

INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMISSION

MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 20, 2021

Huntington Beach City Hall ZOOM

Call to Order at 4:04 PM

Roll Call

- Council Liaisons: (Present) Mayor Carr, Mayor Pro-Tem Delgleize, Council Member Posey
- Staff Liaisons: (Present) Hopkins, Mac Kenzie, Sandie Frakes.
- Townsend: Cori Takkinen, Eric O'Donnell, Ben Goldeen

Public Comments (2 minutes per speaker)

- Mark Sheldon: Commented on oil spill and definitions of "new drilling" and safety guidelines. Approve Minutes from Septmber 15, 2021 meeting.
 - APPROVED.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. State

- a. <u>State Legislative Wrap-up</u>: Eric O'Donnell reported. The legislative matrix was presented, and it will be the last update to the matrix until January 2022. There were 2,776 bills introduced, and 39.7% of them made it through to the Governor's desk, of which 1038 bills were signed.
- b. Looking Ahead: Looking towards next year's legislative calendar, would like City Council to consider potential legislation to sponsor. One item which may be of interest is regarding loud vehicle noises along Pacific Coast Highways. Talks have already begun between coastal cities Police Departments, still in exploratory phase. Carr indicated that the IRC members will discuss possible options. Budget requests for 2022 May have an opportunity to aks for earmarks in the 300k to 2M to bring to Sacramento in January 2022. Carr suggests IRC members reach out to the local representatives for meetings to discuss. Townsend has met with Petrie-Norris who has shown interest in backing a Mental Health Task Force. Carr suggests funds for affordable housing. Delgleize suggests incentives for apartment owners incentives to provide lower cost rental options. Carr brought up the possibility of financial incentives for developers to cap abandoned oil wells on properties that are currently unused for potential environmental tie in. Posey inquired about bonds for greenfield cleanup.
- c. <u>Oil Spill Update</u>: There has been lots of activity on this in Sacramento. Senator Min has introduced new legislation. Townsend looking for interest in co-sponsorship of legislation, and at what level. IRC would like to wait and see what the investigation on the oil spill shows when complete.

2. Federal

- a. <u>Budget Reconciliation / Infrastructure Package</u>: Ben Goldeen gave recap. Townsend suggests that it is time for the City to start asking for funds included with the two packages: broadband, transportation, oil cleanup, environment, etc. Funding will start being distributed within 2-3 months of passing.
- b. <u>Surfside Sunset Update</u>: The program has been included in Steel's funding requests. She has requested 15M in earmarks towards Energy & Water Appropriations, which will fund this request. Townsend has been working with the City's PW department, and expects an update within days.
- c. <u>Mobile Crisis Response Program</u>: 500k has been requested from Federal funding for supplies and equipment.

Adjournment – 5:04 pm

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be on November 17, 2021 at 4:00PM.