

## Legislative Policy Committee Minutes

August 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017

1. *Adoption of Minutes*

2. *Interim Updates*

- a. **Transportation Task Force** - Cameron Diehl updated the committee on the Transportation Taskforce. He emphasized that the League needs to 'stand together' because key legislators are considering land use preemption to address transportation development. The taskforce is still evaluating their options and while the action hasn't been taken yet, "the teams have taken the field," but the game hasn't yet started. He explained that transportation is just a piece of a larger policy pressure on the state to adapt to a growing population. The League is working with legislators to consider funding incentives to motivate conformation to UDOT plans, rather than more draconian measures.
- b. **Legislative tax reform** – Roger Tew explained how tax reform has become a component of the land use discussion. State and local economic development incentives are misaligned because of the current sales tax distribution formula. One recent idea is a value capture formula which focuses along transportation corridors. Alternatively, there is discussion about an additional vehicle tax as a substitute for declining gas tax revenue. The league has followed the positions taken in resolutions 2007-01, 2011-001, 2012-004, and 2016-03.
- c. **Land Use Task Force** – Gary Crane provided the committee with updates on the LUTF. The LUTF has several recommendations for alleviating contentions with developers including:
  - i. Additional funding for the Property Rights Ombudsman,
  - ii. Continuing to update municipal codes to be consistent with state law,
  - iii. Codifying timeframes for vested rights,
  - iv. Impact fees "safe harbor",
  - v. Consistent lists of criteria for building inspectors,
  - vi. And bonding changes.Lynn Pace also suggested a language amendment for HB 232, clarifying the difference between administrative decisions and legislative decisions.
- d. **Executive Water Task Force and Water Strategy** – Mark Stratford briefed the committee on the governor's new water strategy plan. Approximately one third of the document's 93 recommendations directly affect municipal governments. It recommends requiring municipal governments and planning districts to form a general plan for water conservation.
- e. **Fireworks** – Cameron Diehl explained that the League has been working with Rep. Dunnigan to encourage the goals of league resolution 2016-001A which:
  - i. Restricted the scope and nature of legal fireworks,
  - ii. Gave cities more flexibility to regulate fireworks,
  - iii. And reduced the number of days that fireworks may be discharged.

- f. **HB 115 (2017), solid waste fees** – Karson Eilers updated the committee on the HB115 solid waste coalition. The Department of Environmental Quality rejected the coalition’s proposal for fee schedule in favor of an identical fee rate for all landfills.
  - g. **Modernization of local referendum law** – Cameron Diehl briefed the committee on the referendum working group composed of various city and state staff and officials. The goal of the working group is to clarify the law and specify a consistent timeline and process for public referendum.
  - h. **Other legislative issues from ULCT staff or ULCT membership**
3. *Annual Convention preview and ULCT resolutions* – Brandon Smith explained the resolution process to the committee and reminded them of due dates. There are currently three resolutions regarding fireworks, local property taxes, and the 311 non-emergency number. The resolution meeting is on Tuesday, September 12.
  4. *Adjourn*

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