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TOWN COUNCIL STUDY SESSION AGENDA
February 20, 2024
4:00 PM

I. Study Session Items

1. Legislative Discussion - Hogan - 45 minutes

MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Councilmembers

FROM: Emily Hogan, Assistant Town Manager

DATE: February 20, 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:

At the January 2, 2024 Council meeting, Council adopted the 2024 Legislative Agenda. The purpose of the agenda is to establish 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 agenda builds on the Town's existing values, priorities and objectives identified in its Strategic Plan.

The Town supports legislation that is consistent and furthers advancement of the priorities and objectives found in the Strategic Plan. Conversely, the Town opposes legislation that inhibits achievements of the Strategic Plan and its objectives. The agenda states the Town's positions on a number of topics that may be the subject of proposed legislation in the coming legislative session. The agenda is meant to serve as a single, authoritative source of information that can be easily shared with legislators and promoted by elected officials.

The Council serves as the Town's legislative review body and is apprised of legislation throughout the session by staff and receives regular updates during Council meetings. Advocacy positions to be taken by the Town include:

- **Support** – The Town supports the proposed bill as written. The bill directly relates to Town priorities and/or is considered crucial to Town operations.
- **Oppose** – The Town opposes the proposed bill as written. The bill direct conflicts with Town priorities, forces an unfunded mandate on the Town, interferes with local control and/or conflicts with crucial Town operations.

- **Amend** – The Town deems the bill to directly relate to Town priorities or be considered crucial to Town operations. However, the Town would like to see the bill amended before taking a support or oppose position. The Town will take advocate to amend the bill prior to passage.
- **Monitor** – The Town deems the bill of interest but no position is to be taken at this time. Staff will track progress of the bill and report back to the Council. The Council may take a support or oppose position on the bill at a later time based on changes to the legislation.
- **None** – The Town does not take a position on the legislation. The Town may take a support or oppose position of the bill at a later time.

Additionally, Council directed staff to contract with a lobbyist for 2024 to provide legislative advocacy services to the Town. In addition to maintaining a daily presence at the State Capitol, the lobbyist acts as a policy advisor, strategic consultant, coalition organizer and legislative advocate on behalf of the Town.

The lobbyist provides a weekly bill report, which can be accessed at https://statebillinfo.com/SBI/index.cfm?fuseaction=Public.Dossier&id=34188&pk=414&style=pinstripe.

RECOMMENDATION:
Staff requests a consensus of the Town Council to identify any bills to track or take action on.

REQUESTED DIRECTION:
Staff requests a consensus of the Town Council to identify any bills to track or take action on.

ATTACHMENT:
None