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## **Legislative Review Committee Agenda**

Meeting Notes

September 9, 2014, 4:00 p.m.

City Manager's Conference Room

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

Absent: Lisa Poppaw, Councilmember

Guests: Kevin Jones, Chamber of Commerce

Councilmember Troxell called the meeting to order at 4:10 pm.

Adoption of the minutes from the August 26, 2014 meeting were moved for approval by Councilmember Cunniff and seconded by Councilmember Troxell. Minutes were adopted without amendment.

LRC reviewed the **2015 Legislative Priorities** draft and provided feedback. Generally, the objectives presented in the draft document were approved with minor editing. Substantive changes were:

- Separating water resource management from waste management
- Putting construction defect reform within a priority on housing and community affordability
- Adding oversight of certain federal, state and county regulations to the purview of the LRC.

A second draft of the policy priorities will be brought for LRC review.

LRC discussed the potential of **introducing two legislative proposals to the Colorado Municipal League (CML) Policy Committee.**

The first proposal was **Urban Agriculture Incentive Zones**, a law in California that is intended to encourage landowners to offer longer-term leases to urban farmers by changing the property tax designation of the land to agriculture. Dan mentioned that the concept would be that cities and counties would agree to create the zones – geographic zones within a city or county - and that there might be a small property tax collection reduction to the county. Dan explained there was interest from local legislators and that the Local Food Cluster had also expressed interest in the concept.

The second proposal was for **disclosure to the local fire chief and/or emergency manager of hazardous material rail shipments** through communities. Dan explained that this concept came from a presentation by Poudre Fire Authority (PFA) chiefs at a recent meeting of the National League of Cities' (NLC) Energy, Environment and Natural Resources (EENR) Steering Committee. The presentation indicated that local responders are not informed of the timing, materials, or quantities for shipments of hazmat. The bill concept is to require limited disclosure of the train contents and joint training from the railroads shipping the materials. LRC approved submitting this bill concept to the CML Policy Committee for discussion.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:10 pm.