

EVERETT CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

PROJECT TITLE:

A Resolution regarding the
City's priorities for the
Washington State
Legislature's 2016 Session

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Initialed by:
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Council President



<u>Location</u>	<u>Preceding Action</u>	<u>Attachments</u>	<u>Department(s) Approval</u>
		Proposed Resolution	Administration

Expenditure Required	-0-	
Budget Remaining	-0-	
Additional Required	-0-	

DETAILED SUMMARY STATEMENT:

The State Legislature has convened for its 2016 Session. In this "short" 60-day Session, the City will invest time, energy and resources advocating for its key legislative priorities. The proposed resolution describes these priorities.

RECOMMENDATION (Exact action requested of Council):

Adopt a Resolution regarding the City's priorities for the Washington State Legislature's 2016 Session.

RESOLUTION NO. _____



A RESOLUTION regarding the City's priorities for the Washington State Legislature's 2016 Session.

WHEREAS, as it does each year, the City will spend time, energy and resources advocating for issues in its interest during the 2016 state legislative session; and

WHEREAS, the City has identified the establishment of low-barrier housing as a foundational strategy for addressing chronic homelessness and improving public safety; and

WHEREAS, local transportation needs remain even after the Legislature's passage of a significant, statewide transportation passage in 2015; and

WHEREAS, the City is committed to replacing worn-out field turf at Kasch Park, a regional asset that benefits citizens from north King County to Skagit County; and

WHEREAS, the City strongly supports continued expansion and growth of Washington State University North Puget Sound at Everett and the University Center of North Puget Sound, administered by WSU; and

WHEREAS, the City shares the interest of the Association of Washington Cities and other municipalities in rebuilding "state-shared" revenues; and

WHEREAS, the City intends to be proactive in support of legislation to address the costs and administration of records requests;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND EVERETT CITY COUNCIL THAT:

The City's top policy priorities for the 2016 state legislative session shall include the following:

- The City seeks \$2 million in the Supplemental State Capital Budget for acquisition, tenant improvements and remodeling of an existing structure to accommodate 10 or more low-barrier housing units in a Phase 1 approach to a larger "Housing First" low-barrier housing project of 40-50 units.

- The City seeks \$3 million for pre-design work on the U.S. Highway 2 trestle, and will explore ways to expedite several million dollars in funding for the I-5 peak-hour-use shoulder lanes between Everett and Marysville, to sync with I-5/SR 529 interchange work.
- The City seeks \$500,000 from the Supplemental State Capital Budget to help replace worn-out field turf at Kasch Park.
- The City supports Washington State University's \$832,000 operating budget request for Sustainable Food and Agriculture Systems degree program at WSU North Puget Sound at Everett.
- The City urges the passage of legislation removing current statutory caps that restrict liquor revolving account distributions to cities and counties to Fiscal Year 2011 levels.
- The City supports legislation allowing public agencies to recover "actual costs" from those who make records requests for commercial and for-profit purposes.
- The City seeks legislation to prevent agencies from being required to produce copies of videos and photographs that contain nudity or partial nudity.

Council Member Introducing Resolution

Passed and approved this ____ day of January 2016.

Ray Stephanson, Mayor

Scott Murphy, Council President

Judy Tuohy, Vice President

Paul Roberts, Council Member

Jeff Moore, Council Member

Cassie Franklin, Council Member

Scott Bader, Council Member

Brenda Stonecipher, Council Member