

**Federal, State, and Intergovernmental Relations (FSIR) Meeting**  
**Video Conference Call Meeting**  
January 27, 2023

Members Present: Council Member Lawson – Chair, Council Member Jurinsky – Vice Chair,  
Council Member Zvonek

Members Absent:

Others present: S. Day, C. Grant, L. Hettinger, L. Gaylord, T. Vaughn, R. Venegas, L.  
Rogers, G. Koumantakis, P. Schulte, M. Gardner, R. Pena, J. DeHerrera,  
K. Kitzman, C. Colip, A. Acevedo, T. Rees, A. Botham, C. McDonald

1. **CONSENT ITEMS:** None.

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2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

January 13, 2023 meeting minutes were approved.

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3. **CML UPDATE:** Judge Day provided an update on this.  
**Domestic Violence and Municipal Court Draft Bill Update**

Summary of Issue and Discussion: The Domestic Violence Bill has not been introduced yet. There's been some proposed language as to amending the bill that would include the application of the Victim's Rights Amendment in addition to the state's sentencing statute for all municipal courts. If domestic violence cases will be done, it has to follow the BRA and the state's sentencing statutes.

There was a meeting yesterday with the House Minority Leader, Lynch, to provide with him further information. He's aware of this proposed bill as well.

There'll be a press conference on Monday regarding the CCJJ Bill as it relates to motor vehicle theft and the removal of value within the state statutes in addition to the sentencing reform for that particular statute as well. There's reason to believe that the CCJJ Bill will pass and that it will then be introduced in the first part of next week after the press conference.

Committee Discussion:

CM Lawson stated that the CML Executive Board meeting was today and that she had to leave the meeting in order to attend the FSIR meeting. She stated that she abstained from this vote until she received an update from Judge Day. The position of the CML Executive Board was a support-if amended. CM Lawson asked Judge Day if he supported CML's position.

Judge Day explained that if it's amended to the language that the Council proposed, which would be a prohibition for municipal courts to prosecute domestic violence in their court unless they comply with the BRA and that they also adopt the same sentencing structure as the State. If that language is adopted and added to the bill, then the Council would be in support of the bill. But if it's not, then it would still continue to strongly oppose the bill.

Judge Day further explained that the bill has not yet been introduced. There are a lot of stakeholder meetings taking place on the bill. The Council will have to wait and see if it will be amended. Some language was proposed, and that's where the CML has been engaged in those conversations as well.

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#### **4. FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

Summary of Issue and Discussion: Lauri Hettinger gave an update on federal legislation.

The Council is continuing to get organized. Congressman Crow, the new Legislative Director, added a new staffer to the office that he's worked with before. Although there's no timeline for earmarks, he was able to connect the Council to the HUD. Liz, Lauri, and the housing team met with the HUD to get last year's earmark; hence it should be wrapped up very soon.

Congress is still getting organized. House Democrats and Republicans have their committee assignments. Senators Bennett and Hickenlooper will remain on their current committees. The Democratic and Republican Leadership have named some committees. Crow's committee assignments have not been finalized yet. He expects to remain on the House Armed Services Committee. The State of the Union is going to be on February 7th which will be the kickoff for Congress to begin the appropriations process. Hopefully, the appropriations earmarks request informs will be ready by early March.

Liz and Lauri will have a meeting to discuss possible projects the following week. As far as Infrastructure Grant Funding, Lauri shared with World Water about the recent new waterSMART program for system conservation. The raised grant for DOT is out. PROTECT, which is a new grant program for extreme weather events, should be out momentarily, as well as the Electric Vehicle Competitive Grant programs. More information will be provided in the next meeting when House has finalized all its committee assignments.

Committee Discussion:

CM Lawson asked whether the Bus Rapid Transit legislation that Representative Cori is sponsoring will come up in Congress this year? She requested that we keep track of it to see it receives any tracking this year. Lauri said that it's a very popular program and that she would keep track of it.

Lauri also said that she's aware Angela works closely with DRCOG and the transit agency. She added that the state and the transit agency have received their funding level announcement for FYI 2023. The state would be getting around \$177 million. She then sent the table to Liz so that

she could share with everyone all the programs the state should be receiving in the current year, which would then be allocated to the transit agencies.

