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Legislative Review Committee Agenda

Meeting Notes

February 10, 2015, 4:00 p.m.

Commons Conference Room

Present: Wade Troxell, Councilmember; Ross Cunniff, Councilmember; Lisa Poppaw, Councilmember; Wendy Williams, Assistant City Manager; Carrie Daggett, Interim City Attorney; Dan Weinheimer, Legislative Policy Manager

Absent: None

Guests: Kevin Jones, Chamber of Commerce; Sarah Bruce and Jake Christensen, ASCSU; Mike Beckstead, Fort Collins Chief Financial Officer; Ken Sampley and Jon Haukaas, Fort Collins Utilities; Eric Potyondy, City Attorney's Office

Councilmember Troxell called the meeting to order at 4:13 pm.

Ken Sampley and Jon Haukaas presented a draft bill concerning stormwater management and proposed the LRC recommend the City Council adopt a letter of support for the draft bill. Fort Collins Utilities staff are concerned with a proposed Colorado Division of Water Resources, "State Engineer", change in stormwater detention regulation. The proposed changes **require augmentation for short-term detention** would result in significant change to state stormwater control and management and goes against standard industry practice. LRC approved developing a resolution and requesting a Council provide a **support** letter.

After this discussion, the LRC reviewed **SB15-135** concerning **Urban Renewal Authority (URA)**. Mike Beckstead presented background information related to the formulation of this bill. LRC discussed the bill, which proposed to add a county commissioner appointee to a city's URA board and to ensure funds are returned to underlying taxing authorities upon completion of funding for a URA project. LRC approved a **support** position for this bill.

The two student representatives of the **Associated Students of Colorado State University (ASCSU) Legislative Committee** presented analysis of **affordable housing** in Fort Collins. The students discussed the impacts of "U plus 2", specifically the rising costs of school tuition and fees and the pressure of rent as a negative impacting students' ability to participate in the community or to advance their education. LRC recommended that the ASCSU students continue to engage on these issues and that they come back to LRC in May for continued discussion.

Adoption of the minutes from the January 27, 2015 meeting were moved for approval by Councilmember Poppaw and seconded by Councilmember Cunniff. Minutes were adopted without amendment.

Dan then described new bills for LRC consideration:

HB15-1012 – amends the **Sales and Use Tax Exemption for Dyed Diesel** which is tax exempt fuel used for construction and farm equipment that does not travel/operate on roads or highways. LRC had adopted a position of oppose unless amended. Dan shared that this bill was amended to remove the sections that concerned Fort Collins. LRC adopted a **monitor** position

HB15-1107 – concerns **Annexation of Large Communities Served by a Metro District**; the bill would require a 2/3 vote of the special district board to approve an annexation. This switches the current procedure for annexations, placing special districts in control. LRC adopted an **oppose** position.

HB15-1192 – concerns amending the **Entertainment District to Expand Licensed Premises Types**. Cities have used entertainment districts to expand the hours of alcohol service and this bill seeks to allow additional business types eligibility to participate in such a district. The bill is permissive – a local government would need to authorize a specific district and enact governing rules. LRC adopted a **monitor** position.

HB15-1202 – is a bill seeking to provide local licensing authorities the ability to address **Alcohol Beverage License Reissuance**. The bill is permissive, giving cities the ability to enact rules to reissue an alcohol license when an establishment's license lapses from between 90 and 180 days (cities can currently reissue in cases up to 90 days). LRC adopted a **support** position.

HB15-1204 – creates a new liquor license category for **Distillery Pub Alcohol Beverage License**. Qualifying businesses would operate similarly to a brew pub licensee in that they serve meals, gross at least 15% income from food sales, limit wholesale sales of spirits on premises and annual production of spirits. LRC adopted a **monitor** position.

SB15-076 – would allow people to **Dispose of Cathode Ray Tube in Hazardous Waste Sites**. This bill would reverse a City-supported law to allow and encourage electronic waste recycling statewide. LRC adopted an **oppose** position.

SB15-136 – would enact regulation on **Labeling Retail Marijuana Packaging** within the state statutes rather than having administrative rules. LRC adopted a **monitor** position.

The LRC then briefly discussed the **March National League of Cities conference in Washington DC**. Dan briefly summarized the planned meetings and LRC members asked to receive a summary of the meetings, anticipated meeting topics, and talking points ahead of the NLC trip.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 pm.