

MINUTES
LEAGUE OF ARIZONA CITIES AND TOWNS
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Friday, November 8, 2019
League of Arizona Cities and Towns
1820 W Washington Street
Phoenix, Arizona

MEMBERS

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Rick Mueller, Mayor, Sierra Vista
Mark Mitchell, Mayor, Tempe
Bob Rivera, Mayor, Thatcher
Anna Tovar, Mayor, Tolleson*
Jonathan Rothschild, Mayor, Tucson*

*not in attendance

+participated via phone

President Christian Price called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. He then led the Executive Committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. REVIEW AND ADOPTION OF MINUTES

President Christian Price requested a motion on the adoption of the minutes. Mayor Ed Honea moved to approve the minutes of the August 21, 2019 Executive Committee Meeting; Mayor Mark Mitchell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

2. LEGISLATIVE POLICY UPDATE

League President Christian Price welcomed League Legislative Director Nick Ponder to provide the legislative policy update.

Mr. Ponder introduced the League's new Legislative Associate, Roxanna Pitones.

Mr. Ponder continued to overview the main focuses for the 2020 legislative issues, first touching on firefighter cancer presumption. At the beginning of the summer it became evident that the lobbyists for the firefighters were going to modify the statute as it relates to presumptive diseases. They were focusing on strict liability for anyone who gets cancer, meaning there would be no determinations and it would get automatically approved. Additional types of cancer would also be added to this statute.

Mr. Ponder indicated that the League could oppose legislation, not working with the stakeholders on the other side. The alternate approach would be to proactively try to find a resolution, as well as making funding a statewide issue rather than a municipal issue. Workers compensation is set up to deal with workplace injuries, not necessarily diseases. The League wants to find a way to pull cancer out of workers compensation. By doing this, it would allow a significant cost savings to municipalities. The League has been working with the fire groups and the insurance groups to find a way to do this. If cancer were to be pulled out of workers compensation, individuals would then fall under the cancer fund or pool, meaning the state will invest initial corpus of funds into this pool which then will pay out benefits to the individuals. Processes to replenish this fund will be researched, so not to rely solely on investment returns.

Mr. Ponder let the Executive Committee know it is being suggested that if there is a way to keep firefighters on their group insurance while being treated, it would provide significant savings to the municipalities, as well as better treatment because the group insurance is contracted with many places that workers compensation is not. If this provision moves forward, a board would be put together who would oversee the investments of the funds and determine the outcomes of certain issues, such as firefighters who are smokers. Another issue besides smoking that has come up is second jobs. Addressing second jobs through the employment contract would be more productive, meaning if an individual has additional employment, it would need to be approved through the municipality. The language does not include EMS or police officers.

Mr. Ponder also touched on short term rentals. There was an ad hoc committee set up at the Annual Conference to discuss this issue. The first meeting was on nuisance, the second is going to be about clustering and the third meeting will be on recommendations.

Mr. Ponder indicated that tobacco and vaping will be another issue this year. They are trying to preempt municipalities in relation to sales and marketing of tobacco and vape products. There are five municipalities who have currently adjusted their age to 21.

Mr. Ponder let the Executive Committee know that Legislative Associate Tom Savage has been working with the copper state corridor cities on slum and blight and is optimistic on getting something to the legislature and sponsored.

Lastly, Mr. Ponder touched on the Attorney General's opinions on two issues. Two legislators requested opinions from the AG's office, the first on whether municipalities can set their own age for smoking and vaping, and the second, whether construction contracting is a service out of

proposition 126. Mr. Ponder and General Counsel Christina Estes-Werther reached out to the AG's office and had conversations, learning that the AG's office would welcome input from other entities. Now that this is known, the League will make sure to address issues that will affect municipalities anytime there is a request for opinion.

Executive Director Ken Strobeck informed the Executive Committee that Mike Townsend from Coconino County was selected for the new system administrator for PSPRS. Additionally, he announced that Mr. Ponder was recognized as one of the 2019 Arizona Capitol Times' Breakdown Breakouts.

3. RECAP OF 2019 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

League President Christian Price introduced Communication and Education Director Matt Lore to provide a recap of the 2019 Annual Conference in Tucson.

Mr. Lore directed the Executive Committee to the financial report in their packet. The financial report showed \$209,000 in net revenue from the conference. 82 out of the 91 cities and towns attended the conference. The survey from the conference is also in the packet; this will be used in planning the conference for next and future years. Next year's Annual Conference will be held in Glendale. Mr. Lore opened the room to questions or suggestions.

Mayor Thomas Schoaf expressed his concern for not having enough rooms for everyone.

Mr. Lore let the Executive Committee know that staff will present different options for the room block to the Executive Committee to discuss at a future meeting.

6. USMCA RESOLUTION

League President Christian Price invited Executive Vice President Garrick Taylor from the Arizona Chamber of Commerce to inform the Executive Committee on the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement resolution.

Garrick Taylor informed the Executive Committee about the USMCA Agreement. Over a year ago the three Presidents from the US, Canada and Mexico came together to sign the USMCA agreement. The next step is for Canada and the US to adopt this agreement. Mr. Taylor encouraged the Executive Committee to help urge congress to pass USMCA in calendar year 2019.

Mayor Douglas Nicholls made a motion to move forward with the resolution in support for the USMCA Agreement; Mayor Gail Barney seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

4. CITIES AND TOWNS WEEK 2019 AND SOCIAL MEDIA UPDATE

League President Christian Price introduced Communication and Education Director Matt Lore to provide an update on 2019 Arizona Cities & Towns Week and social media.

Mr. Lore recognized Barrett Coughlin from HighGround, commending her work on the League's social media accounts over the past year.

Mr. Lore then welcomed League Communication and Education Associate Samantha Womer to provide an update.

Ms. Womer reviewed the communications projects of the League throughout the course of the last year, highlighting the League's printed publications, newsletter, social media and 2019 Arizona Cities and Towns Week. She informed the Executive Committee that interactions across all social media outlets had increased over the course of the last year and encouraged the Executive Committee members to follow and interact with the League on all platforms.

5. 2018-2019 AUDIT REPORT

President Christian Price invited Executive Director Ken Strobeck to present the 2018-2019 audit report.

Mr. Strobeck informed the Executive Committee that their packet included the full audit report from the auditors. The audit was clean; there was one item of note - the League is not required to post to ASRS, and it has nothing to do with the League's financial statement.

Mayor Bob Rivera made a motion to approve the 2018-2019 audit report; Mayor Daryl Seymore seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

7. RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION

President Christian Price informed the Executive Committee that this will be the last meeting for Executive Director Ken Strobeck. With that, the Executive Committee would like to present a resolution of appreciation to Ken Strobeck.

Mr. Strobeck gave his admirations to the Executive Committee and for his time in the role of the Executive Director of the League.

8. LEAGUE STRATEGIC PLAN DISCUSSION

President Christian Price welcome Deputy Director Tom Belshe to present the strategic plan.

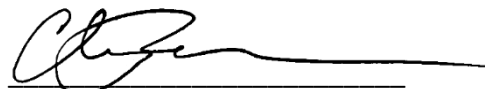
As incoming Executive Director, Mr. Belshe let the Executive Committee know that the handout that was given is a draft of the strategic plan; there are six goals with supported strategies to move the organization forward. Members of the Executive Committee will be contacted for feedback in February.

At the conclusion of meeting many of Executive Committee members expressed their gratitude towards Mr. Strobeck.

Mayor Cathy Carlat made a motion to adjourn the Executive Committee at 11:25 am. Mayor Bob Rivera seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



PRESIDENT