



CITY COUNCIL  
INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

MINUTES FROM JULY 20, 2023  
2000 MAIN STREET, Lower Level Room B-7  
HUNTINGTON BEACH, CA 92648

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Call to Order at 2:33 PM.

Roll Call

- Council Liaisons: (Present) Mayor Strickland, Mayor Pro Tem Van Der Mark, Council Member Burns
- Staff: Hopkins, Levin, Frakes

Public Comments (2 minutes per speaker): *Mark Sheldon encouraged the IRC to hire a legislative advocacy contractor.*

Approve Minutes from June 21, 2023 meeting: *APPROVED* 3-0 (Burns abstained)

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

1. LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY RFP UPDATE: The Federal and State Legislative Advocacy proposals were reviewed by a panel of 3 staff, and based on the combined, independent ratings of the review panel, staff's recommended professional service providers are as follows:
  - a. Van Scoyoc & Associates – (proposed Federal) – Award Federal Advocacy
  - Thorn Run – (proposed Federal)
  - b. Mercury – (proposed both Federal & State) – Award State Advocacy
  - c. Stapleton & Associates – (proposed Federal)Staff recommended Van Scoyoc & Associates for Federal Legislative services, and Mercury for State Legislative Services. IRC voted to contract with Stapleton & Approved 3-0.
2. GENERAL UPDATES: Levin gave an update on the IRC's last month legislative positions, and that all position letters were mailed out after the City Council vote at the July 18, 2023 meeting.
3. ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING: Mayor Strickland asked staff to reach out to local State and Federal representatives' offices and invite them or their staff to the next IRC meeting. Mayor Strickland also would like to add the 405 Freeway Naming effort from Steel's office on the next IRC agenda. Levin suggested a recap of status of the legislative items discussed at IRC year to date.

Adjournment – 2:41 PM

*The next regularly scheduled meeting will be on August 16, 2023 at 4:00PM.*