CM Lawson informed the team that she got reappointed to the National League of City's Transportation Infrastructure Committee.

Outcome: Information only.

Follow-up Action: No follow-up is needed.

### **Resolution 1(A): Motor Vehicle Theft Resolution: By CM Zvonek and Pete Schulte.**

Summary of Issue and Discussion: A new legislation has been introduced, which expands the classification of all vehicle thefts regardless of the value, to become a felony. This will increase the penalty. This resolution encourages the state to move forward and increase penalties on motor vehicle theft. Last year, the Council passed an ordinance at the municipal level to create stiffer penalties for motor vehicle theft.

The Council had previously mentioned, voted, and passed in Aurora that a state-wide solution is needed and that the laws had become more permissive at the state level concerning motor vehicle theft. Democrats, Republicans, and the Legislature are now working toward a solution to unwind some of the slack that they gave to motor vehicle thieves.

CM Zvonek hopes that the city of Aurora will take an affirmative position encouraging the state lawmakers to make penalties for motor vehicle theft harsher because a state-wide solution is needed. This is an issue that is impacting not just the community but communities across the state.

This will make it a little bit easier to prosecute, since it's going to take what is already being done in Aurora and make it state-wide. Hopefully, the Council's ordinance becomes state-wide and not nonexistent if the bill passes.

#### Committee Discussion:

CM Lawson mentioned that she has been on the Council committee for many years in the chair capacity I've seen very few resolutions pass through this committee. She stated that usually, the positions taken on by the FSIR committee and the full council are communicated to the sponsors of the bills. She stated that she supports CM Zvonek's resolution and wanted to know how the message regarding the position of the city of Aurora would be relayed when resolutions are added?

CM Venegas said that in the past, a sheet has been made with positions that the Council has taken throughout the Council and the sessions as well. The lobbyists take the sheet, put it on the desks of the members' delegations, and communicate it. He suggested an easier process where a

summary of the Council's position can just be attached. He also said that the Council can attach it to the sheet that they send out to the delegation if the committee prefers that.

CM Zvonek said that similar resolutions have been done in the past. He agreed that the legislators want to see the resolutions. He added that the power of having a resolution specifically on these issues is because they currently impact the community. He hopes that this resolution and the next are two examples of the types of issues that can be brought to the attention of state lawmakers.

CM Lawson said that even though the Council has done these types of things along with CML and other organizations, it has been rarely done at the committee level. She said she wants to make sure that if these resolutions have the support to move forward that sponsors are informed and know the position of the city. Cammie said that the information would be circulated.

CM Lawson, CM Jurinsky and CM Zvonek supported the resolution to move forward to either a study session or the floor, as per CM Zvonek's decision.

She also added that depending on the timing, it would be good if the Council could add the bill number in the resolution.

Camille said that the bill number will be provided to reference it in the document. Pete also requested it, then clarified that he had joined the meeting through George Koumantakis link.

Outcome: All members supported the resolution.

Follow-up Action:

Get the bill reference number to amend it so that CM Zvonek can move it to the study session or the floor as per his decision.

**Resolution 1(B): Juvenile Detention Bed Space Update: By CM Zvonek**

Summary of Issue and Discussion: This update deals with the policy cap that is set by the state legislature on the number of beds that are available for juvenile detention. Youth violence has become a challenge in the city of Aurora. The state legislature has created an arbitrary cap on the number of beds that are available for juvenile detention. One of the challenges that have resulted from this arbitrary cap is that the city is now in a situation where the number of youth who are committing very violent crimes, is exceeding that number. This often puts the judges in a position where they have to decide on either releasing somebody who's currently there or giving the person who just committed a crime an ankle bracelet and sending them back into the community.

There's a need for a policy that's reflective of the reality faced in the community. The reality is that there are too many kids committing very violent crimes. When the policy limits the number of people who can be in juvenile detention, it does two things.

One, this further endangers the community because oftentimes, these kids committing violent crimes that qualify for juvenile detention are sent back into the community, where they later escalate their crimes. Second, it jeopardizes these kids' futures because instead of being held in juvenile detention, where they have an opportunity to cool down and receive services, they're just getting an ankle bracelet on them and returning to the same environment they were in when they committed crimes.

