



City of Grand Island

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Study Session

Item -2

Legislative and Lobbyist Discussion

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Council Agenda Memo

From: Mayor Jay Vavricek
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Subject: Legislative and Lobbyist Discussion
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Background

There are many legislative considerations looming before the State of Nebraska that will impact the City of Grand Island and its citizens. Enacted policies and financial decisions will long affect our community. To what degree City leadership devotes time, energy and financial resources to this process needs to be understood and determined.

There were comments made during a January City Council meeting suggesting the need to develop a legislative process to be better engaged to defend and affect state legislative policy making decisions specifically affecting the City and the people of Grand Island.

Discussion

This presentation is not meant to champion any specific opinion or direction. The intention is to demonstrate options and have an open discussion that helps to inform the Council of our current practice and explore opportunities to better assist in strategic planning for the City of Grand Island going forward. Discussion is warranted for greater citizen awareness in regards to this subject and to determine future efforts and attention to state legislative decisions.

Conclusion

This item is presented to the City Council in a Study Session to allow for any questions to be answered and to create a greater understanding of the issue at hand.

It is necessary and appropriate for the Council to evaluate alternatives to better address state legislative concerns. Therefore, it is wise to examine the merit of all considerations that may be in the best long term interests of the City of Grand Island and the people it serves.