

Longview City Council Workshop

City of Longview

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Introduction

- 19th District Delegation Lunch
- September 15th Council work session/preliminary agenda items
- Oct. 20 - Prioritization of community projects
- December 1st-Council work session/Proposed Agenda

Session overview

- 105 day session
- Full-on budget year for operating, capital, and transportation
- Economy better but challenges remain
- McCleary
- Divided government
- Will political “deadlock” result or “collaboration” and “bi-partisanship”?

Agenda development approach

- Be flexible/things change
- Look first for Longview specific issues
- Look for opportunities to build partnerships and engage community
- Look at issues of importance to all cities
- Consider priorities of affiliates

2017-18 Legislative Agenda

- Accelerate IWOW Project Funding
- PFD Sales Tax Credit Extension
- CJTC Funding Request
- River Cities Transit Regional Mobility Grant Request
- Extend Transitional Housing Notification
- Prohibit Landlord from placing tenant property on public property

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- Community Projects

1. RA Long Park plaza and fountain renovation; \$288K member-request
2. Columbia Theater HVAC; \$500K member-request
3. Law Enforcement firearm training initiative; \$263K member-request
4. Downtown Streetscape Phase 3; \$356K member-request

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- Shay Locomotive Heritage Grant \$240k/\$60k
- Public Works Assistance Account “reform”
- No preemption of local control or imposition of unfunded and underfunded mandates
- Review existing state imposed cost drivers like Mandatory Binding Arbitration

AWC 2017-18 Priorities

- Public Records Act reform
- Address homelessness/housing crisis
- Revitalize key infrastructure programs
- Respect and enhance local authority
- Protect state shared revenues
- Fund statewide law enforcement training program
- Fund Municipal Research Services Center

AWC Homelessness/housing

- Extend and increase Document Recording fee
- Increase Housing Trust Fund funding
- New Capitol Budget preservation pool
- Local options/tools
 - Preservation property tax exemption
 - REET 1-2 flex and REET 3
 - Demolition fee
 - Sales tax on construction rebate program
 - GMA and developable land

Council and Community outreach

- Community Outreach by Council
- Editorial Board meeting
- Building local support for community project requests
 - Letters of support
 - Visits to Olympia
 - People at Town Hall meetings
- Longview “lobby Day”

Important dates

- December 8 – Council action on agenda
- December 14 – pre-session dinner with local legislators
- January 9, 2017 – start of 105 day session of the Washington State Legislature
- January 18, 2017 - Mayor's Exchange
- February 15-16, 2017 – AWC Lobby Days

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