

REPORT TO THE CITY COUNCIL FROM  
THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE  
STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE MINNEAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL  
January 8, 2015

A regular meeting of the committee was convened at 1:31 p.m. on this date.

Members Present: Council Members Elizabeth Glidden (Chair), Alondra Cano, Andrew Johnson, Barbara Johnson and John Quincy

Members Absent: Council Member Jacob Frey

Matters listed below are hereby submitted with the following recommendations; to-wit:

1. Ethics Officer Report/Lobbying Services ([15-00027](#)):

Receiving and filing the report of the Ethics Officer relating to lobbying issues with the firm of Fredrikson, Bryon, P.A. for professional conflict of interest.

On motion by Glidden, carried on voice vote, the matter was received and filed.

*Gene Ranieri, IGR Director, introduced Sophie Wallerstedt, new IGR intern.*

3. 2015 Legislative Agenda/Policy Positions ([15-00029](#)):

Adopting the 2015 Legislative Agenda and 2015 Legislative Policy Positions.

Presentation by Melissa Lesch, IGR staff.

Glidden moved approval of the 2015 Policy Positions document, which is the full list of the City's policy positions, as well as the 2015 Legislative Agenda.

On motion by A. Johnson, carried on voice vote, the City Livability/General City Livability section of the Policy Position document (page 8) was amended by deleting the word "legalize" and inserting in lieu thereof, "expand access to" and by deleting the word "marijuana" and inserting in lieu thereof, "cannabis." The full text reads as follows:

"Legislation to ~~legalize~~ expand access to the medicinal use of ~~marijuana~~ cannabis for authorized individuals with a debilitating medical condition."

Glidden's motion, as amended, carried on voice vote.

2. Alternative Property Tax Valuation Process ([15-00028](#)):

Receiving and filing presentation by the Twin Cities Chapter of Common Ground USA.

Presentation by Gene Ranieri, IGR Director, of the subject matter. He introduced Richard Nymoen and Tim Farrell, with Common Ground USA.

The meeting was opened to a public presentation by Richard Nymoen and Tim Farrell, who narrated a PowerPoint presentation relating to land value tax.

On motion by Glidden, carried on voice vote, the matter was received and filed.

With no further business to transact, the meeting adjourned at 2:14 p.m.

Reported by Irene Kasper, Committee Coordinator