

Utah League of Cities and Towns
Legislative Policy Committee Minutes – September 11, 2018, 12:00 p.m.
Sheraton Hotel and Zoom Broadcast

1. Welcome, introductions, logistics, and adoption of June 18, 2018 minutes

- ULCT 2nd Vice President Mike Mendenhall welcomed the committee.
- ULCT Executive Director Cameron Diehl explained the resolution purpose and process. Resolutions provide policy direction for ULCT staff and the organization. Diehl noted that resolutions can be brought forward for consideration by an individual city, a mayor or council member, associations of local governments, and the ULCT board of directors. Diehl mentioned examples of how resolutions have in the past been used to inform state policy decisions.
- Cameron Diehl stated that the resolutions had been shared on ULCT's website and emailed to all LPC members.

2. Consideration of resolutions:

- Resolution 2018-001: Local authority and medical marijuana
 - Cameron Diehl explained the two amendments to the resolutions made during the board meeting. These changes, Diehl stated, both regarded public health and safety.
 - Shane Scott, City Manager of Kaysville, asked Bountiful Police Chief Tom Ross (President of the Utah Chiefs of Police Association) whether the Chiefs of Police Association has taken a position on Proposition 2 yet. Chief Ross stated that although the Chiefs of Police Association hasn't yet taken a position, they have significant law enforcement and public safety concerns.
 - Evelyn Everton, Sandy City Deputy Mayor, asked Cameron Diehl and Chief Ross to explain how Prop 2 varies from medical marijuana laws in other states. Chief Ross explained if someone uses marijuana recreationally, the maximum penalty they can face is a \$100 fine under the initiative language. Diehl also mentioned that the land use preemption in the initiative is much more restrictive than laws in other states.
 - The committee approved resolution 2018-001.
- Resolution 2018-002: Proposed changes to the Utah State Constitution on municipal water authority over water rights and water supply
 - ULCT Senior Policy Advisor John Hiskey briefed the committee on the background and policy questions in 2018-002. Hiskey explained that the constitution currently prohibits the alienation of both water

rights and waterworks. The amendment allows, in certain circumstances, municipalities to alienate waterworks to another public entity. The Utah Constitution also has vague language surrounding extraterritorial water service. Hiskey elaborated that the constitutional amendment clarifies the process for extraterritorial service. Municipalities must adopt by resolution rates for a designated service area. Hiskey specified that the amendment does not prohibit varied rates for residents and non-residents.

o The committee approved resolution 2018-002.

- Resolution 2018-003: Motor and special fuels tax

o Cameron Diehl explained the history and background of Question 1, which asks voters whether they support imposing a 10-cent motor fuel tax to restore general fund revenue currently being diverted to transportation funding. Diehl stated that if the 10-cent increase passes, 30% of the revenues would be dedicated to local roads per the current motor fuel tax formula. Diehl summarized the resolution, which states ULCT supports the resolution and encourages the adherence to the current motor fuel tax formula.

o The committee approved resolution 2018-003.

- Resolution 2018-004: Preparing for the future and maintaining individual character and community

o ULCT Director of Government Relations, Rachel Otto, briefed the committee on Resolution 2018-004. She mentioned that some additional citations may be added before the final vote. Otto explained that the first section local government's role in population growth and reaffirms the importance of local decision-making. The second section describes the conditions that have culminated in the current housing gap. The third section address local governments' roles in housing affordability. The fourth distinguishes the difference between housing affordability and affordable housing. The fifth section identifies which keys to the problem local governments hold and which keys other stakeholders have. The sixth section clarifies ULCT's position on direct democracy.

o Lynn Pace, Representing the Salt Lake City Mayor's Office, raised concerns that while the resolution has specific guidance for policies ULCT will oppose, it has less guidance for what specific policies ULCT supports. Rachel Otto responded that one size policy solutions don't fit all municipalities, so there tends to be less

specific statewide policy positions endorsed in the resolution. Otto welcomed additional feedback on the resolution.

- o The committee approved Resolution 2018-004.

3. Other Items for Discussion

- Cameron Diehl briefly presented the schedule for the upcoming convention and reminded the committee members that they can bring changes to the resolutions during the general sessions.

4. Adjourn

- The committee adjourned.