

Call to Order: 4PM

Roll Call: Council Liaisons Present: Mayor Burns, Council Member Van Der Mark

Public Comments: None

Approve Minutes from January 15, 2025 meeting: APPROVED (2-0)

1. Federal Legislative Update

75k federal workers took a buyout, reducing the size of the federal workforce agency by agency.

On the legislative side the focus is on budget reconciliation with the FY25 Appropriations taking a back seat. In the upcoming budget package expect border, oil drilling, defense, and tax cuts (the House version). Next week the House will negotiate the reconciliation package. Expect tax cut extensions so they effects will be tangible prior to next election cycle.

A Continuing Resolution may not be extended due to lack of votes since there are not enough votes for year-long CR. A government shutdown is possible later this year if a budget resolution isn't approved.

Stapleton visited Congressman Dave Min's office. And visited with Congressman Levin's Chief of Staff. Neither office has their Congressionally Directed Spending/Community Project Funding forms/applications ready.

It is still anticipated that congressionally will include \$200 of directed spending for LA28.

2. State Update- Louie Brown, Kahn Soares & Conway

General update – Friday is the bill introduction deadline.

Budget – State budget will now include emergency funding in response to LA fires, \$50M for defense against Trump Administration policies. Expect clarifications in the May Revise including tax cuts.

Senator Weiner introducing legislation to address outfall from SB9 (Atkins). Legislation would prohibit local governments from preventing lot splits which create MFH on R1's and protections against high permit fees.

E-bikes. Assemblymember Dixon is introducing the e-bike spot bill tomorrow, 2/20. Includes provisions on age restrictions for Bike Class, helmet conditions, max speed, and concept of VIN-style system for e-bikes, and allows local jurisdictions to create a registration-style system. Carlsbad introduced a pared-back bill previously. AB 1909 (2022) would have to be addressed by remove the condition against a licensing-system so a registration-style system could be added. VIN regulation, to avoid trap with DMV either regional or local, would be required on the manufacturer.

3. Legislative Update

- a. 405 Freeway Naming. Louie Brown spoke with Assemblymember Tri Ta's office regarding the Little Saigon freeway designation that was passed last year. City staff is working on a plan for legislation for a section of freeway to be named Surf City USA Freeway.

4. Updates from Committee Members

5. Staff update: Draft 2025 Legislative Platform

Insert language regarding misuse of red flag laws pertaining to privacy and Second Amendment rights. Approved 2-0. Will go to City Council on 3/4/2025 for adoption.

6. Topics for future discussion:

Adjournment 4:30 PM

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be March 19, 2025, at 4PM.