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Legislative Review Committee Agenda

Meeting Notes

August 26, 2014, 4:00 p.m.

City Manager's Conference Room

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

Absent: None

Guests: Tom Vosburg, Fort Collins Utilities; Kevin Jones, Chamber of Commerce; James Thompson, Office of Senator Michael Bennet; Jamie Grim, Office of Congressman Jared Polis

Councilmember Troxell called the meeting to order at 4:15 pm.

Adoption of the minutes from the August 12, 2014 meeting were moved for approval by Councilmember Cunniff and seconded by Councilmember Troxell. Minutes were adopted without amendment.

LRC discussed the federal **Trans-Pacific Partnership** (TPP) beginning with presentations from James Thompson (Bennet) and Jamie Grim (Polis). The TPP is a trade agreement being negotiated between the United States and with 11 other countries throughout the Asia-Pacific region (Australia, Brunei Darussalam, Canada, Chile, Japan, Malaysia, Mexico, New Zealand, Peru, Singapore, and Vietnam). Councilmember Cunniff expressed concern that the trade deal may preempt locally-enacted environmental protection laws and that patent language could block innovation in the United States.

LRC discussed whether to bring a resolution to City Council focused on expressing the hope that the City's Congressional Delegation support protection of general themes that may be negotiated as part of the pact.

Tom Vosburg presented the opportunity to comment on pending action of the **Federal Communications Commission** (FCC) regarding **municipal broadband**. The Electric Power Board of Chattanooga, Tennessee, and the City of Wilson, North Carolina filed separate petitions asking that the FCC act pursuant to preempt portions of Tennessee and North Carolina state statutes that restrict their ability to provide broadband services. LRC approved staff submitting comments on behalf of the City to participate in the ruling.

LRC reviewed the 2014 Legislative Priority document and provided direction for the preparation of the 2015 Legislative Priorities. Dan will provide LRC with a redlined draft for the next LRC meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:18 pm.