

Utah League of Cities and Towns
Legislative Policy Committee Minutes – February 5, 2018, 12:00 p.m.
Utah State Capitol (and USU webcast)

1. Welcome, introductions, logistics, and adoption of minutes.

- a. Mayor Pike welcomed the committee to the meeting. The committee adopted minutes from the previous LPC.

2. SB 136 Transportation Governance Amendments

- a. ULCT Executive Director Cameron Diehl updated the committee on the status of SB 136. The disincentives and penalties that have been discussed over the interim transportation task force meetings have been removed. Instead, the bill has incentives for municipalities to cooperate in the form of prioritization points to earn state funds for transportation projects. He emphasized that the bill has incentives for land use coordination with UDOT objectives but no penalties if they do not. Diehl also explained the changes to the composition of the UTA governing board. Instead of a 16 part-time member board, UTA will be governed by 3 full-time trustees with a 9 part-time local advisory board. The final change in the bill is a change in transportation revenues, which include an increase in vehicle registration fees, the transient room tax, a motor vehicle rental fee increase, and a new pilot program for road usage charges.
- b. Senator Wayne Harper and Representative Mike Shultz addressed the committee to answer the committee's questions and concerns.

3. Northwest Quadrant Update

- a. Cameron Diehl briefed the committee on proposals to govern the Northwest Quadrant. He explained while the land is within the jurisdiction of Salt Lake City, the state has announced their plans to develop an inland port within the area, governed by a model similar to the Military Installation Development Authority (MIDA). Diehl cited several quotes from a meeting between Salt Lake City and state officials, demonstrating the state's interest in turning the quadrant into a co-managed port authority.
- b. Diehl warned the committee that the state's involvement in the Northwest Quadrant could set a dangerous precedent for undermining the local authority of other cities as well.

4. Housing affordability/affordable housing/homelessness

- a. Cameron Diehl briefed the committee on HB 259. HB 259 states that a municipality may not deny a land use application for moderate income housing unless the applicant has not filed a complete application or the municipality "demonstrates that approval of the land use application is contrary to the health, safety, or welfare of the municipality." Diehl encouraged cities to evaluate their mandatory moderate income housing plans more thoroughly.
- b. Cameron Diehl explained a current proposal that imposes assessments on cities that lack affordable housing or homeless resource centers. He expressed a number of concerns about this concept, including whether local government efforts to mitigate the impacts of homelessness should count towards payment of the assessment. Diehl

emphasized that state leadership plans to pass a homelessness funding bill, and they can either do that over the objection of cities or with their input.

5. Updates

- a. ULCT Director of Government Relations Rachel Otto mentioned that Representative Kim Coleman will be modifying H.B. 111 and will be attending at the February 12 LPC.
- b. Rachel Otto briefed the committee on the status of H.B. 175 – Oversight Committee Creation. H.B. 175 failed in committee, but Otto explained that the bill will likely return on another agenda. She explained that the committee would be composed of state legislators and have jurisdiction over local and state government entities. The proposed commission has the powers of subpoena, audits, and more.
- c. Rachel Otto updated the committee on H.B. 250 – Building Permit and Impact Fees. She explained that the bill changes who has standing to challenge impact fees and creates a timeframe. The bill also allocates 70% of the 1% building fee to fund additional resources for the Property Rights Ombudsman and land use training.

6. Ratify staff positions

- a. The committee voted to ratify current league recommended positions on legislation.

7. Adjourn