



Request for City Council Committee Action from the Department of Intergovernmental Relations

Date: February 3, 2012

To: Council Vice President Robert Lilligren and Council Member Elizabeth Glidden
Referral to: Committee of the Whole; Intergovernmental Relations

Subject: FY2013 Federal Agenda

Recommendation: Approve adoption of the agenda. A copy of the proposed agenda is attached.

Previous Directives: A federal agenda is adopted annually. Adoption usually occurs in February of each year.

Department Information

Prepared by: IGR staff with review and comment by city departments

Approved by Gene Ranieri, Director, IGR _____

Presenters in Committee: IGR staff

Supporting Information.

The proposed attached agenda is in a format that illustrates deletion and additions by cross-outs and underlines respectively. A section by section summary of the agenda follows:

Overview. The section is rewritten to update Congressional actions during calendar year 2011. The section concludes with the prospects for 2012 in regards to the President's budget, appropriations and passage of such reauthorizations as transportation and the farm bill.

Federal Program Grants Received, Applied for, or Anticipated in Minneapolis listed by Federal Agency.

United States Department of Housing and Urban Development. Appropriation amounts are updated and a table and chart depicting the city's funding levels for the community development programs are inserted in the section. The graphics show a steady decline in CDBG from 2010 to 2012 that approximates 26%. The policy recommendations are not substantively changed.

US Department of Transportation: The Reauthorization of the Transportation Act. This section is rewritten to reflect recent Congressional actions regarding the reauthorization of the Transportation Act. The recommendations are redrafted to express support for transit and highway funding at no less than current levels. (The House bill may reduce transit funding).

The remainder of the Transportation section includes updates and technical edits (grammar and usage).

Homeland Security. A new introductory section is added that discusses the Congressional actions related to the FY 2012 appropriations bill. Not only was the appropriation for the local government programs reduced, the bill contains language directing the Secretary to allocate appropriations among the twelve programs. The recommendations for the Homeland Security appropriations are redrafted for the UASI program.

United States Department of Health and Human Services. The changes in this section are updates to reflect more recent information and the deletion of outdated information.

United States Department of Justice. There are no substantive changes to this section.

United States Small Business Administration (SBA). The section contains updated references and no substantive changes.

Policy Initiatives.

Health Care. The city supports the health care legislation enacted by the 111th Congress. There are no changes to the section.

Telecommunication. The section has not been changed.

Healthy Food Initiative. The section has been redrafted to include current Congressional actions related to the healthy food financing initiatives. The recommendation has also been redrafted to address the need for legislative change to better utilize existing federal programs. The recommendation suggests that the legislative vehicle for the changes be the Farm bill reauthorization.

Youth Violence Prevention. In addition to updates the section includes a redrafted recommendation that expands on the deleted policy. The new recommendation suggests that prevention policies and programs are preferred strategies over punitive anti-gang legislation.

Energy and Environment Policy and Funding. The section deletes the climate change legislation policies and includes policies related to clean energy development.

Fully Inclusive Employment Non-Discrimination Act (ENDA). There are no changes recommended.

Lawful Permanent Residents: Equal Treatment. There are no changes recommended to this section.

Human Rights Restrictions in Uganda. There are no changes recommended to this section. Research is being done to determine the status of the legislation.

Air Traffic Safety and Noise Concerns. The title has been changed to include noise. The policy has been redrafted to address the concerns of the city related to airport noise.

There are no changes to the remaining existing policies. The draft proposal includes five policies new to the agenda. Of the five policies one has been adopted by the city council as a separate policy (Somalia Remittance). The remaining have been adopted as part of the state agenda but are also federal issues (Unemployment, Asian Carp, Definition of Marriage and Access to Voting).

The **Appropriations Requests** section has been deleted.