

Legislative Policy Meeting

March 7, 2016

The State Capitol

Mayor Steve Hiatt welcomed everyone out and began the meeting.

Cameron Diehl and Roger Tew spoke on HB 235 Remote Transactions Parity Act. Why is it revenue neutral? Only applies to state portion, reason is political, earn enough support. From the stand point of locals, it's better than old bill. As far as money we get our money. Action alert is to contact your legislators and urge them to vote yes on this bill.

Roger Tew on HB 180 Sales and Use Tax Exemption Amendments. No effort seen to push this through because no money to do so. There will be discussion during interims for creative ways to deal with this. Gary Crane: Representative Wilson will work with the League and Counties during interims. He would like to take it to interim to determine a way of accomplishing it, remedy revenue neutrality and implement over 10 years.

SB 235 Local District Tax Revisions by Roger Tew: The bill was circled to be held for interims.

Cameron Diehl announced to the body that the power point presentations will be on the blog and you will be able to access it on your electric device.

Short term Rentals HB 409 by Cameron Diehl: We will work collaboratively with Representative Knotwell during interims this summer on short term rental issue. While we have this dialogue over the summer please don't pass resolutions concerning short term rentals. Jodi Hoffman: We know the interim process works and everyone is happier during the process (self-police). There could be other transparency options available concerning short term rentals. We will be using the Land Use Task Force. Transparency solutions we can offer, coordinate with tax commission and other rental groups. Knotwell will present at Midyear Conference. Mayor from Provo working with Lt. Governor for Midyear. It was tabled and it will come up tomorrow, the bill is likely dead. Thanked cities for short term rental compromise so thank you.

HB 360 by Jodi: will undermine every single land use bill we have passed. It's an enabling act. A way to have higher standard than the state code. Just makes it easy for someone to challenge us.

Support the bill (from LPC) HB 300 passed out of Senate committee and will go to the floor in the next 2 days. Thatcher is now the floor sponsor of HB 300.

John Hiskey: applauded Cameron and the League and Chief Ross on their work on body cameras.

Cameron on anything else. Go to the blog for the presentation and bills discussed. Color coded. Questions about bills from the website or previous bills discussed.

HB 360 is a hot bill. Lynn Pace SB 258 (in committee this afternoon) Niederhauser has concerns about when the state discussed to change the 50/50 distribution. 16 entities who were affected. All but 5 have grown out. Pres wanted to know where those cities were, five remaining will go off. Two of them have imposed authorized tax now three left whose deadlines have passed. Brian Head, Alta and unincorporated Garfield County extended them for five more years. All small resort located areas. It dies after five years.

Hiatt asked for any other questions: Gary Crane Bountiful: express appreciation to staff, keep us informed and up to date and thank you.

Kane loader Midvale manager: like Mantua we are singled out in legislator with homeless shelter that's been here since 1998, road home came to us to use shelter for homeless men. Old warehouse. Since then they have changed use of property and conditional use permit. When they met with city council and planning commission. Gave 6-month use to build facility. Completed last year and opened in November, it's a family shelter but not in a good location. No good roads, no sidewalks, no transportation. Two weeks into session we were told there were plans the city had to open shelter year-round, Midvale not singled out. Council doesn't agree with this legislation. It's a priority bill in senate and house and funding a lot of money into this piece of property, there are conditions not acceptable to us. These conditions need changed and improved, we need a food service and bus service, and we gave them 8 conditions. They are willing to fund a few like the road condition (UDOT) and also to provide a sidewalk to 7200 South. Railroad and trucking company by them. If used year-round kids will be outside wanting to play and it's dangerous. Please oppose bill because they haven't come to us to talk about it and work it out with us so please oppose SB 169. Cam: homelessness has reached a point in Utah that there is a problem with it. Salt Lake County has had scattered site models for homeless. Not all homeless are created equal. Multiple reasons why there are homeless. Push back from legislature. They want to invest money in facilities but why when there is one that needs to be used year-round in Midvale. They are trying to trump local land use authority. Lynn pace: awkward issue for SLC, how best to restructure homelessness. Two studies: neither report had any location specifics. We asked for states help. Legislative leadership supportive but on their own they want to use infrastructure that's available and they add it on their own. Any facility needs to be operated year-round, if another one isn't opened nearby then there are consequences. The state will help but they look to us as productive partners. If you resist it's risky then the state says "no, never mind. We will pick site for you or we will put it on state property." All have problems for us. Sympathetic to Midvale's concerns. Find a way to make it a better environment. Midvale opened a facility to help out. A need that has to addressed, authorize league to get Midvale's requests.

Do any bills require cities to open homeless shelter? No-doesn't say in Midvale but it's only applicable to Midvale.

HB 436 is asking for money

4-year sunset is part of SB 169, if no other city opens in a jurisdiction then this land use sunset expires. Need for more sites and facilities. Future facilities will be targeted to needs of community and smaller. Collect and analyze needs, what's met and what's needed.

Can we be forced to allow a homeless shelter? No only where there is a homeless shelter opened not full time.

Current position on funding, we support this bill. SB 169 opposed to Midvale position. (Kane spoke on)

Midvale's position would like to see the leg work with us closer and look at their recommendations. It's not a bill we will be able to kill. Our position would be our land use ability and not taking it away.

Cameron: if you do talk to your Senator about this bill, our concern is land use portion but we are not opposed to helping the needy. We intend to be partners on this.

Jodi: bill in house natural resources HB 413, falconry amendments and local land use preemption. We would like you to reach out to committee members to oppose.

Cameron on bills to activate league army. House floor HB 235 sales tax online and HB 380 Utah comm. Senate floor, HB 360, SB 236 oppose, SB 36 post retirement for public safety. HB 413 from Jodi. Five action alerts.

John Hiskey: overview for next few days. Committees end today, senate will only consider house and vice versa. Tuesday night they are on the floor through Thursday at midnight. Transportation last year passed at 11:47. Bills could turn into offensive bills later. Thanks to some of the staff for support and thank you. League convention in St. George next time for meeting. Lynn Pace motioned for adjournment and 2nd by Kelvyn Cullimore Cottonwood Heights.