



**Legislative Committee
February 16, 2021
Meeting Minutes**

The February 16, 2021 remote Committee meeting was called to order by Chair Pious Ali at 8:00 AM on Zoom.

Councilor Pious Ali (Chair), Councilor April Fournier, Mayor Kate Snyder, Councilor Nick Mavodones, Jon Jennings (City Manager), Dena Libner (Chief of Staff), Kathy Jones (City Clerk), Kate Knox (Bernstein Shur), Alysia Melnick (Bernstein Shur), Chris Feeney (Bernstein Shur), and Roberto Rodriguez (School Board) were present.

Councilor Fournier made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from February 9, 2021, seconded by Councilor Mavodones, no amendments, vote 4-0.

Mayor Snyder shared that the Mayor Coalition is tracking LD 211 (An Act To Support Emergency Shelter Access for Persons Experiencing Homelessness) and there will be a hearing on this this coming Wednesday. The Coalition will be providing testimony on that. There are also separate budget meetings on General Assistance and revenue sharing, and they are tracking that work as well.

Alysia asked the Committee to give clarification as to if whether they would like to move forward with LR 1847 (An Act To Allow the Bureau of Motor Vehicles To Assist in the Critical Incident Contact Chain). Councilor Ali confirmed that the committee agreed not to move forward at a prior meeting. Regarding LD 474 (Resolve, To Ensure the Health and Wellness of Older Residents of the State), staff agreed to collect additional information to inform the Committee's decision at its next meeting.

Dena provided a list of new bills that staff had shared concerns with:

- LD 343 (An Act To Set Aside Funds from Federal Block Grants for Certain Communities)

- LD 395 (An Act To Remove the Authorization for Temporary Signs To Be Placed in the Public Right-of-Way)
- LD 311 (An Act To Require Third-party Certification for Persons Undertaking Corrosion Prevention and Mitigation Projects for Public Water Supply and Wastewater Infrastructure and Bridges)

Kate Knox reviewed the rest of the new bills' list and asked for Committee and staff feedback.

- LD 328 (An Act To Fully Fund and Restore State-Municipal Revenue Sharing): Mr. Jennings recommended that the Committee testify in support but recognizing the potential budget limitations at the state level. Members of the Committee agreed. Kate proposed to have testimony ready for LD 403 (An Act To Assist Service Center Communities by Adjusting State-Municipal Revenue Sharing) and LD 409 (An Act To Provide Funding To Restore Fully State-Municipal Revenue Sharing) as they all amendments to municipal revenue sharing.
- LD 340 (An Act To Allow for the Establishment of Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy Programs): Dena expressed that the committee strongly supported this last year and the Sustainability Director drafted and gave testimony on it. Chair, Councilor Ali agreed.
- LD 412 (An Act To Authorize the Use of Tax Increment Financing Funds for Constructing or Renovating Municipal Offices and Other Buildings): Mr. Jennings expressed staff support for this bill.
- LD 419 (An Act Regarding Participation in Public Works Projects by Pretrial Inmates): Mr. Jennings stated that it is potentially a good opportunity for the City. Councilor Ali asked if this will provide skills to the inmates and if they would be paid. Mr. Jennings said that this will help provide/ develop skills for them, it offers a lot of opportunities not only for the City but for the individuals as well.

Chairman Councilor Ali made a motion to adjourn the meeting, moved by Mayor Snyder, seconded by Councilor Fournier vote 4-0. The meeting was adjourned at 8:58 AM.