

Resolution No.08-18

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE 2018 COLORADO GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND THE LEGISLATIVE POLICY AGENDA OF THE CITY COUNCIL

RECITALS:

The 2018 session of the Colorado General Assembly, convened on January 10th; the General Assembly considers and acts on a wide array of issues, many of which have or may have a direct and indirect effect on the City, its operations and the services delivered to the citizens.

With this Resolution the City Council sets, adopts and determines its priorities regarding anticipated State legislative matters and outlines which issues the City has an interest in involving itself. Furthermore, the City Council establishes a procedure for participation in those matters; participation which may include, but not be limited to writing letters, making calls, testifying or otherwise appropriately expressing the City's position relative to any hearing, bill or other matter before the General Assembly.

The City has a long and strong relationship with the Colorado Municipal League (CML) and 2018 is expected to be no different. The 2017-2018 CML Policy Statement is attached and incorporated by this reference as if fully set forth. While CML has an excellent perspective on what is important to municipalities, it represents 269 municipalities, many of which are on the Front Range and may have a different perspective on legislative/policy needs that others.

While the instances over many years have been few that CML's position is divergent from Grand Junction's, the City Council continues to rely on staff and a member of Council to monitor legislative and policy action during the General Assembly sessions. The 2018 session is no exception.

City Councilmember Duncan McArthur, who presently serves on the CML Policy Committee, shall be the designated Council Liaison and Assistant to the City Manager Greg LeBlanc is the designated staff member for the 2018 session. In addition to Mr. LeBlanc, the other professional City staff will be providing their expertise to evaluate actions proposed by, coming to or pending before the General Assembly in 2018.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GRAND JUNCTION CITY COUNCIL THAT the City does hereby express its support for the CML 2017-2018 Policy Statement as guidance for the 2018 legislative policy of the Grand Junction City Council; and,

FURTHERMORE, be it resolved that the City Council does authorize and direct Councilmember McArthur, with the assistance of City staff to work with CML in support

of the policy agenda as the same is reflected in bills, resolutions and measures before the Colorado General Assembly during its 2018 session(s).

PASSED and ADOPTED this 17th day of January 2018.

GRAND JUNCTION CITY COUNCIL



J. Merrick Taggart
Mayor and President of the City Council

ATTEST:



Wanda Winkelmann
City Clerk

