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Legislative Review Committee

Meeting Minutes

July 11, 2017 4:00 p.m.

Commons Conference Room

Councilmembers Present: Ken Summers, Ray Martinez, and Ross Cunniff (Alternate)

Staff Present: Judy Schmidt, Jeanne Sanford, Ginny Sawyer, Jeff Mihelich, Tyler Marr, Alyssa Johnson

The meeting came to order at 4:11 pm.

Approval of Minutes

LRC approved the minutes of the May 2nd meeting unanimously.

Recommendation to Leadership Planning Team related to Small Cell Infrastructure Bill

- Marr explained that Bill 1193 was passed and signed by the governor and went into effect July 1st.
- Action has been taken around the state by various communities in response to the bill. For example, Boulder adopted a moratorium.
- Three companies have approached the City
- LRC discussed the potential for a moratorium. LRC also discussed continuing dialogue and building relationship with companies prior to issuing a moratorium. If dialogue is unsuccessful, then other legal actions should be considered.
- Key questions/discussion about a moratorium:
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 - What are we trying to do that would require a moratorium?
 - Answer: Avoiding companies installing aesthetically unacceptable equipment and placing unnecessary poles in right of way when attachment options exist
 - How long would a moratorium last?
 - Answer: A moratorium lasting 3-4 months would allow staff the time to develop regulations
- LRC indicated that regulations should be developed so the City is prepared when applications are submitted.
- There was support from LRC for continuing dialogue and relationship building with third party companies. Councilmember Cunniff expressed his support for continuing dialogue and bringing forth a moratorium.

Discussion about current federal issues and potential September trip to Washington, D.C.

- Federal issues: president's proposed budget & program cuts; Halligan reservoir; Train horn noise; and transportation (I-25)
- Staff believes a trip to D.C. would be beneficial as the last non-NLC trip allowed for extended time with agencies and congressmen.
- General agreement among LRC members that an additional trip in September would be beneficial and that invitation should be extended to the entire Council.
- For next meeting: propose topics, draft agenda, potential trip dates, agency visits and gather interest among Councilmembers in attending the trip

Process Improvements for 2018 state legislative session

- Comment that process has greatly improved over the years, but it's difficult to see presentations projected on the screen.
- Request for more defined agenda and/or more structure for meetings in Denver with the legislature.
- Staff suggested having major headers in city's legislative policy agenda and changing the language as opposed to organizing it by department. Additionally, list federal priorities in separately priorities.
- Modifications should be made to bill tracker to provide more information on the bill's action to the committee.
 - Specifically, add a section that captures rationale on support/oppose, or oppose unless amended and include what that amendment would be.

Other Business

- Waters of the US Rule is being rescinded and citizens have expressed concern because it affects Fort Collins. However, the impact of federal changes cannot be anticipated.
 - Tyler will check with Matt to see if we can act voluntarily even though the rule has been repealed.
 - Regulations for nitrates and other brewery-relevant regulations should be considered.
- Discussion of a time-change proposal for LRC meetings. Ginny will investigate potential dates and times.
- With respect to the homicide in Fort Collins by a registered sex offender, interest was expressed for viewing options within the state legislature for people who are registered sex offenders but do not have a place of residence. Specifically how can we track them?

Meeting adjourned at 4:55pm.