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**MINUTES
CITY OF GLENDALE
CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL
WORKSHOP & EXECUTIVE MEETING
AUGUST 14 , 2007
1:30 P.M.**

PRESENT: Mayor Elaine M. Scruggs, Vice Mayor Manuel D. Martinez, and Councilmembers Joyce V. Clark, Steven E. Frate, David M. Goulet, Yvonne J. Knaack, and H. Phillip Lieberman

ALSO PRESENT: Ed Beasley, City Manager; Pam Kavanaugh, Assistant City Manager; Craig Tindall, City Attorney; and Pamela Hanna, City Clerk

1. 2008 LEAGUE OF ARIZONA CITIES & TOWNS RESOLUTIONS

CITY STAFF PRESENTING THIS ITEM: Ms. Dana Tranberg, Intergovernmental Programs Director; Ms. Jessica Blazina, Deputy Intergovernmental Programs Director; Mr. Brent Stoddard, Legislative Coordinator

This is a request for the City Council to review and provide guidance on the proposed resolutions which will be voted on at the August 31, 2007 League of Arizona Cities and Towns (LACT) Resolutions Committee meeting.

The proposed resolutions provide the basis for the annual League of Arizona Cities & Towns Municipal Policy Statement. Many of these resolutions will be brought forward to the Council for adoption in the City of Glendale 2008 Legislative Agenda.

Each year, the League of Arizona Cities and Towns requests draft resolutions from all municipalities for discussion by the League Resolutions Committee; a committee on which the Mayor sits as the Glendale representative.

Resolutions approved by the Resolutions Committee will become both part of the LACT's Municipal Policy, and draft legislation to be introduced during the upcoming legislative session.

Traditionally, LACT chooses five of the approved resolutions as the priorities for the next legislative session by seeking guidance from each member of the committee. Municipalities are expected to support and advocate for these five resolutions as part of our collective municipal legislative agenda.

Staff is requesting the Council to provide policy guidance on the proposed League Resolutions.

Mr. Beasley added a side note before the group started their presentation. He stated that this was Ms. Dana Tranberg's last meeting. He thanked her for all her excellent work and dedication to the City of Glendale. Ms. Tranberg thanked Mr. Beasley for his support and development throughout the years.

Ms. Jessica Blazina and Mr. Brent Stoddard provided a power point overview for their presentation. They provided a prioritized list of all 25 Resolutions. The subcommittee identified eight resolutions as important issues that impact all municipal cities and towns throughout the state.

Mr. Stoddard discussed one of the resolutions which was to Protect State Shared Revenues from tax cuts. He said staff recommends support on this issue.

Ms. Blazina provided information on supporting Consent Resolution on Funding for the State Telecom Revolving Fund. She noted that this would address the funding short fall.

Ms. Blazina discussed the issue in allowing Local Governments to Create Development Rights Transfer Programs. This would allow municipalities to enter into agreements to provide for inter-jurisdictional transfers of developmental rights. Staff recommends approval.

Councilmember Clark asked for clarification on how this resolution would work. Ms. Blazina stated that this essentially would allow property owners to transfer density from one property owner to another. Mr. Stoddard stated that this has been used in other states successfully.

Councilmember Clark remarked that she would support it if the city was allowed to accept or decline the proposal if not in the city's best interest. Mr. Stoddard said that most programs in place do give local jurisdiction to the city for approval. He added that this could not be transferred just between owners.

Mr. Stoddard provided information on two critical issues on the resolution list. He stated that the subcommittee identified these resolutions to be of interest to municipalities and were viewed as issues of broad significance and required flexibility for engagement. One was to Encourage Economic Development Incentives and to also Increase Municipal Input on Liquor Licenses. Staff recommends support of both these issues. He also discussed the issue of not supporting the up coming Grill Bill.

Councilmember Clark said that she also supported terminating the Grill Bill. She discussed the five points listed as recommendations. She said she especially liked the idea of the parking lots and the twelve month provisional permit.

Mayor Scruggs asked for clarification on the provisional permit issue. She said it was her recollection that they had been trying to defeat such a provisional license. She stated her support for the resolution, however, stated that there had been past issues regarding this resolution.

Vice Mayor Martinez inquired as to the parking lot issue. Ms. Tranberg stated that what

they were attempting to do was link the parking lot issues to the establishments. Councilmember Lieberman stated his support of the parking lot issue. He noted that there were a lot of altercations in parking lots and they needed to be extended as part of the businesses.

Mr. Stoddard provided information on subcommittee identified resolutions that impact municipalities, but would have amendments offered at a Resolution Committee meeting. One of the resolutions was to Obtain Funding for Air Quality Mandates. Mr. Stoddard stated that the city had been working on this project, however, it would be difficult to gage. Staff recommends a neutral position.

Mr. Stoddard discussed the next three resolutions which involved transportation. Staff recommends combining the three resolutions into one general resolution supporting additional statewide transportation funding. He said that staff supports additional funding and multi-mobile options for transportation so long as it does not impact existing revenue.

Ms. Blazina identified the resolutions that were on the Not Recommended/Best Practice List. She said that the subcommittee identified these resolutions as best addressed through the League of Arizona Cities and Towns "Best Practices" program or development of model ordinance, rather than pursuing state legislation. She touched on some of the these items briefly.

Vice Mayor Martinez asked a question on the resolution regulating the sale of pseudoephedrine statewide. Ms. Blazina stated that the regulations in place were to present identification and sign a log book that would be reviewed by the police department and interested parties. Vice Mayor Martinez questioned its effectiveness when Glendale borders many other cities.

Ms. Tranberg stated that clearly there would be a gap because of the bordering cities.

Councilmember Clark also voiced her concerns with the problems arising when regulating this issue.

Mr. Stoddard provided information on three items on the Not Recommended List. These resolutions have not met the criteria of being of municipal interest and do not meet the best interest of a majority of cities and towns. Cities have the option to remove any item from the list and consider it separately. Two of the resolutions deal with divisive water issues and the other item deals with issues to exempt courts from weapon storage laws. Staff does not support the water issue items, however, staff remains neutral on the weapon storage laws.

Councilmember Goulet inquired as to why they were not supporting cooperation between counties and municipalities. Ms. Blazina stated that the main reason for not supporting the resolution was because it had been identified as a non-legislative issue and could be developed in "Best Practices" through the Arizona League of Cities and Towns.

Councilmember Goulet asked for clarification on resolution number two. Mr. Stoddard stated that the intent of this resolution was to have a list of economic development tools that other states were using. He said the ultimate goal of the resolution would be an examination of what type of tools and funding states were using to assist local government efforts.

Vice Mayor Martinez asked if one of the recommended funding sources was statewide revenue. Mr. Stoddard stated that the intent was to have a funding source identified, however, the source would not be state shared revenues. He added this was only the first step.

Councilmember Lieberman asked if there had been any discussions to cut the CDBG program. Ms. Tranberg stated that every year it was under attack. She added that this was always a priority and that they had DC lobbyists working on it as well as the National League of Cities and the U.S. Conference of Mayors.

Mayor Scruggs asked for clarification on consent resolution numbers 21 and 6. She stated that there were conflicting listings.

Mr. Stoddard stated that there had been an error in the write-up, however, staff recommends remaining neutral.

Mayor Scruggs commented that should an item vote become split, her vote could not remain neutral, it would have to be in support.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:15 p.m.