

**Utah League of Cities and Towns Legislative Policy Committee**

**Monday, December 11, 2017, noon**

**Utah Local Government Trust, 55 South Highway 89, North Salt Lake (and USU webcast)**

**1. Welcome, logistics, farewells, policy guide, & adoption of Oct. 17 minutes** *(ULCT 1st Vice President Jon Pike)*

**2. Transportation Task Force work group recommendations on land use and governance** *(Cameron Diehl)*

**3. Fireworks draft proposal** *(Cameron Diehl)*

**4. Tax Reform (state and federal) update** *(Roger Tew)*

**5. Land Use Task Force update** *(LUTF negotiating team)*

- Plan review proposal
- Local government fee research

**6. Preview of other upcoming issues** *(ULCT staff)*

- Small cells primer
- Solid waste fees
- Tier 2 retirement proposal

**7. Other legislative issues from ULCT staff or LPC membership/legislative outreach**

**8. Adjourn**

**Next meeting: Mon., January 8, 2017 at the Utah Local Government Trust**

**Note: Local Officials' Day, Wed., January 24, 2018 at the Capitol and Salt Palace**

## LPC Minutes – October 16, 2017

1. *Welcome, logistics, and adoption of minutes*
  - a. Mayor Pike welcomed Cameron Diehl as the new executive director for the ULCT and thanked Roger Tew for his service as interim director. Diehl, in turn, welcomed John Hiskey to the team and reminded the committee that the November LPC meeting would be cancelled.
2. *Transportation Task Force Updates*
  - a. Representative Mike Shultz briefed the LPC on the background and underlying issues behind the state's long-term transportation plans. He emphasized the importance of transportation to the state's overall development and population growth. Rep. Shultz also explained the composition of the task force. The transportation task force has three main topics: funding, governance, and land use/economic development. Rep. Shultz expressed his intention to keep Utah ahead of the curve on transportation issues accompanying rapid population growth.
3. *Transportation Task Force work group recommendations*
  - a. Cameron Diehl identified several recommendations for the transportation task force including:
    - i. Maintain and enhance state commitment to transportation infrastructure funding
    - ii. Increase the flexibility of state transportation funding sources
    - iii. Research alternative funding methods
  - b. Diehl also reviewed the three governance models and recommendations for economic development, active transportation, rural communities for the task force. He included the potential C/AP incentives and penalties. The League continues to support incentives for corridor planning and oppose penalties.
4. *Tax Reform Updates*
  - a. Roger Tew briefed the committee on the three groups evaluating changes to tax structure. The first group is the legislature's revenue and taxation committee, who's focus is aimed at three issues: the expansion of the manufacturing exemption, eliminating sales tax on food (for the state levee), and a discussion of the 50/50 sales tax distribution (specifically on the point-of-sale formula). The second group is a governor's commission. This group is focused on the sales tax distribution formula as well. The final group is the tax review commission, which is considering eliminating the advertisement for truth in taxation, including a growth component to the certified tax rate, and statutorily changing the residential exemption to a lower rate.
5. *Land Use Task Force (LUTF) Updates*
  - a. Cameron Diehl updated the committee on the issues the LUTF has been working on, including:
    - i. Impact fee standing for a claim,
    - ii. Bonding language,
    - iii. SB 241 – Initial plan review,
    - iv. CUP's,
    - v. Subdivision Task Force,
    - vi. 2018 bill – mandatory land use training,

6. *Other legislative issues from ULCT staff or LPC membership*
  - a. HB 115 Solid waste amendments – the ULCT worked with other entities to propose a hybrid fee schedule but the DEQ rejected it in favor of a schedule that shifts the cost burden to non-commercial landfills.
  - b. The ULCT and UAC are creating a joint-policy guide to preserve local authority and government.
7. *ULCT Policy Resolutions and legislative outreach goals for membership*
  - a. Mayor Steve Hiatt addressed the committee and reminded membership to include incoming municipal officers in day-to-day operations to improve the transition process - Particularly when they interact with legislators.
8. *Adjournment*