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CITY OF GRAND RAPIDS AGENDA ACTION REQUEST

DATE: January 28, 2025

TO: Mark Washington, City Manager

COMMITTEE: Committee of the Whole

LIAISON: Mark Washington, City Manager

FROM: Karyn Ferrick, Government and Legislative Affairs Officer
Executive Office

SUBJECT: **Briefing on Proposed 2025 Legislative Priority Agenda**

Attached is a draft resolution setting the City's legislative priority agenda for 2025.

In furtherance of the City's mission to elevate quality of life through excellent city services and to promote a strategic, structured, and proactive approach to state and federal legislative, policy and appropriations issues, the attached resolution advances the legislative priority agenda for the City. The rapidly changing nature of legislative items requires constant attention and often swift action and response. The proposed legislative priority agenda will provide direction on priorities and principles to be used by the City Manager, the Government & Legislative Affairs Officer and the Legislative Team in initiating, evaluating and responding to legislation and initiatives that impact the City and its residents.

The purpose of the legislative priority agenda is to clearly outline the position and interests of the City on priority issues and matters that impact the City's ability to operate effectively, while allowing additional legislative and budget issues that arise during the legislative session. The proposed legislative priority agenda will promote the City's vision to strive to be nationally recognized as an equitable, welcoming, innovative, and collaborative city with a robust economy, safe and healthy community, and the opportunity for a high quality of life for all.

As part of that vision and commitment, the City is continuously engaged in collaboration. We have been identified as a key partner on several initiatives at both the state and federal level and look forward to continuing that and to future opportunities to partner with our elected representatives, residents, and stakeholders as legislative initiatives are advanced.

The attached draft legislative priority agenda was formulated in consultation with the City Manager, his Cabinet, the Legislative Team, and the City's contracted advocacy firms,

McAlvey Merchant & Associates and Potomac Strategic Development Company, LLC. Additional feedback from City departments will be noted during the briefing presentation, including areas of potential tension between state-level policy vs. local control, as well as items that may be overly specific.

There is no City Commission action requested today. Consideration of the legislative priority agenda is anticipated at the Committee of the Whole meeting on February 11, 2025.

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