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Legislative Review Committee Agenda

Meeting Notes

February 24, 2015, 4:00 p.m.

Commons Conference Room

Present: Wade Troxell, Councilmember; Ross Cunniff, Councilmember; Lisa Poppaw, Councilmember; Wendy Williams, Assistant City Manager; Carrie Daggett, Interim City Attorney; Dan Weinheimer, Legislative Policy Manager

Absent: None

Guests: Kevin Jones, Chamber of Commerce; Dan Betts, Senator Cory Gardner's office

Councilmember Troxell called the meeting to order at 4:08 pm.

Adoption of the minutes from the February 10, 2015 meeting were moved for approval by Councilmember Poppaw and seconded by Councilmember Cunniff. Minutes were adopted without amendment.

Dan described new Colorado General Assembly bills for LRC consideration:

HB15-1007 – clarifies **Local Government Retail Marijuana Taxes** in statute. Dan noted LRC had adopted a position of **oppose unless amended** and that this bill was indeed amended to remove the possibility of a county enacting a tax within a home rule city. Dan noted that CML had changed its position to a support. LRC adopted a **support** position.

HB15-1206 – provides a state **Sales and Use Tax Refund for Recycling Equipment**. Dan shared that staff has indicated at least five local businesses could benefit from this bill and that the refund is not on the local portion of sales and use tax. LRC adopted a **support** position.

HB15-1217 – would allow **Local Input on Liquor Sales Room Applications**. These applications are to the state, and the state would retain authority to approve or deny an applicant. This bill ensures a community can provide meaningful input on a proposed sales room location and the impacts the site could have on the concentration and intensity of liquor-related businesses in a neighborhood. LRC adopted a **support** position.

HB15-1230 – is a bill that would create an **Innovative Industry Workforce Development Program**. The proposal would help fund internships in innovative

industry businesses aimed at increasing skills and experience throughout Colorado. LRC adopted a **support** position.

SB15-014 – would enact changes to the state’s **Medical Marijuana** program. Dan noted that staff is still reviewing this bill but had an interest in the bill’s caretaker provisions. LRC adopted a **monitor** position pending additional information from staff.

SB15-055 – concerns a practice of the State Engineer with regards to **Return of Water to from a Tail Ditch**. The bill permits a person to use a tail ditch to return variable amounts of water to a stream and says that the state engineer shall not require the delivery of a minimum amount of water to the stream, except as required by a court decree. Staff indicated that this bill has a water conservation nexus. LRC adopted a **support** position.

SB15-115 – is a **Sunset Review of the Medical Marijuana** statute. Dan indicated that staff is reviewing this bill and that a more formal position might be forthcoming. LRC adopted a **monitor** position.

SB15-177 – concerns **HOA Construction Defect Lawsuit Approval Timelines** and generally seeks to provide a builder the opportunity to remedy a construction defect before a lawsuit is initiated by a property owner or HOA. LRC adopted a **support** position.

SB15-183 – is a bill to **Quantify Water Rights Historical Consumptive Use**. Staff did not have adequate information for consideration so LRC agreed to consider this bill at their next meeting.

The LRC then briefly discussed the **March National League of Cities conference in Washington DC**. Dan briefly summarized the planned meetings and LRC members asked to receive a summary of the meetings, anticipated meeting topics, and talking points ahead of the NLC trip.

Councilmember Troxell summarized the February 13 **CML Policy Committee** meeting. Dan indicated he would send the email summary shared by CML staff with the LRC.

Councilmember Cunniff brought up the **Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP)** and LRC briefly discussed where the Committee had left discussion of the proposal and asked Dan Betts whether Senator Cory Gardner had either information on TPP or had adopted a position. Dan indicated he would check on a position and that he had no new information.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:48pm.