

INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

DRAFT Interim Work Plan

I. ISSUES ON THE HORIZON

A. Topics Upcoming Session

1. McKinsey Report. The technical committee is reviewing the McKinsey Report for any legislative changes necessary in order to implement the recommendations.
2. Pension Management. Remove the investment authority from the local pension plans and transfer to the State Board of Investment.
3. Pension Transfers. Allows long-term police and fire employees to transfer from their respective relief associations into the PERA Police & Fire plan.
4. Regional Facilities. Explore the regional facilities in Minneapolis and what jurisdiction should be paying for it.
5. Stadiums. It is inevitable that a ball park discussion will be revisited. The Vikings stadium will also be at the legislature next year.
6. 911 Surcharge. For the past several years, the city has been the lead player in advocating an increase in the 911 telephone surcharge for 911 centers. Is this a role the City wishes to continue, or lessen our presence to a supportive role.
7. Bonding Bill. It is likely a bonding bill of some form will resurface next session.
 - a. Emergency
 - b. Start to shape 2004
 - c. Supplemental
8. Library Board Members. A clarification is needed to provide that appointed library board members must file a statement of economic interest.
9. LGA. When the legislature enacted major property tax reforms in 2001, the intention was to revise the LGA program in 2002. Faced with the deficits, this was not done in 2002. It may become an issue in the 2003 session. Any revisions to the program must be monitored so that

LGA will continue to be a major part of municipal financing and recognize need, overburden and ability to pay.

10. Web Publications. The City sought legislation which would have allowed it to use its web site for official publication. When this was not successful, the City tried to get a temporary exemption through the Board of Government Innovation. The arguments against the City are being narrowed down to a strictly technical case of legal documentation. Many other cities are interested in the same idea.
11. Sales Tax Exemption for Library. The City will try again for this provision.
12. Transportation. Although faced with great pressure to enact a major transportation financing program, the 2002 legislature did nothing. The interests seeking such a program will be back again next year. The final program must include significant funding for transit in addition to roads.
 - a. Funding transit
 - b. LRT operation funding
 - c. Northstar
13. Housing. The City will again play an active role in finding solutions to affordable housing.
14. Health Issues. These issues have not yet been identified for next year.
15. Late Night Closing. Continue to pursue late night closing for liquor service.
16. Theatre Liquor Licenses. Examine the liquor statutes for certain entertainment venues.

II. **SOLICITATION LETTER FROM COUNCIL MEMBER BENSON TO ELECTED OFFICIALS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS**

Karen Lowery Wagner will be drafting the appropriate letter. Department heads will be asked to sign off on any legislative suggestions. Once suggestions are received, IGR staff will research the viabilities of the suggestions.

III. WORK TEAMS

A. Municipal Finance

Bill Barnhart – convener

Council Member Scott Benson

Pat Born

Council Member Barb Johnson

Andrea Hart Kajer

Council Member Barret Lane

John Moir

Tammy Omdal

Scott Renne

Peter Wagenius

Karen Lowery Wagner

B. Health

Andrea Hart Kajer - convener

Council Member Scott Benson

David Doth

Council Member Natalie Johnson Lee

Kinshasha Kambui

Andrea Hart Kajer

Health staff

C. Regional Facilities

Andrea Hart Kajer – convener

Council Member Scott Benson

Pat Born

John Moir

Peter Wagenius

D. Transit

Bill Barnhart – convener

Chuck Ballentine

Council Member Scott Benson

David Sonnenberg

Peter Wagenius

Pierre Willette

Council Member Sandy Colvin Roy

E. Land Use

Bill Barnhart – convener

Chuck Ballentine

Council Member Scott Benson

Michael Norton

Council Member Gary Schiff

Erik Takeshita

F. Pension

Karen Lowery Wagner – convener
Council Member Scott Benson
Pat Born
Ann Eilbracht
Jay Heffern
Council Member Barbara Johnson
David Fey

G. Housing

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Bonnie Balach
Council Member Scott Benson
David Fey
Keith Ford
Council Member Lisa Goodman
Erik Takeshita

Standardize format for all work teams. Complete recommendations by the end of August.

IV. IGR AGENDAS

- A. Work Plan Review
- B. Pension Boards (PERA, MERF, Relief Association, Teachers)
- C. Other Jurisdictions
 - Hennepin County
 - Minneapolis Schools
 - Minneapolis Library
 - Minneapolis Parks
- D. Associations
 - League of Minnesota Cities
 - Association of Metropolitan Municipalities
 - Minnesota Solutions
- E. Property Tax Study Group
 - Jeff Van Wychen
- F. Grants Overview
 - HUD
 - Homeland Security
- G. State Agencies
 - Minnesota Housing Finance
 - Minnesota Department of Transportation
 - Pollution Control Agency
 - Minnesota Department of Trade & Economic Development
 - Emergency Management Director
- H. Revenue Forecast

Coordinator of IGR agendas – Bill Barnhart

V. BUILDING THE CASE

- A. Meeting with legislators
- B. Buddy system
- C. Fact book
- D. Message definition
- E. Legislative events
- F. Dual citizenship
- G. Outstate partnership

Coordinator of Building the Case – Andrea Hart Kajer

VI. FACT SHEETS

- A. Pensions
- B. Budget
- C. McKinsey Report
- D. Regional Facilities
- E. Airport

Coordinator of Fact Sheets – Karen Lowery Wagner

VII. LEGISLATIVE VISITS

- A. Minneapolis delegation
- B. Leadership
- C. Other key legislators

Coordinator of legislative visits – Karen Lowery Wagner/Andrea Hart Kajer

VIII. DEPARTMENT LIAISON

Assessor (Bill Barnhart)

City Attorney (Karen Lowery Wagner)

Communications (Andrea Hart Kajer)

Finance (Bill Barnhart)

Fire (Karen Lowery Wagner)

Health (Andrea Hart Kajer)

Human Resources (Karen Lowery Wagner)

ITS (Andrea Hart Kajer)

Library Board (Andrea Hart Kajer)

Metropolitan Sports Facilities Commission (Andrea Hart Kajer)

Minneapolis Community Development Association (Karen Lowery Wagner)

Minneapolis Public Housing Authority (Karen Lowery Wagner)

Park Board (Bill Barnhart)

Pension Boards (Karen Lowery Wagner)

Planning (Bill Barnhart)

Police (Karen Lowery Wagner)

Public Works (Bill Barnhart)

Regulatory Service (Bill Barnhart)

School Board (Andrea Hart Kajer)