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## **Legislative Review Committee Agenda**

Meeting Notes

September 23, 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; Jenny Lopez-Filkins, Assistant City Attorney; Dan Weinheimer, Legislative Policy Manager

Absent: None

Guests: Kevin Jones, Chamber of Commerce

Councilmember Troxell called the meeting to order at 4:05 pm.

Adoption of the minutes from the September 9, 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** working draft and provided feedback. The objectives were refined and the document received minor editing. A final draft of the policy priorities will be brought on October 14 for LRC review.

LRC discussed the submissions to the **Colorado Municipal League (CML) Policy Committee**. At this time there are six (6) proposals for the Policy Committee to consider. Dan explained each proposal and LRC considered whether the City's representatives on the Policy Committee should support or be neutral on those proposals (none were recommended to oppose).

- Fort Collins submitted a proposal to seek **disclosure of hazardous material** information from railroad companies. At this time local responders are not informed in advance of trains traveling through the community 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 voted to support this proposal.
- Estes Park submitted a proposal to repeal or revise restrictions on **municipal broadband services**. LRC voted to support this proposal.

- Firestone and Frederick submitted a proposal to **remove “quality of service” requirement on fire protection districts**. Dan indicated that he did not have feedback yet from Poudre Fire Authority to help LRC in considering a position. LRC did not take a position on this proposal.
- Montrose submitted a proposal to address a **locally initiated public safety sales tax**. LRC discussed this issue and determined that this seemed an issue between the city and county without an obvious broader nexus that might involve Fort Collins. LRC voted to remain neutral.
- CML staff submitted a proposal on **beer and liquor licensing** which seeks to provide automatic denial of a state permit to businesses that have not received local approval. The proposal concerns manufacturer’s licenses, winery license and the wholesaler’s license. The changes seek to provide additional local control to apply zoning, noise and nuisance and reasonable needs of the neighborhood in licensing. LRC voted to support this proposal.
- Grand Junction submitted a proposal to backfill and protect the federal mineral lease-funded **Local Government Permanent Fund**. This fund is intended to create a “rainy day fund” to share bonus federal mineral lease revenue among local governments. has been used by the General Assembly for other purposes. The proposal seeks a bill that would backfill the fund. LRC voted to remain neutral on this proposal.

LRC discussed review of the 2015 Legislative Policy Agenda at the October 14 meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 pm.