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Legislative Review Committee Agenda

Meeting Notes February 18, 2014, 4:00 p.m. City Manager's Conference Room

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

Absent: None

Guests: None

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

Adoption of the minutes from the February 4, 2014 meeting were moved for approval by Councilmember Cunniff and seconded by Councilmember Poppaw. Minutes were adopted without amendment.

Councilmember Troxell provided a brief summary of the **CML Policy Committee** meeting held on Friday, February 14. He asked how staff reviewed and incorporated the bills tracked by CML into the Fort Collins LRC review. Dan indicated that CML tracks far more bills than Fort Collins does, in part because of their presence in Denver and in part due to the four-person legislative staff. Councilmember Troxell asked that the CML bill tracking list be provided in the LRC packet to allow Councilmembers a chance to identify bills of interest.

After this discussion, Dan reviewed some of the bills listed in the LRC agenda.

HB14-1132 would provide local control for setting **hours of operation for alcohol sales**. Dan updated the LRC that the bill was killed by the House sponsor. Dan indicated that a late bill is likely that would revive this issue, LRC affirmed their opposition.

HB14-1152 would require disposal of **passive surveillance records** that could be used for law enforcement. Dan stated that the bill initially proposed a 6 month limit for retention then a 12-month limit, and that now an amendment is expected to extend retention to three (3) years. After some discussion, LRC affirmed an **oppose** position.

HB14-1229 seeks to ensure local licensing bodies have **retail marijuana fingerprint check authority**. Dan stated that this bill comes from Boulder and is supported by CML, its intended to clean up a provision from the implementation of retail marijuana. LRC adopted a **support** position



HB14-1267 is a bill seeking to allow public entities the ability to **reintroduce black-footed ferrets** onto publicly-owned lands. Dan said that the bill requires a safe harbor agreement with US Fish and Wildlife Service before reintroduction and that suitable reintroduction requires significant land and abundant prairie dogs (food source). This bill is a Fort Collins sponsored bill. LRC adopted a **support** position.

SB14-073 brings back a **brownfield contaminated lands income tax credit**. This bill would provide incentives to landowners to rehabilitate contaminated lands. Councilmember Poppaw sought information about the amount of the tax credit and source of funding. LRC adopted a **monitor** position on this bill.

SB14-089 is a bill to **prohibit state agreements for payment in lieu of tax**. Dan stated that initially this bill prevented state agencies from entering payment in lieu agreements but had since been amended. With the amendment the LRC adopted a **monitor** position.

SB14-103 concerns the **phase in of high-efficiency water fixture options**. Dan discussed the benefits of this bill – ensuring high-efficiency fixtures are available – but also mentioned that a potential drawback could be retrofitting homes. LRC adopted a **monitor** position pending additional feedback from City building officials.

SB14-121 concerns **assistance to local governments after a disaster.** LRC adopted a **support** position on this bill.

SB14-129 is a **marijuana criminal provision cleanup**. Dan discussed some of the penalty changes made in the bill. Steve Roy indicated that the bill goes further than just penalties, including diversion. LRC adopted a **monitor** position on the bill.

SB14-134 would **repeal statutory water quality fee schedules**. Dan indicated that this bill seeks to alter the process for fee setting and could have an impact on funding for large water projects. He emphasized the City does not oppose updating fees but rather opposes the process that this bill takes. LRC adopted an **oppose** position.

LRC the discussed proposed meetings while in Washington, DC for the National League of Cities' conference. Dan reviewed meeting requests he was working on as well as the CML meeting schedule.

Dan briefly summarized accompanying the Mayor on her trip to Los Angeles as a part of the President's Task Force on Climate Preparedness and Resilience.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:07 pm.