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**MINUTES OF THE  
GLENDALE CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP SESSION  
Council Chambers – Workshop Room  
5850 West Glendale Avenue  
January 04, 2011  
1:30 p.m.**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Elaine M. Scruggs, Vice Mayor Steven E. Frate and Councilmembers Joyce V. Clark, David M. Goulet, Yvonne J. Knaack, H. Phillip Lieberman, and Manuel D. Martinez,

**ALSO PRESENT:** Ed Beasley, City Manager; Horatio Skeete, Assistant City Manager; Deborah Robberson, Deputy City Attorney; and Pamela Hanna, City Clerk

**WORKSHOP SESSION**

**1. 2011 STATE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA AND LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

**CITY STAFF PRESENTING THIS ITEM:** Brent Stoddard, Intergovernmental Programs Director and Ryan Peters, Intergovernmental Programs Administrator

Brent Stoddard explained that this is a request for City Council to review and provide guidance on the proposed 2011 state legislative agenda and to give a legislative update.

The Intergovernmental Programs staff recommends prioritizing the state legislative agenda to a few key issues to allow the city to have a stronger, more consistent message on the items of greatest priority. The proposed key priority issues for consideration are described in the attached report.

The 2011 state legislative agenda includes policy statements intended to protect and enhance the quality of life for Glendale residents by maintaining local decision-making authority.

Throughout the 2011 legislative session, policy direction will be sought on proposed statutory changes which fall under the adopted Council policy statements relating to the financial stability

of the city, public safety issues, promoting economic development, managing growth and preserving neighborhoods.

Prior to each legislative session, the Intergovernmental Programs staff seeks Council adoption of the city's state legislative agenda. The legislative agenda defines the city's priorities for the upcoming session and will guide the city's lobbying activities at the Arizona State Legislature. The Intergovernmental Programs staff will update Council on a regular basis throughout the session for guidance on bills and amendments that may be introduced. The city's legislative agenda is a flexible document and may change, based on activities at the Legislature and Council direction.

Staff is requesting Council to provide policy guidance on the proposed City of Glendale 2011 state legislative agenda.

The 50th Legislature's First Regular Session will begin on Monday, January 10, 2011. The key principles of the proposed state legislative agenda are to preserve and enhance the city's ability to deliver quality and cost effective services to citizens and visitors; address quality of life issues for Glendale resident; enhance Council's ability to serve the community by retaining local decision making authority; and to maintain state legislative and voter commitments for revenue sources.

Ryan Peters, Intergovernmental Programs Administrator, noted that the 50th Legislature's first regular session will begin on Monday with many new faces. Glendale is fortunate to have several members of their delegation in leadership roles both in the Senate and House.

Mr. Stoddard stated that major themes for the session will be the state budget, deficits for this year and next, as well as passing some kind of economic recovery initiatives to create jobs. He reviewed the first two Legislative Priorities which are Fiscal Sustainability and Economic Development. The city's priority remains to ensure state shared revenues continue at the voter approved levels to avoid any unfunded mandates. They will continue to educate their delegation to work and find opportunities to collaborate and come up with creative strategies to make Arizona more competitive while minimizing the impact to state and local budgets.

Mr. Peters indicated Glendale will continue to advocate for policies which maintain local authority for land use planning. Military preservation also continues to be a priority for Glendale as it is the proud home of Luke Air Force Base. Glendale's priority is to ensure the mission of the base is preserved.

Additional legislative priorities include Neighborhoods, Public Safety, Transportation, and Water and Environmental Resources.

Vice Mayor Frate stated his support of staff's recommendations. He explained the importance of reaching out to the new legislature in order to build a good working relationship.

Mayor Scruggs thanked staff for their update and stated she looks forward to hearing good news from them throughout the session.

As no further business was discussed, Mayor Scruggs adjourned the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:40 p.m.