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Legislative Review Committee Agenda

Meeting Notes

March 4, 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: Kevin Jones, Chamber of Commerce; Mara Brody-Wiwchar, District Representative for Congressman Jared Polis

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

Adoption of the minutes from the February 18, 2014 meeting were moved for approval by Councilmember Cunniff and seconded by Councilmember Poppaw. Minutes were adopted without amendment.

Dan Weinheimer reviewed new legislation with the Committee.

HB14-1110 concerns **school district executive session discussions**. Dan mentioned this bill does not currently affect cities but is of concern in that it changes current practice by requiring recording all of a confidential meeting with legal counsel. He indicated that should the bill succeed that local government will be a target of similar legislative action. LRC adopted an **oppose** position to this bill.

HB14-1119 would incentivize personal **contribution of food donations by providing a personal tax credit**. LRC adopted a **support** position on the basis that this could help address hunger.

HB14-1156 seeks to **expand the eligible age for school lunch programs**. LRC adopted a **support** position on the basis that this change would reduce hunger among school-age children.

HB14-1207 was reconsidered by the LRC, the bill concerns the development of a **CDPHE household medication take back program**. Dan discussed staff concerns – that this bill might preclude local drug take back events and that DEA might not permit a state drug take back program. He said that he was assured that the bill would not affect local programs nor would it run against DEA regulations. Councilmember Cunniff raised a **concern about transportation and possession of prescription drugs** for those running take back events. LRC maintained its

monitor position pending additional information. Staff was directed to discuss the issue with federal representatives.

HB14-1279 would expand the allowed **income tax credit for business personal property**. The bill seeks to increase the allowed credit from \$7,000 to \$25,000 while backfilling cities for lost revenue. LRC adopted a **support** position.

HB14-1297 seeks to **analyze health data regarding Front Range oil and gas** operations. The bill directs an analysis of human health and quality of life within Larimer, Weld, Boulder, and Adams counties. LRC adopted a **support** position.

SB14-028 would **expand electric vehicle charging station grants** by adding businesses and nonprofits to the Colorado Energy Office program. LRC adopted a **monitor** position. Councilmember Cunniff sought to understand the sponsor and whether the electrification coalition supported the bill.

SB14-043 concerns **greenhouses, nurseries and other agricultural properties**. The bill would expand the all “other agriculture” property tax category to include greenhouse production and other production locations. LRC adopted a **support** position on this bill.

SB14-049 concerns **public transportation and utility endangerment** and concerns tampering with transportation devices and transmission lines. Councilmembers sought additional information about the scale and scope of this problem in Fort Collins. LRC adopted a **support** position on this bill.

SB14-118 adds **protections for individuals with disabilities** to the Colorado Civil Rights Statutes. Citing the need for additional feedback from staff, the LRC adopted a **monitor** position on this bill.

SB14-145 concerns **water conservation incentives** and has some language encouraging conservation but would also prevent cities from requiring irrigated vegetation in new development. Dan pointed out that this bill sought to have the state implement land use policy, a violation of home rule powers. LRC adopted a position of **oppose unless amended**, seeking to remove the land use language.

Dan summarized the planned meetings for Councilmember attending the National League of Cities conference in Washington, DC March 10-12, 2014.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 pm.