

STAFF REPORT

Date: January 11, 2023

To: Mayor and City Council

Thru: Doug Thornley, City Manager

Subject: Staff Report (For Possible Action): Presentation, discussion, and potential direction to staff regarding the City of Reno's 2023 State Legislative Platform and Operations Plan.

From: Nic Ciccone, Legislative Relations Program Manager

Department: City Manager's Office

Summary:

In preparation for the 82nd (2023) Regular Session of the Nevada Legislature, staff has prepared the State Legislative Platform and Operations Plan for Council discussion and potential adoption. The plan outlines the policy positions and legislative processes to guide the legislative team during the session.

Alignment with Strategic Plan:

Not Applicable

Previous Council Action:

There is no recent Council action relevant to this item.

Discussion:

The Legislative Platform and Operations Plan provides guidance to the City's legislative team on issues that may arise during the session and outlines the City's legislative process. The plan is broken into two components as summarized below. The draft plan is attached for Council's review.

Part 1: Legislative Platform

The draft legislative platform includes general principles for legislation that give guidance to staff as to the City's interest in potential legislation on various topics and policy issues. The City's legislative team will use these principles to help determine the City's positions on various policy issues that may arise during the legislative session.

Part 2: Legislative Operations Plan

This section outlines the City's processes that will be used during the legislative session, including Council updates, determination of positions, and internal and external coordination on potential legislation. Of note, in the draft document is a revised plan to provide updates to Council during the legislative session. Staff is recommending a process that includes regular bi-weekly briefings with Council Members and standard items at regular Council meetings following major administrative deadlines to provide input and direction. Special Council meetings may be called by the Mayor as needed.

Financial Implications:

None at this time.

Legal Implications:

Legal review completed for compliance with City procedures and Nevada law.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends Council adopt the 2023 State Legislative Platform and Operations Plan.

Proposed Motion:

I move to approve staff recommendation.

Attachments:

2023 State Legislative Platform and Operations Plan - 21 Redline