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for consideration by the Apex Town Council

Item Type: NEW BUSINESS

Meeting Date: February 25, 2025

Item Details

Presenter(s): Allen Coleman, Town Clerk

Department(s): Town Clerk's Office

Requested Motion

Possible motion to adopt the 2025-2026 Legislative Agenda for the Town of Apex and direct the Town Clerk to forward a certified copy of the Town's Adopted Legislative Agenda to the Town's Lobbying Firm, Town of Apex representatives of the North Carolina General Assembly (NCGA), the North Carolina League of Municipalities, Wake County Board of Commissioners, and other entities as appropriate; and direct the Town Clerk to provide an annual report of the monitoring of the Town's Legislative Priorities.

Approval Recommended?

Yes

Item Details

During the 2025 Town Council Retreat, the Governing Body received an overview of North Carolina's Legislative Horizon and discussed potential components of the Town's Legislative Agenda. As part of this discussion, six (6) guiding principles emerged which are:

1. Support Funding to Municipalities
2. Support Greater Flexibility and Local Control of Municipalities
3. Support Equity and Inclusion Efforts
4. Oppose Removal of Authority from Municipalities
5. Oppose Unfunded Mandates or Cost Shifts
6. Oppose Efforts to Eliminate or Reduce Funding to the Powell Bill.

The proposed Legislative Agenda aligns with the Town's Strategic Framework entitled: "Game Plan Apex" and is structured in this format. The purpose of the Town's Legislative Agenda is to establish clear, concise, and simple priorities that encompass a wide range of policy and capital funding needs.

Following adoption, the Town Clerk will provide reoccurring updates on high profile legislation and provide an annual report of the monitoring of the Town's Legislative Priorities.

Additionally, members of the public are encouraged to take note that the Town has a Legislative Breakfast planned for Thursday, March 6, 2025 at 8:30 a.m. at the Apex Senior Center. Town Elected Officials and Senior Executive Leadership will meet with local elected leaders from the North Carolina General Assembly and United States Congress to discuss the Town's Legislative Priorities.

In March 2023, the Mayor and Town Council expressed a desire to have more visibility and engagement with the State and Federal branches of Government and directed the Town Clerk to establish a program for such work. In response, the Government Relations Strategy team was formed with the primary objective being to influencing public policy at all levels of governance through: (A) Strong Partnerships, (B) Clear Priorities, and (C) Transparent Performance Monitoring and Tracking.

In April 2024, the Town entered into a contract with Checkmate Government Relations to represent the interests of the Town before the North Carolina General Assembly and applicable government entities of the State of North Carolina through the provision of consulting, monitoring, and government relations services to achieve Town goals in state policy and legislative matters.

Attachments

- NB1-A1: 2025-2026 - Proposed Legislative Agenda for the Town of Apex

