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DRAFT Legislative Review Committee Minutes Wednesday, March 26, 2024 4:00-5:00PM

Councilmembers Present: Councilmember Canonico (chair), Councilmember Pignataro, Councilmember Ohlson

Staff present: Ginny Sawyer, Sylvia Tatman-Burruss, Jenny Lopez-Filkins, Lockie Woods, Megan DeMasters, Jessica Jones (virtual)

Guests present: Jennifer Cassell (lobbyist, virtual), Ed Bowditch (lobbyist, virtual), Kevin Jones (virtual), Lucy Bowman (virtual), Annie Dews (virtual), Madi Haley (virtual)

- 1. Approval of the minutes from the March 5th meeting. The minutes were changed to reflect the meeting occurring from 4:00-5:00pm. Pignataro moved and Ohlson seconded. Passed 3-0.
- 2. Bill Review
 - a. HB 1366 (Sustainable Local Government Community Planning)
 - i. Governor's preferred bill, requires local government to perform housing assessments with an environmental focus.
 - ii. Requires CDOT to work with MPOs to identify growth corridors.
 - iii. Fiscal note is about 300K.
 - iv. Discussion about the outstanding funding opportunities for this bill and SB 174.
 - v. Staff think this bill would have a small impact on the City.
 - b. HB 1362 (Measures to Incentivize Graywater Use)
 - i. Introduced recently and passed its first community unanimously.
 - ii. This bill authorizes use of graywater systems state-wide and allows local governments to opt out, rather than the current model which allows local governments to opt in.
 - iii. Creates tax credits for graywater installation.
 - iv. The City's building code currently allows for some graywater infrastructure, but it may be more narrow than this bill.
 - v. Pending staff assessment of the impact of this bill on the City, the LRC will consider a support position.
 - c. SB 174 (Sustainable Affordable Housing Assistance)
 - i. CML's preferred bill, focused on housing needs assessments every six years.
 - ii. Fiscal note is about \$10M.
 - d. SB 183 (Mobile Home Taxation Task Force)
 - i. Establishes a task force to determine the best way to collect delinquent property taxes on mobile homes that are sold.
 - ii. The County is primarily impacted by this bill, and it will be removed from the tracker.
 - e. SB 184 (Support Surface Transportation Infrastructure Development)
 - i. Establishes several measures to support surface transportation and passenger rail along the front range, including a fee on rental cars.



- ii. The LPA indicates support for developing and exploring alternative modes of transportation.
- iii. CC4CA has yet to take a position on the bill.
- iv. The LRC elected to take a support position pending any concerns from CC4CA.
- f. HB 1007 (Occupancy)
 - i. Bill passed the Senate, and now the House needs to concur with the Senate amendments.
 - ii. This bill is likely to pass with the Senate's amendments.
 - iii. The amendments included Affordable Housing regulations as another rationale for occupancy restrictions.
- g. HB 1160 (Economic Development Grant Program)
 - i. The bill is currently in the appropriations committee.
- h. HB 1168 (Equal Access to Public Meetings)
 - i. As introduced, this bill required livestreaming every public meeting by every public body.
 - ii. The bill was amended to only include formal meetings of the elected public body, and the implementation date was moved to July 1, 2025. Elected bodies with fewer than 1,000 electors would have more time for implementation.
 - iii. Discussion about what boards this bill would apply to.
 - iv. CML and CCI are opposed.
 - v. The bill is currently in the appropriations committee, and it is unclear whether it will pass.
 - vi. The LRC will continue to monitor.
- i. HB 1173 (EV Charging System Permits)
 - i. The sponsor was unwilling to remove the preemptions from this bill.
 - ii. The bill would impose a 30-day timeline for permitting EV charging systems.
 - iii. Ginny will identify staff to testify in opposition to this bill in committee tomorrow, after CML requested testimony.
 - iv. CC4CA is considering moving from a monitor to an oppose position on this bill.
- j. HB 1237 (Development of Childcare Facilities)
 - i. This bill has strong bipartisan sponsorship.
 - ii. Creates a few programs and provides technical assistance to local governments.
 - iii. Currently in appropriations committee with a fiscal note of almost \$4M, unclear whether it will have support.
- k. HB 1296 (Modifications to CORA)
 - i. The intention of the bill is to help public entities respond to public records requests.
 - ii. It is now in the appropriations committee.
 - iii. Press are exempt from the rules changes; discussion about the definition of "press".
 - iv. Councilmember Ohlson expressed his opposition to the Bill.
- I. HB 1239 (Single Exit Stairway)
 - i. Representative Boesenecker is now a co-sponsor on this bill.
 - ii. Discussion about staff's thoughts on the bill.
- m. HB 1313 (Housing in Transit Oriented communities)
 - i. The HUTF funding punishment was not removed from this bill.
- n. HB 1330 (Air Quality Permitting)



- i. The City has moved to a support position on this bill.
- ii. CC4CA is supporting this bill.
- o. HB 1334 (Broadband for Multiunit Buildings)
 - i. This bill passed the House yesterday and now moves to the Senate.
- p. SB 005 (Prohibit Landscaping Practices for Water Conservation)
 - i. This bill was signed by the Governor.
- q. SB-033 (Lodging Property Tax treatment)
 - i. Bill has yet to receive a committee hearing,
- r. SB 036 (Vulnerable Road Users)
 - i. This bill was postponed indefinitely, but the issue may return this session.
- s. SB 092 (Energy codes)
 - i. This bill was postponed indefinitely.
- t. SB 165 (Air Quality Improvements)
 - i. The bill was amended to remove language around diesel fleets and vehicle miles traveled.
 - ii. Staff will assess whether it makes sense to move a support position for this bill.
 - iii. CC4CA is supporting this bill.
- u. SB 166 (Air Quality Enforcement)
 - i. Discussion about the civil suit element of this bill and staff's concerns.
 - ii. Staff will assess whether it makes sense to move a support position for this bill.
 - iii. CC4CA is supporting this bill.
 - iv. Staff will develop a full assessment of this bill and share it with the committee.
- 3. Other Bills of Interest
 - a. SB 095 (Air Quality Ozone Levels)
 - i. CC4CA is supporting this bill.
 - ii. This bill is unlikely to pass.
 - a. SB 150 (Processing of Municipal Solid Waste)
 - iii. According to CML, no municipalities utilize this type of waste.
 - iv. Does not apply to the City's current practices.
 - b. HB 1370 (Reduce Cost of Use of Natural Gas)
 - v. The City is exempt from the criteria of this Bill.
 - b. HB 1371 (More Uniform Local Massage Facilities Regulations)
 - i. This bill would require regulation of local massage facilities.
 - ii. Ginny will work with the County to assess this bill and their current practices.
 - c. HB 1080 (Youth Sports Personnel Requirements)
 - i. This bill requires background checks for all employees involved in youth recreation programs.
 - ii. The City is already mostly in compliance with this bill, it might require minor modifications to our current process.
 - iii. CML took an oppose unless amend position.
 - d. HB 1346 (Energy & Carbon Management Regulation)
 - i. Bill broadens the regulatory authority of the Energy and Carbon Management Commission.
 - ii. CC4CA is in a monitor position.
 - e. HB 1341 (Vehicle Idling Standard)



- i. The bill would enable the City to pass stricter regulations for idling of large commercial trucks.
- ii. CC4CA is in support of this bill.
- iii. The LRC will move to a support position.
- 4. Other Business
 - a. Councilmember Pignataro spoke about signing a letter from the Coalition against Bigger Trucks.
 - b. Budget Update
 - i. The House will consider the Long Bill starting tomorrow and then send it to the Senate.