Ivins City Finance Report

Date: *February 15, 2018*

Purpose: *Updates on Select Items*

There are several items that staff has been looking at that will be included in this report. The items are as follows:

- **ULCT Legislative Policy Committee**

    - I attended the LPC meeting by webcast this last Monday. This meeting gave an update on legislative items that are being discussed and acted upon in the session. The power point presentation for the LPC meeting is attached to this report. After three (3) weeks of the session, this is the update from ULCT:
        - 1300+ bills so far
            - 224 tracked
            - 25 days to go
            - Actively worked on:
                - Rep. Eliason's proposal (Homeless Shelter Funding)
                - Small cell infrastructure
                - S.B. 52 Sale of State Land Act
                - S.B. 55 Motor Vehicle Registration Amendments
                - S.B. 154 Prohibition on Law Enforcement Quotas
                - S.B. 158 Municipal Business Licensing
                - S.B. 167 Food Truck Regulation Amendments
                - H.B. 175 Oversight Committee Creation
                - H.B. 250 Building permits and impact fees
                - H.B. 256 Moderate income housing
                - H.B. 225 Initiatives, Referenda, and Other Political Activities
                - H.B. 203 Nighttime Construction
                - H.B. 181 Homemade Food Consumption
                - H.B. 271 Government Enterprise Amendments
                - H.B. 248 Compensatory Service in Lieu of Fines
                - H.B. 209 Mental Health Protections for First Responders

- H.B. 265 Body Cam Amendments
- H.B. 279 Design Professionals Liability Amendments
- H.B. 294 Municipal Forms of Government Amendments
- H.B. 298 Victim Advocate Confidentiality Amendments
- H.B. 303 Drinking Water Source Sizing Requirements
- H.B. 346 Local Government Building Plan Review
- H.B 361 Billboard Amendments Land Use

- There are a number of proposed bills that undermine or attempt to remove local authority. ULCT is strongly opposed to the following:
  - H.B. 79 Private Attorney General Doctrine
  - H.B. 83 Forcible Entry and Warrants Amendments
  - H.B. 175 Oversight Committee Creation
  - H.B. 242 Local Animal Control Regulation Amendments
  - H.B. 248 Compensatory Service in Lieu of Fine Amendments
  - H.B. 271 Government Enterprise Amendments

- H.B. 175 Oversight Committee Creation Update from Rachel Otto (ULCT Government Relations Director)
  - The House Government Operations Committee re-considered this bill after failing it on February 1. Despite some changes in the third substitute, ULCT continued our strong opposition to the bill and ULCT President and Bountiful Council Member Beth Holbrook testified against the bill with the entire ULCT Board of Directors in attendance. School district and school board representatives also spoke against it. The bill would create a nine-member Government Oversight committee made up entirely of state legislators with statutory direction to "examine an action of a local government entity in relation to the entity's application of a law passed or a rule authorized by the Legislature." The committee would examine the "efficiency" and "effectiveness" of a local government act. In short, this committee could exercise oversight over every action taken by a local government. ULCT acknowledges that current legislative committees already have the power to examine local government acts. As such, no specific "oversight" committee is needed so the bill is a solution in search of a problem.

    After public comment ended, the bill sponsor offered a protected amendment. The committee adopted the protected amendment to say that the oversight committee would examine the act of a local government entity "upon request of a local government entity." The bill sponsor presented the amendment as a "compromise," but ULCT neither requested nor supported the amendment. The amendment calls into question what the point of the committee is if the intent is only to take requests from local government. Is the intent to enable a mayor who disagreed with a council decision to file a

request to examine the decision? Even with the amendment, ULCT still opposes the underlying concept of nine state legislators from anywhere in the state with a mission to examine the local acts of mayors and council members. Likewise, a "Government Oversight" committee connotes distrust of local government leaders. The bill would have a chilling effect on local leaders by calling into question their ability to govern and subjecting them to a highly political review process. There is already a mechanism to examine the "effectiveness" of a local government: an election.

- If you have a contact or relationship with Representative Lowry Snow, Representative Walt Brooks, or Representative Brad Last; please contact them with concerns and opposition to H.B. 175.

- Other Legislative Items
  - Joint ULCT-UAC Legislative Guide – Local Government Prism

    1) What is the problem the bill is trying to solve?
    2) Is the bill a "one size fits all" approach?
    3) Does the empower or restrict the "local control" of local governments?
       • "Local control" means authority to make autonomous decisions without state mandates, accountability to residents about those decisions, and the ability to evolve naturally to achieve the community's vision
    4) Does the bill have a financial impact on local governments?

- **Upcoming Finance / Budget Items**

  - Budget Process underway
  - Dale and I are working with Bob to develop a vehicle replacement program for Law Enforcement

Respectfully,

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