these statements are approved by the Council, they will be used by the City Manager's Office and other City staff to recommend action on various bills that come up throughout the legislative session and will be used to lobby quick-moving legislation on the federal level.

The Assistant City Manager for Shared Services is the lobbyist for the City, and reads every bill for municipal impact. Those that have a municipal impact are routed to the departments for staff comment, and those that have significant impact, positive or negative, are brought to the Council. City Council is asked about various bills that are introduced, and once the Council takes an official position, these state bills will be lobbied on behalf of the City of Longmont.

At any point during the process, Councilmembers can ask for any bill to be brought to Council for consideration of position. Only the City Council as a body take an official position during a regular session, as laid out in the Council Rules of Procedure, but individual Councilmembers can testify on various bills as long as they identify their position as personal.

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Last year, Council agreed to suspend the rules of procedure to take positions during study sessions, and a legislative item was a regular part of the agenda, in order to act swiftly on pending legislation. All bills with municipal interest are tracked by staff and available on-line throughout the session at: <http://longmontcolorado.gov/departments/departments-a-d/city-manager/legislative-affairs>

If you have any questions, or see legislation that you would like more information about, please call me at 303-651-8634. I will be contacting our legislators about meeting at the beginning of the session, pending the state of the COVID-19 pandemic.

COUNCIL OPTIONS:

1. Approve the policies
2. Amend the policies
3. Do not approve the policies

RECOMMENDED OPTIONS: Approve the policies

FISCAL IMPACT & FUND SOURCE FOR RECOMMENDED ACTION: N/A

BACKGROUND AND ISSUE ANALYSIS: N/A

ATTACHMENTS:

- Att 1 – Colorado Municipal League Policies
- Att 2 – Longmont Water Principles