

MINUTES
CML Executive Board Meeting
September 18, 2020, Denver, Colorado
via Videoconference

Board members present: President Robert Widner, City Attorney, Centennial; Vice President Kathi Meyer, Council President Pro Tem, Steamboat Springs; Secretary/Treasurer Dale Hall, Mayor Pro Tem, Greeley; Past President Liz Hensley, Council Member, Alamosa; Larry Atencio, Council Vice President, Pueblo; Rick Bain, Mayor, Brush; Cathie Brunnick, Mayor Pro Tem, Lone Tree; Barbara Bynum, Mayor, Montrose; Greg Caton, City Manager, Grand Junction; Sharon Craig, Trustee, Ignacio; Leah Dozeman, Council Member, Wheat Ridge; A.J. Euckert, City Manager, Dacono; Wynetta Massey, City Attorney, Colorado Springs; Christian Morgan, Town Manager, Kersey; Jessica Sandgren, Mayor Pro Tem, Thornton; Katie Sickles, Town Manager, Bayfield; Russell Stewart, Mayor, Cherry Hills Village; Darrin Tangeman, City Manager, Woodland Park; Charlie Willman, Council Member, Glenwood Springs.

Board members absent: Kendra Black, Council Member, Denver; Andrea Samson, Council Member, Loveland.

CML Staff members present: Kevin Bommer, Executive Director; David Broadwell, General Counsel; Morgan Cullen, Legislative and Policy Advocate; Meghan Dollar, Legislative Advocacy Manager; Karen Rosen, Meetings and Events Planner; Heather Stauffer, Legislative and Policy Advocate; Beauclarine Thomas, Legislative and Policy Advocate; Sarah Werner, Engagement and Communications Manager; Laurel Witt, Associate Counsel; Allison Wright, Finance & Administration Manager; Dianne Backhus, Executive Assistant.

The meeting was called to order by President Widner at 10:00 a.m. Attendance was taken and a quorum was established.

Kathi Meyer MOVED AND Darrin Tangeman SECONDED A MOTION THAT THE MINUTES FROM AUGUST 21, 2020, BE APPROVED AS PRESENTED. The motion was passed unanimously.

Meghan Dollar introduced CML's newest staff member, Beauclarine Thomas, to the Board. Starting on September 21st, Beauclarine will serve as the fourth member of the advocacy team. She joins CML from the Governor's Office of State Planning and Budgeting, with prior experience as a fiscal policy analyst in the Legislature.

Director Kevin Bommer requested a change in the agenda. The scheduled speaker from the White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs was unable to attend today's meeting. Kevin will reschedule at a later date.

Allison Wright presented the report from the September 10th meeting of the Budget, Audit and Management Committee. The committee recommended keeping the cost of associate membership at \$800 per year for businesses and \$300 per year for nonprofits and non-government agencies. Dale Hall MOVED AND Wynetta Massey SECONDED A MOTION THAT THE BOARD APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE BAM COMMITTEE TO MAINTAIN CURRENT DUES RATES FOR ASSOCIATE MEMBERS. The motion passed unanimously. At the April Board meeting it had been decided to freeze municipal member dues at the 2020 rate to ease member budgets during COVID cutbacks. The BAM committee discussed a potential dues rebate for 2021, but concurred with the staff's recommendation to provide no rebate in 2021. A MOTION WAS MADE by Dale Hall AND SECONDED by Russell Stewart TO APPROVE THE COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION TO PROVIDE NO DUES REBATE IN 2021. The motion passed unanimously.

Meghan Dollar and Heather Stauffer summarized CML staff's recommendations on three of the upcoming November ballot items.

- Staff recommends supporting Amendment B to repeal the Gallagher Amendment. Maintaining the assessment ratios required by the Gallagher Amendment has resulted in shrinking property tax revenue available to local governments, impacting funding for local services and education. Kathi Meyer MOVED AND Liz Hensley SECONDED A MOTION THAT THE BOARD APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATION TO SUPPORT AMENDMENT B TO REPEAL THE GALLAGHER AMENDMENT. The motion passed unanimously.

- Staff recommends opposing Proposition 118, Paid Family and Medical Leave Insurance. This proposition would create a state-run insurance enterprise allowing employees up to 12 weeks of leave for various health-related situations. Both employers and employees would pay into a fund which would be dispersed based on the employee's average wage. There is an opt-out option, but that process would be owned by the Department of Labor and Employment, not the employer. The proposed PFML has significant conflicts both with the federally required FMLA and with current state law. Dale Hall MOVED AND Jessica Sandgren SECONDED A MOTION THAT THE BOARD APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATION TO OPPOSE PROPOSITION 118. The motion passed unanimously.
- Staff recommends support for Amendment 77, Local Voter Approval of Gaming Limits in Black Hawk, Central City, and Cripple Creek. This amendment would allow local voters in gaming towns to increase bet limits and expand the types of games allowed. It would also allow beneficial changes to usage of gaming revenue distributed to public community colleges. Kathi Meyer MOVED AND Cathie Brunnick SECONDED A MOTION THAT THE BOARD APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATION TO SUPPORT AMENDMENT 77. The motion passed unanimously.

Greg Caton raised the issue of Proposition EE and its potential detrimental impact on local revenues. After discussion, it was agreed that CML should take a position on the proposition. Greg Caton MOVED AND Dale Hall SECONDED A MOTION THAT THE BOARD APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATION TO OPPOSE PROPOSITION EE AND TO GIVE STAFF DISCRETION TO DRAFT THE FORMAL MOTION. The motion passed unanimously.

President Widner expressed his praise and appreciation for the work done by CML staff on the attached survey and memo regarding what Colorado municipalities are doing in the areas of diversity and equity, as well as helping to clarify definitions of terms used. Board discussion centered on the apparent lack of diversity among municipal elected officials and participation in local government, including within CML. Issues noted were how to recruit diversity in candidates, how to encourage diverse choices (as in appointments made), recognizing barriers communities may have created and actions that impair inclusion. A committee is being organized made up of several volunteers from among Board members, seeking to look more closely at these issues and propose what actions the Board and CML can take to encourage inclusion at all levels. Staff will consider an organizational statement on equity and diversity, as well as propose language for inclusion into CML's Strategic Plan.

The next meeting (also virtual) is scheduled for October 18th. Kevin suggested moving the start time to 9:00 a.m., allowing adjournment prior to lunch. The Board concurred, and the next meeting is scheduled for October 18th from 9:00 to noon.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dale Hall
Secretary/Treasurer