Legislative Policy Committee

February 22, 2016

The State Capitol

Mayor Steve Hiatt of Kaysville opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. Adoption of minutes for February 1st and 8th. Motion made Mayor from North Ogden and Jan Wells from Murray for 2nd motion.

Congressman Rob Bishop now addressed the body. Praised the body on the impact they make on local government. Items to talk about: (Public Lands Initiative, the Remote Transactions Parity Act, and the 2016 election), budget: stopped cutting military infrastructure, support for Hill Air Force base in Utah is the highest in the nation and that makes sure the base is secure, have to have adequate funding for workers and their infrastructure there; public lands initiative, knowledge on both sides of where companies can bring business into Utah-zoning; market place fairness: no idea where it is on this, Chaffetz’s bill may go through?? A short session because of the presidential election and we probably won’t be done by October.

Lynn Pace: Chaffetz market place, do you support in when it gets to the house floor? Enough compromises that it will pass.

Ted Eyre from Murray: Supreme Court victory with coal industry, what else is being done to protect? Passed several bills and put in place house standards, admin is saying they have to meet CO2 levels. Some species are destroyed, ESA violated when they came up with rules, issue not decided.

1st half successes and bills by Cameron Diehl from the league:

HB132: Anderegg’s business license bill, ULCT have been working with him and Rep Curt Webb pushed an amendment to the substitute: offered an amendment to the bill that preserves the municipal authority to require a business license for all home occupation businesses. The House supported Rep. Webb’s amendment and then passed the amended bill. There were multiple legislators that stood and supported the amendment.

13 more business days to go. Successes listed below:

HB22: asset forfeiture, defeated the bill in senate committee

SB122: wildland fire bill, substitute made and this is available online; please take a look at it, particularly if your city doesn’t have an in house fire dept.

Acknowledged the league crew on the hill every day.

Public Safety Retirement: 3 committee hearings on this, 1st of 3 provided general overview and 2nd went into detail about all 5 bills, 3rd focused on HB86 Postretirement Employment Restrictions: bill passed. Other bills still in committee. Opposition to HB205: Tier II Retirement Amendments.

Short term rentals by Cameron Diehl and Jodi Hoffman from the League:

It doesn’t immediately affect the majority of you but affects deeply in long term, LUTF could have discussed this and there is too much misinformation. Rep Knottwell is a proponent to eliminate local land use authority. He is not interested in our approach. We are in constant threat over land use authority. We have to be in this together, it affects all of you. Jodi has looked over many cities and towns codes and your codes allow these things to go on and most of you don’t know about it. You are entitled to revenue, please talk to me about your codes. HB368: Short-term Rental Tax Amendments, no attack on land use but still difficult. Thoughts on what you hear out there and where we need to reach out?? We should assemble committee to discuss these attacks on land use authority.

Mayor St George, Jon Pike: local land use authority in threat and we support what Jodi just stated

Rob Wall from Sandy: reiterated what Jodi said and discussed couch surfing-renting a couch for a couple days and how anyone can locate these homes via the web

Body Cameras by Cameron Diehl:
Both bills passed out of committees. Mccay’s GRAMMA portion (made amendment to change the AND to OR)-private in home or footage anywhere with nudity or minors. Thatcher’s bill use POST that then could be adopted by cities, GRAMMA portion too broad. In both committees where these bills were heard, both sponsors said GRAMMA language will not be final until we all work it out. Now to the floor and we don’t know what will happen.

Chief Ross on LELC meeting update:

We need balance with intrusion and liability, privacy needs protected. We will include our conversation with other interested parties so they have insight into POST policy, need flexibility if problems arise. Cons and pros for both ways. We are not trying to exclude public comment or concerns.

Debate is all under privacy, some records are private and some protected: we are concerned with privacy.

SB196: retail bag impact reduction, bill authorizes 10 cents on paper or plastic bag, 6 cents to tax commission, 2 cents to city, 2 cents to DEQ. Sen Iwamoto: cost is high on land use for waste land areas, water quality; 25 % of revenue would go to cities and towns to be used towards promotion, education, encouragement, access to recycling, ect.

Melinda Greenwood Pleasant View: most people use plastic bags for trash and dog poop, they are reusing the bags for something.

West valley city mayor: these are not recyclable bags

Beth Holbrook Bountiful city council: facilities who recycle, these bags get caught up in machines and cause problems, how can we encourage long term recycling.

Dave from Moab: total 10 cents to business? Tax commission first then to cities and DEQ

Dana Barbour Taylorsville: Where are retailers on this?- willing to go along with it because its optional plan and the 10 cents is a negotiated price

Dave Millheim Farmington: 2 cents to counties rational??? Unincorporated areas receive 4 cents, I don’t know??

Point of the Mountain committee being put together (referring to HB318 Point of the Mountain Development Commission Act).

St George Mayor-if a business is in unincorporated it goes to county if not it goes to city period

Coralee Moser Herriman: what is optional? Consumer and whether or not they will bring their own bag

Mark Christensen Saratoga springs: have some flexibility on where we could use funding and not that list provided only.

Roger Worthen Riverdale: retailers question again and 2 cents to landfill??- plastic manufactures involved and retailers involved, land fill districts: we could take these issues to her and have conversation

Michele Weeks Draper: lpc decides on this? Yes

Dennis Cluff Clinton: why on just plastic and not paper? I will take this back to the Senator

Matt Dixon South Ogden: small group work with points and bring back to body

Val Schupe Washington Terrace: research from other cities?- Cameron will look into that

Gary Hill Bountiful: Washington DC has 5 cents bag tax, revenue from this is higher but it doesn’t change behavior

Dave Maughan Syracuse: put the tax on business and not consumer, this might change behavior

Lisonbee from Saratoga Springs: remain neutral on bill, 2nd made from Tom Dolan Mayor of Sandy

St George Mayor substitute motion, 2nd from Tom Dolan to oppose bill. Lynn pace concurred with maker of first motion from Lisonbee. Substitute motion fails

Voted on original motion, vote passed for neutral.
Short term marijuana: floor debate led to the removal of local land use preemption

SB100 Traffic Fines Amendments: League opposed to bill, how much revenue goes to city from traffic fines, small number of cities affected by this. It will pass the senate and we will put up effort in house to oppose this.

Any other issues?

Jodi: short term rental HB409 Knottwell’s bill just came out, unfortunate that it came out, request to make motion to oppose this.

Gary Hill made motion and Andy Beerman from Park City 2nd the motion.

Make it clear that they should work with us and the LUTF. Voted and passed the body.

John Hiskey from Sandy: HB389 Sanctuary City Liability Amendments. Victim rights not met with this bill. Rob wall: victims need advocacy.

Chief Ross: talked about this bill in LELC and we oppose this bill.

Rob Dahle Mayor of Holladay: video speaker Hughes was in concerning local solutions to sober living facilities, Hughes is looking at a different approach other than land use: Medicaid fraud taking place with some of these locations.

Victim advocacy (HB389) from JoAnn Seghini, they get no voice and I oppose anything that would take away (motion) and 2nd from Mayor Pike. Gary crane HB381 sister bill to this: both bills deserve to be opposed (substitute motion) and 2nd from JoAnn Seghini.

Shawn Guzman St George: mentioned 2 bills St George is watching concerning 911 dispatch cities who run their own, HB380 Utah Communications Authority Amendments and SB193 Utah Communications Authority Act Amendments.

Adjourn Don Christianson made motion and Mayor Taylor North Ogden 2nd the motion.