



Legislative Issues 2016

The City of Oklahoma City
City Council Meeting October 27, 2015

Process

- City Manager asks Department Heads for items they believe require a legislative fix either on the state or federal level
- Items are considered by the Council Legislative Committee
- Committee makes recommendations to Council
- Staff works with our contracted consultants to secure bill authors and guide bills through the legislature

State Legislative Issues 2015

- SB 152 – Amend restrictions for dog kennels, effective 11.1.2015
- SB 376 – Allow fee recovery when accepting credit card payments, effective 11.1.2015
- HB 2119 – Competitive Bidding Act – Extend the time allowed to award competitive bids, effective 11.1.2015
- HB 1037 – Amend open records act for body-worn cameras, effective 5/22/2015

State Legislative Issues 2016

- Priority Issues
 - Local control over local issues
 - Increase Funding for Transit
 - Monitor any efforts to exempt sales tax on the existing sales tax base
- Initiative Issues
 - Assessment of unpaid water, wastewater and drainage utility bills to real property
 - Change billboard relocation legislation to consider local ordinances where appropriate

State Legislative Issues 2016

- Initiative Issues (cont.)
 - Motor vehicles scrap/recycling ownership documentation
 - Amend disaster animals statute enacted in 2015 to clarify holding requirements
 - Amend animal cruelty statutes to provide for prosecution of willful and malicious acts of cruelty to animals
 - Enact legislation to fully fund and provide 911 emergency services

State Legislative Issues 2016

- Support/Oppose Issues
 - Oppose changes to asset forfeiture program that would be detrimental to law enforcement
 - Retain tools for economic development
 - Protect clean water supplies
 - Support Amtrak and passenger rail
 - Oppose efforts to impose unfunded mandates on municipalities or diminish existing revenue

Federal Legislative Issues 2016

- Remote Transactions Parity Act
- Funding for Transportation and Transit
- Support Tinker Air Force Base
- Retain tax-free status of municipal bonds
- Support Airport funding and FAA operations
- Monitor Clean Air Act enforcement standards

Federal Legislative Issues 2016

- Economic Development and Local Grant Programs like CDBG and HOME
- Extension/Renewal of Empowerment Zone designation
- Amend federal regulations pertaining to the SBA revolving loan fund program
- Support Amtrak/Passenger Rail Service