

CITY OF SALEM



Staff Report

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TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Mayor Chris Hoy

SUBJECT:

Motion from Mayor Chris Hoy regarding engaging a federal lobbyist

Ward(s): All Wards

Councilor(s): All Councilors

Neighborhood(s): All Neighborhoods

MOTION:

I move that City Council direct the City Manager contract with a government relations provider to perform federal lobbying activities for the City.

DISCUSSION:

Hiring a skilled federal lobbyist will help ensure the city is well positioned to take full advantage of federal grants and other funding opportunities that may emerge over the next several years. Issues and projects such as transportation, commercial air service, water and wastewater treatment, criminal justice, parks, housing and homeless response all have potential connections to federal funding. Having a presence in Washington, D.C. may improve our awareness of and competitiveness for funding opportunities.

Attachments:

None.