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Legislative Review Committee Agenda

Meeting Notes
June 10, 2014, 4:00 p.m.
City Manager's Conference Room

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

Absent: Lisa Poppaw, Councilmember

Guests: Kevin Jones, Chamber of Commerce; Jamie Grim, Congressman Jared Polis' office

Councilmember Troxell called the meeting to order at 4:29 pm.

Adoption of the minutes from the April 22, 2014 meeting were moved for approval by Councilmember Cunniff and seconded by Councilmember Troxell. Minutes were adopted without amendment.

Dan Weinheimer provided a brief **review of the bills** LRC had taken positions on during the 2014 General Assembly session. LRC discussed Governor Hickenlooper's **veto of HB14-1375, the Urban Redevelopment Fairness Act.** Councilmembers recommended that staff review local impacts from newly approved laws.

Dan mentioned that a **special session** is possible. Governor Hickenlooper is negotiating with Assembly members around a possible **oil and gas bill** to avoid state ballot measures from being placed before voters in 2014 elections. Councilmember Cunniff asked that staff prepare an analysis of the proposed oil and gas bill for the next LRC meeting.

Councilmember Troxell asked about **train horn noise**. Dan discussed a meeting that City staff had recently had with the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) regional office in Kansas City. FRA administrators provided reactions and thoughts to the City regarding downtown train horn noise.

Jamie Grim provided a brief summary of the **Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP)**, saying that neither the fast track bill nor the underlying TPP agreement had been finalized.

LRC discussed **interim activity** to engage with Colorado legislators and Congressional representatives. Councilmembers pointed out the need to continue communication with the state delegation on Urban Renewal Authority given that all three local representatives voted in favor of HB 1375 (which the City opposed). Dan suggested that tours and demonstrations are often an effective way to engage legislators. LRC recommended a Foothills Mall tour and a transportation tour for legislators. The August Congressional recess was recommended as a good opportunity for tours with Congressman Polis.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 pm.