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Legislative Review Committee Meeting Summary

October 6, 2009, 4:00 p.m.
City Manager's Conference Room

Present: Doug Hutchinson, Lisa Poppaw, Steve Roy, Wendy Williams, Tess Heffernan

Absent: Kelly Ohlson, Darin Atteberry

The meeting was convened at 4:08. The meeting summary from September 1, 2009 was approved.

Staff provided an overview of new federal legislation and potential state legislation, including the following:

- S. 1611 Public Safety Employer-Employee Cooperation Act of 2009. Two bills have been introduced in Congress (one in the House, one in the Senate) that impose federal requirements regarding several aspects of collective bargaining. These mandates apply to both state and local governments. This was an information item only; the City does not regularly take a position on federal legislation. Lisa Poppaw asked Steve Roy to provide additional analysis, including how these bills differ from the current City code and the potential impact on local control.
- City staff have been working to identify potential actions that would help curb binge drinking. One possibility would be to amend the liquor statutes so that servers would be prohibited from being visibly intoxicated or consuming alcohol while working. The question was raised as to whether or not such an amendment should apply to other employees as well, e.g., "bouncers." Steve will discuss this further with legal staff and bring it back to the LRC to decide whether or not to ask legislators to sponsor a bill in 2010.
- Staff is also recommending a change to the Colorado Code of Regulations that would clarify the definition of meals to not include alcoholic fruit beverages. LRC members support this change.

The draft 2010 Legislative Policy Agenda was distributed and the following schedule was approved:

- October 20, 2009: additional LRC meeting at 4:00 pm to review 2010 Legislative Policy Agenda
- November 3, 2009: City Council resolution adopting 2010 Legislative Policy Agenda
- November 13, 2009: Legislative Breakfast, distribute final 2010 Legislative Policy Agenda to legislators



Lisa will contact Kelly Ohlson to confirm whether the HRC meeting scheduled for October 20 is still needed, and if so, that meeting will be moved to 3:30 – 4:00 pm.

Other Business

- URA/TIF reform meetings – Tess Heffernan provided a brief update; the next meeting is October 7, 2009. The question remains as to whether or not the metro area group is willing to discuss some sort of limitation on agricultural lands in Urban Renewal Areas (URA). Steve and Tess continue to discuss options with Representative Fischer and other interested parties, including the idea of allowing agricultural land if the URA as a whole has contiguity to urban level development. Staff will bring options to LRC no later than the November 3 meeting so that a decision can be made as to what to convey to legislators at the annual breakfast.

The meeting was adjourned 4:50 pm.