

NOTICE OF STUDY SESSION

OF THE

UNIVERSITY CITY CITY COUNCIL

Public Notice is hereby given that a Study Session of the City Council of University City will be held on Monday, February 12, 2018, at 5:30 p.m., at City Hall, fifth floor, 6801 Delmar, University City, MO.

AGENDA – Revised

Requested by the City Manager

1. Meeting called to order
2. Any changes to the upcoming meeting agenda
3. Draft Legislative Platform
4. Roll-Call vote to go into a Closed Council Session according to RSMo 610.021 (1) Legal actions, causes of action or litigation involving a public governmental body and any confidential or privileged communications between a public governmental body or its representatives and its attorneys.
5. Adjournment

This meeting is OPEN to the public.

Dated this 9th day of February, 2018

LaRette Reese
City Clerk



Council Agenda Item Cover

MEETING DATE: February 12, 2018

AGENDA ITEM TITLE: Draft Legislative Platform

AGENDA SECTION: Study/Work Session

CAN THIS ITEM BE RESCHEDULED? : Yes

BACKGROUND REVIEW:

I am attaching for your information a copy of the draft University City Legislative Platform 2018 (Platform) (see attachment 1). The Platform is developed so that you can provide your position to our Federal and State delegation on a variety of issues they will be asked to consider during the legislative session(s). Before placing this matter as an action item on a future Council Agenda, I would like to get your direction on whether you wish to modify, add to, or delete items from the proposed Platform.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Draft University City Legislative Platform 2018 (Platform) (see attachment 1). The Platform is developed so that you can provide your position to

**City of University City 2018 Legislative Platform
Requesting Council Approval**

This 2018 Legislative Platform reflects Council's legislative positions and priorities on current or anticipated legislative action at both the state and federal levels. Guided by this legislative platform, staff will take action to influence legislative efforts based on the best interests of the City of University City. Staff will update Council throughout the legislative session while seeking specific feedback on issues of major importance to the City.

2018 State Legislative Platform

I. REVENUE AND FINANCE

A. The City will oppose legislation that results in the reduction of revenues collected by the City and support legislation that enhances revenue collections.

- Oppose legislation that reduces shared revenues, State Gas Tax, licensing or franchise fees, or any other source of current revenue for the City.
- Support legislation that protects or enhances the City's ability to collect construction sales tax at the site of construction and oppose legislation that does not.
- Support legislation that proposes to have cities and towns share in use tax as an offset to any construction sales tax decreases.

B. The City will protect its ability to collect and use property taxes in order to properly manage the operations of the City and to manage growth.

C. The City will support limited legislative corrective action to Development Impact Fee (DIF) law if the corrective action benefits the City's interest and oppose legislation that does not.

II. GOVERNANCE

A. The City will oppose legislation that reduces the City's local authority and support legislation that strengthens or increases local control.

- Oppose legislation that creates unfunded mandates and burdensome regulations.

- Oppose legislation that imposes personal liability on Council members for actions taken as part of their official duty, and oppose legislation that increases City liability or requires the City to take on additional indemnity.

III. QUALITY SERVICES

- A. The City will support legislation that enhances or incentivizes economic development within the City and oppose legislation that weakens economic development tools.
- Support legislation that provides alternative financing tools in order to bring economic investments to the City.
 - Support legislation that leverages tax laws in order to bring economic investments to the City.
- B. The City will support legislation that enhances public safety and protection from criminal activity, and oppose any legislation that needlessly reduces public safety or compromises the City's ability to provide public safety and to protect property utilizing its own local authority.
- C. The City will support efforts to increase the ability to provide additional quality parks, recreation and library services and oppose efforts to limit the ability to fund community services.
- Support legislation that allows additional options to participate in cost sharing and to finance municipal recreational infrastructure.
 - Support all aspects of Community Development Block Grants (CDBG).
- D. The City will support legislation that advances responsive and high quality health and human service practices and delivery to people living in and around University City, and oppose legislation that negatively impacts these services.
- Support legislation that brings additional services and cost effective resources to our senior and veteran population.
 - Support legislation that increases health care access to the City's residents.

IV. INFRASTRUCTURE

- A. The City will support legislation that advances the planning, design and completion of transportation infrastructure and oppose legislation that will hinder completion of transportation infrastructure.

- Support legislation that creates additional funding options or revenue sources for transportation infrastructure including private-public partnerships and new revenue streams.
- Support legislation that reduces or repeals unnecessary or redundant regulatory requirements.

B. The City will support legislation that enhances the City’s ability to provide or oversee safe and affordable utility services while protecting the health, safety, and public welfare of the people within the City, and oppose any legislation that needlessly reduces the safety and affordability of utilities or compromises the City’s oversight authority.

V. 2017 FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM

A. The City will seek federal funding for transportation infrastructure projects.

B. The City will advocate for continued federal support of the TIGER Grant or similar transportation program.

C. The City will advocate with the Federal Environmental Protection Agency on issues negatively impacting the City of University City.

VI. STAFF REQUESTED LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY

Activity	Requesting Department
Support legislation that improves health, wellness, literacy and information access.	City Manager’s Office
Support legislation that enhances the efficiency and effectiveness of law enforcement, while protecting taxpayers and maintaining local authority. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prioritize resources to combat Violent Crime • Federal Sentencing Reform and Reducing Unnecessary Incarceration 	Police