



CITY COUNCIL INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMISSION

MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 22, 2021

Huntington Beach City Hall
ZOOM

Call to Order at 4:04 PM

Roll Call

- Council Liaisons: (Present) Mayor Carr, Mayor Pro-Tem Delgleize; (Absent) Council Member Posey
- Staff Liaisons: (Present) Hopkins, Sandie Frakes.
- Townsend: Eric O'Donnell

Public Comments (2 minutes per speaker)

- *Mark Sheldon: Spoke about Federal infrastructure funds and plans to use them in the City. He would like to see the funds used for the City Fleet conversion from fossil fuels, micro grid infrastructure, etc; and encourages the City to look for funding for clean energy.*

Approve Minutes from October 20, 2021 meeting.

- **APPROVED.**

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. State

- a. Budget Requests: Eric O'Donnell reported. State is currently narrowing down the list of budget asks. Estimated to have 31 billion in surplus, which opens opportunities for earmarks. Townsend would like direction on what to focus on, suggesting the abandoned oil well discussion that happened last meeting, or maybe Talbert Trail rehab, or Oak View Master Plan. Carr and Delgleize attended an event in Long Beach hosted by Long Beach Mayor Garcia regarding their oil islands, and both believe there could be a push for regional oil remediation of abandoned oil wells to develop affordable housing. Mayor Garcia is enthusiastic. O'Donnell recommended a regional ask be around the \$200 - \$300 mil, but recommends a City specific ask as well. Suggests narrowing down the presentation to local elected officials to 3 properties that could benefit from the remediation. Carr would also like to ask for mental health funding.
- b. Select Committee on OC Oil Spill Update: Carr has attended hearings regarding the Oil Spill, and the focus looks to be on providing coastal cities greater infrastructure funding for oil spill emergencies, as well as better communication between coastal cities and State/Federal emergency responders. Delgleize recommended asking for specific equipment that could be used in emergencies, and will ask Fire Chief for recommendations.

2. Federal

- a. Infrastructure Package: The Federal Infrastructure Bill was signed a week ago, and this will provide \$550 billion in additional funding. Most of the funding to State agencies will be done through competitive grant funding. Townsend staff is working to identify the best way to apply for City related grants. Some possibilities are ATP transportation, "Healthy Streets" program, UV Infrastructure, a couple of Coastal Infrastructure programs, Abandoned Oil Well remediation programs.
- b. Reconciliation Bill / Spending Package: The House passed the reconciliation bill last Friday, which provides \$1.9 trillion in social spending infrastructure.
- c. Federal Appropriations Deadlines: Negotiations continue, and the deadline will likely be extended again.
- d. Surfside Sunset Update: O'Donnell was expecting to have new information from the State Lands to give an update, but has not received any as of yet.

Adjournment – 4:47 pm

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be on December 15, 2021 at 4:00PM.