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Legislative Review Committee Agenda

Meeting Notes
October 8, 2013, 4:00 p.m.

City Manager's Conference Room

Present: Lisa Poppaw, Councilmember; Ross Cunniff, Councilmember; Wendy Williams, Assistant City Manager; Steve Roy, City Attorney; Dan Weinheimer, Legislative Policy Manager

Absent: Wade Troxell, Councilmember

Guests: Dale Adamy

Councilmember Cunniff called the meeting to order at 4:09 pm.

Adoption of the minutes from the August 13, 2013 meeting were moved for approval by Councilmember Poppaw and seconded by Councilmember Cunniff. Minutes were adopted without amendment.

Dan Weinheimer presented a new date for the **annual Legislative Breakfast, Tuesday, December 10, 8:00-9:30am** and noted that the planning for the breakfast is underway.

The LRC discussion started with the 2014 Legislative Priorities. Councilmember Poppaw commented on the priority surrounding **oil and gas** and asked for a clearer explanation of the City's positions. Councilmember Cunniff asked for an additional statement that seeks to better balance the rights of surface property owners with the rights of mineral rights owners.

On **marijuana** policy Councilmember Cunniff recommended eliminating a sentence that appeared to editorialize the City's view on this issue.

On **flood recovery** Councilmember Poppaw sought to clarify the language in the document but expressed support for the statement.

Councilmember Cunniff raised the question of whether there ought to be a priority on **tax-increment financing or urban renewal authority**. Dan expressed that there may be need for a priority based on the expectation for legislative activity in the 2014 General Assembly session. Councilmember Cunniff said he felt that there should be TIF reform or restraint applied statewide.

Moving to the Legislative Policy Agenda, Dan directed the LRC to items that had been modified rather than discussing the entire document. In **Finance and investment** Councilmember Cunniff raised the question whether the Agenda should seek the City divest itself from non-renewable energy. Dan noted that was a reasonable suggestion but did not sound legislative – that the City could act on this with a Council policy. Wendy Williams said that this might be an item for the Council Finance Committee.

In **Economic Development**, Dan sought clarification that the LRC saw no problem calling out economic development (rather than economic health). He said that this distinction was being proposed to more clearly mirror outside jargon and for ease of reference from readers outside the City organization. Councilmember Cunniff recommended that the reference to technologically-focused solutions need not be so limited – that innovative solutions should be fine. Councilmember Poppaw agreed with that suggestion.

Steve Roy recommended that staff discuss the need for an **Election** section. He said that home rule gives the City the ability to hold local elections.

On **Open Records** Councilmember Cunniff had a question about the intent behind seeking an increase from 3 to 5 days of response time. Steve Roy mentioned that there are some internal policy considerations that the City can take to achieve the goal of more time. Staff was going to discuss options on modifying or replacing this language.

Councilmember Poppaw asked that Dan send the 2014 Legislative Priorities and Legislative Policy Agenda to all the chairs of City boards and commissions.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 pm.