



TOWN COUNCIL STUDY SESSION AGENDA
January 16, 2024
4:00 PM

I. Study Session Items

1. Legislative Discussion - 45 minutes



MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Mayor and Members of Town Council
FROM: Emily Hogan, Assistant Town Manager
DATE: January 16, 2024
SUBJECT: Legislative Discussion

ISSUE:

The 2024 session of the Colorado General Assembly kicked off on January 10. The Town of Parker strives to support legislation that is consistent and furthers advancement of its priorities and objectives found in the Strategic Plan and oppose legislation that inhibits achievements of the Strategic Plan and its objectives. As such, Council adopted the 2024 Legislative Policy Agenda on January 2, which establishes positions taken by the Council on major policy issues under consideration at the federal, state and local levels that may impact the Town and its residents and businesses, and hired a lobbyist to advocate for the Town's priorities. As the Town's legislative review body, Council receives biweekly informational updates from staff and has a biweekly legislative discussion with the Town's lobbyist.

FISCAL/BUDGET IMPACT:

None.

BACKGROUND:

In anticipation of the 2024 session of the Colorado General Assembly, Council directed staff to create a framework for legislative advocacy. The Town strives to support legislation that is consistent and furthers advancement of the priorities and objectives found in the Strategic Plan and oppose legislation that inhibits achievements of the Strategic Plan and its objectives.

The framework includes a [Legislative Policy Agenda](#), which Council approved at the January 2, 2024 meeting, that establishes positions taken by the Council on major policy issues under consideration at the federal, state, and local levels that may impact the Town and its residents and businesses. The Town also hired a lobbyist to advocate for the Town's priorities. As the Town's legislative review body, Council receives biweekly informational updates from staff and has a biweekly legislative discussion with the Town's lobbyist.

Legislative Policy Agenda

As this is the first meeting with the lobbyist, staff recommends going over the Legislative Policy Agenda with Council and the lobbyist to review high priorities and answer any questions.

Bill Updates

Staff previously shared a legislative preview that was provided by the Colorado Municipal League (CML). In addition to these anticipated bills or issues, staff has received a number of draft bills, including: Wine Walk amendment, transit-oriented communities and required housing (HB24-0288), prohibiting firearms in sensitive spaces (HB24-0352), land use appeals (HB24-0596) and

encouraging accessory dwelling units (HB24-0454). Staff is reviewing these bills and will provide feedback/comments.

The lobbyist's bill tracker is available at

<https://statebillinfo.com/SBI/index.cfm?fuseaction=Public.Dossier&id=34188&pk=414&style=pinstripe>

and is updated on a daily basis.

Legislative Discussion Schedule

The next legislative discussion with the lobbyist was scheduled for February 5 but canceled as Council has a scheduling conflict. Staff is recommending that Council identify another day and/or time for the discussion during the first week of February.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff requests a consensus of the Town Council to identify any bills or issues to track or take action on and a new date/time for the legislative discussion scheduled for February 5.

REQUESTED DIRECTION:

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ATTACHMENT:

None