

2008 City of Wichita Proposed Legislative Agenda

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Presentation Categories

- 2007 legislative review
- Carry-over from 2007
- Department Head proposals
- Issue monitoring
- Coalitions
- Priorities
- Next steps

2007 Legislative Agenda Successes

PRIORITY ISSUES

- StopBlight: One-year foreclosure
- Affordable Airfares: 2nd Year \$\$\$
- Business-Driven Education: NIAR \$\$\$

Post-Secondary Tech Ed
Training Authority.

(NO ACTION: Comprehensive
Transportation Plan, Homeland Security
Funding)

2007 Legislative Successes (cont')

- STAR bonds: Wichita provision
- Municipal Court: Collection Fees
- Metal Theft: Tougher reporting standards
- Chemical Explosion: Criminalized action
- Library: Funding secured, other issues

STILL BREATHING

- Negotiated Bond Sale
- Driver's License Suspension Notice

Carry-over issues

- Municipal Court
- Library funding
- Domestic violence
- Business-driven education
- Sex offender restrictions (revised)
- Negotiated bond sale
- Electronic signature confirmation
- Drivers license suspension notice
- One-Call

Department Head Proposal

WPD

Health care costs for arrestees

- Issue created by 2006 Kansas Legislature in passage of HB2893.
- Set Medicaid cap on prisoner health care charges, but also assigned fiscal responsibility to arresting entity (previously county responsibility)
- PROPOSAL: Create alternative funding source

Department Head Proposal Water Utilities

ASR project funding

- Request for \$1 million in SGF funds in support of Aquifer Storage Recharge project
- Included as part of Kansas Water Authority budget request to the Governor
- First of annual requests for duration of project

Department Head Proposal

Library

- 1) Stable funding, local control
- 2) Statehouse library system enhancements
 - Funding to establish a statewide delivery system for library materials
 - Funding for *LearningExpressLibrary*, a statewide database to assist Kansans in career and education test preparation

Issues to monitor

CASINO REGULATION

WCC position: Distribution of gaming revenue should include compensation to communities adjacent to state-owned casinos for negative impact to public safety and social costs

Issues to monitor

ENERGY

- Any proposed increase in minimum energy efficiency standards for public buildings should acknowledge current City of Wichita practices.
- Full opportunity to evaluate any proposals, contribute to legislative deliberations.

Issues to monitor

CHILD CARE INSPECTIONS

City of Wichita endorses current collaborative inspections with Kansas Department of Health and Environment

Issues to Monitor

- LAVTR
- Eminent Domain
- Alcohol Regulation
- Concealed Carry
- Home Rule

COALITIONS

- Visioneering Wichita ULA
- REAP
- League of Kansas Municipalities

Recommended Priority Issues

- ASR project funding
(REAP, Visioneering endorsements)
- Visioneering Wichita Unified Legislative
Agenda (aviation industry support)

NEXT STEPS

- Council input
- Council priorities
- Visioneering ULA, REAP
- SCK Legislative Delegation (early January)