

REPORT TO THE CITY COUNCIL FROM
THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE
STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE MINNEAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL
February 5, 2015

A regular meeting of the committee was convened at 1:32 p.m. on this date.

Members Present: Council Members Elizabeth Glidden (Chair), Alondra Cano, Andrew Johnson, Barbara Johnson, Jacob Frey, and John Quincy

Matters listed below are hereby submitted with the following recommendations; to-wit:

1. Legislative Lobbying Services ([15-00155](#)):

Receiving and filing the report of the Ethics Office regarding federal lobbying representation by the firm Franzen, Law & Policy Group, LLC.

On motion by Glidden, carried on voice vote, the matter was received and filed.

2. State/Local Legislative Update:

Verbal report.

Staff presentation by Gene Ranieri, Director of the Department of Intergovernmental Relations (IGR), along with Sasha Bergman and Melissa Lesch, IGR staff.

No official action; the verbal reports were received and filed.

3. A-Mill Artist Lofts Hydroelectric Project ([15-00156](#)):

a) Receiving and filing the draft letter in response to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (FERC) request for comments on the Draft License Application and draft Preliminary Draft Environmental Assessment on the A-Mill Artist Lofts Hydroelectric Project.

b) ~~Directing staff to continue working with FERC on the review and approval process to ensure that City interests are addressed.~~ Authorizing the Community Planning and Economic Development Department's Executive Director or the Director's designee to submit comments on behalf of the City on the Draft License Application and Draft Preliminary Draft Environmental Assessment on the Pillsbury A Mill Artist Lots Hydroelectric Project that are generally consistent with the draft comments filed with the City Council.

Staff presentation by Haila Maze, Department of Community Planning & Economic Development staff.

Corey Conover, Assistant City Attorney, reviewed the corrected recommendation for paragraph "b" contained in the Request for Council Action that was not reflected on the printed agenda, which reads, "Authorize the Community Planning and Economic Development Department's Executive Director or the Director's designee to submit comments on behalf of the City on the Draft License Application and Draft Preliminary Draft Environmental Assessment on the Pillsbury A Mill Artist Lots Hydroelectric Project that are generally consistent with the draft comments filed with the City Council."

On motion by Glidden, carried on voice vote, recommendation "a" was received and filed and recommendation "b" was approved, as corrected by staff.

4. 2015 Legislative Policies - Housing Warranties ([15-00157](#)):

Approving an amendment to the Policies to Enhance Community Stabilization and Strength Section by adding the following language at the end of the section:

"Support legislation that amends statutes related to housing warranties and common interest communities so that individual property owners and common interest communities have a similar process to remedy warranty issues."

Staff presentation by Gene Ranieri, Director of IGR.

On motion by Glidden, carried on voice vote, the matter was approved.

5. 2015 Legislative Policy Positions - Paid Sick Leave ([15-00158](#)):

Approving an amendment to the Policy Positions Building Wealth Section by adding the following language to page 12:

"State legislation that would expand access to ~~paid sick leave~~ earned sick and safe time benefits."

Chair Glidden spoke to a proposed resolution declaring support for state action to expand access to earned sick and safe time for working Minnesotans. No action was recommended.

Staff presentation by Sasha Bergman, IGR staff, who recommended that the staff recommendation be amended by deleting the language, "paid sick leave" and inserting in lieu thereof, "earned sick and safe time." The recommendation reads as follows: "State legislation that would expand access to ~~paid sick leave~~ earned sick and safe time benefits."

On motion by Glidden, carried on voice vote, the matter was approved, as amended.

6. Minnesota Homes for All Coalition ([15-00159](#)):

Authorizing the City of Minneapolis to become a formal ~~member~~ endorsing organization of the Minnesota Homes for All Coalition.

Staff presentation by Sasha Bergman and Melissa Lesch, IGR staff.

On motion by Quincy, the staff recommendation was amended by deleting the word "member" and inserting in lieu thereof, "endorsing organization."

On motion by Glidden, the matter was approved, as amended.

With no further business to transact, the meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Reported by Irene Kasper, Committee Coordinator