Management Council Motion #1 – Nov. 24, 2020

I Move Legislative Leadership develop and implement a plan delaying the majority of the legislative working days of the 2021 General Session of the Wyoming Legislature until a date after the initial convening of the session on January 12, 2021.

To facilitate this session planning I further move that:

- 1. Joint Appropriations Committee (JAC) Budget Hearings, markup and bill considerations will proceed in December 2020 in a virtual format. JAC members may participate from the Capitol. The JAC is authorized up to two weeks of meeting days for the Budget Hearings, markup and bill considerations;
- 2. Legislative Leadership work with their respective Rules Committees Chief Clerks and LSO to develop draft rules to be considered by each house and the joint rules by both houses at their initial January 2021 convening;
- 3. Legislative Leadership requests LSO and Session Staff work with the judicial branch to swear in members during the week of January 4, 2021;
- 4. All newly elected members of the 66th Wyoming Legislature be offered the option of being sworn in on January 12 in the chambers to which they are elected. That up to four guests of each new member be allowed to attend the swearing in and that compliance with public health related orders or requests is strongly encouraged for members, and required for guests;
- 5. The 66th Wyoming Legislature convenes virtually while anchored at the seat of government in the State Capitol in Cheyenne at noon on January 12th, 2021 for the commencement of the 2021 General Session;
- 6. During this convening of the General Session in January 2021, all necessary initial business of the Legislature is accomplished, including but not limited to:
 - A. Election of Legislative Leadership;
 - B. Adopt Rules for the 66th Legislature;
 - C. Receiving an address from Governor Gordon;
 - D. Consideration of bills;
 - E. Introduction and assign committee bills;
 - F. Assignment of gubernatorial appointees, if submitted at that time, to Senate Standing Committees for consideration.
- 7. Leadership shall continue to evaluate the COVID-19 public health situation and other factors to determine the best course of action for the continuation of the 2021 General Session and develop session dates and calendars accordingly.