



City Council
Intergovernmental Relations Committee

Minutes from February 21, 2024
2000 Main Street, CR-2
Huntington Beach, CA 92648

Call to Order 4:01pm

Roll Call

- Council Liaisons: Present Mayor Van Der Mark, Mayor Pro Tem Burns
- Council Member Strickland Absent

No Public Comments

Amory Hanson noted that the OC Hall of Fame event took place in January and in future years the City may want to send a representative.

Approve Minutes from January 17, 2024 meeting: APPROVED 2-0

Discussion Items

1. Federal Legislative Update: TJ Stapleton, Stapleton & Associates.
Congress is out this week. Appropriations process still working under Continuing Resolution, and will address bills by mid-March. Then focus on appropriations priorities then for FY 25.
Homeland Security bill HR2 is a priority but it's likely that FY25 appropriations coming first. HB priorities- Working on key projects for funding requests. Senators don't have their appropriations forms out yet. Possibly five projects were submitting.
March will be the busiest legislative month of the year in Washington.

2. State Legislative Update: Louie Brown, Kahn Soares & Conway.
Finished bill introductions last week and there are 2100 bills introduced. About 600 were spot bills. Nothing has changed on ACR 71- likely won't be considered until June.

AB 1999 (Irwin) – *Electricity: fixed charges* can repeal the fixed-charge issue at CPUC. Due to the urgency clause it will require a 2/3 vote rather than a simple majority. The bill seeks to repeal AB 205 (2021-22) which has a deadline for CPUC to implement rate structure as of July 1, 2024.

Legislative analyst's office reports the deficit is growing toward \$75B because revenues forecasted are less than anticipated.

IRC voted to support AB 1999. A legislative report will go forth to City Council for approval.

AB 1825 (Muratsuchi) *Libraries: book bans* is a spot bill and will be amended so we should wait until next meeting for those changes.

Send position letters on Dixon's and other e-bike bills as they fit into the legislative platform.

3. Future Topics
SB 951 (Wiener) – *California Coastal Act of 1976: coastal zone: City and County of San Francisco*.

Adjournment

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be on March 20, 2024 at 4:00PM.