As they escalate the types of crimes that they commit, they're putting themselves in a position to have further penalties and even longer-term consequences for their actions. If the Council agrees that certain types of crimes require juvenile detention, then detention beds should be available, and there shouldn't be a cap because, at that point, it's completely arbitrary.

The previous month, Council talked about public safety. Council Member Lawson is a big supporter of this idea of focused deterrence and bringing that program to the city. One of the reasons that that program is successful is that you have to have certainty of penalty. If the number of beds that are available for juveniles is capped, it limits the ability to have certainty of penalty. The arbitrary policy on the number of beds available is completely out of touch with the reality faced in the community.

There are conversations in the legislature about expanding it but only by 10%, which would be around three more beds in Arapahoe County. Hopefully, the Council agrees that there are certain types of crimes (of which the qualifying types are not going to be expanded), that require juvenile. If more kids commit these types of crimes, beds should be available for them. This is a policy decision. It's not a physical limitation of the bed space. It is a policy decision that is arbitrary, and it's dangerous to the community.

CM Zvonek hopes that the city advocates not just for the 10% increase but to get rid of the arbitrary cap and allow judges to determine what kids need to stay in juvenile detentions and which don't.

#### Committee Discussion:

CM Lawson confirmed with CM Zvonek if he had received the email about the committee hearing's discussion on the delay of the issue because further information was requested.

Cammie explained that two years ago, Senator Buckner and Representative Doherty sponsored a bill that set the bed limit cap at 215. The Department of Human Services went back to the Joint Budget Committee asking for that to be increased to 249. The Joint Budget Committee met in the current week and decided to go ahead and table the issue. Senator Zen Zinger, the Chair of the JBC, is in conversations with Representative Doherty, who is very hesitant to move the cap number.

She added that in, the committee hearing, Senator Kirkmeyer who sits on the Joint Budget Committee asked for more data to be provided. So they decided to hold off on deciding on the issue until the figure is set. There are political challenges in getting that increase to the 249 level.

Pete said that he's had conversations with the Chief Officer. One of the issues faced by the police department side is that the older gang members are putting or tasking the juveniles to commit violent crimes. They are aware of this limitation and taking advantage of it. He mentioned that he was from Texas and licensed in Wyoming, Texas and that Aurora is the only state with an arbitrary cap on the number of beds.

He explained that from year to year, no one knows what kind of offenses the juveniles are going to commit and that the juveniles are aware of the situation and use it to their advantage. He mentioned that he's aware it's both a money and political issue, as previously stated by Camille. But the city won't be able to combat crime on the juvenile side if it keeps some of these heinous offenders.

He also said that his DA friends who actually have to deal with juvenile cases tell him of the challenges in deciding which crime is worse and whom to release or send to juvenile since they can't all fit in detention. This is not good for the justice system.

CM Lawson said she wants to understand where Council Member Zvonek is coming from with his proposed resolution. She expressed her conflict between the potential to get the additional beds depending on if the required data that the committee was asking for can be obtained. She felt that this resolution may conflict the city's support to get some beds even if it, not an acceptable number then we have a resolution from the city and if passed will inform legislators that the city is wanting no caps. She said that she believes something is better than nothing. Then later, the Council can move towards a bigger goal.

Roberto said that setting aside how the politics will play out, he'll leave that to the Council as policymakers on how they want to adjust for that. The lobby would let Council know how that might be received from legislators. He added that given the conversation and the questions that were asked during the committee meeting, more data will be pulled together to paint the picture of exactly what Council Member Zvonek is describing and what's being witnessed.

Pete further stated the need to get with human service and also to get with the DAs to see caseloads month by month, how many of the folks, the kinds of offenders, etc. More data is needed to be able to make that argument. He believes that the door is open although it's still a big lift, given some of the resistance from the majority on both sides. But there's still an opportunity for the Council to get some data to provide to them to be able to make a more compelling case beyond the antidotes. Information like: who are the violent offenders? Who's getting put back on the street? Who is not, and at what level?

He explained that over the last 12 months or whatever the period it is to be done, he and Liz will be working on trying to get that data. Also, Jessica and other folks who'd worked with the team went to Tulsa and the DAs and tried to get that information. So aside from the resolution, he believes that the Council can do its best to answer the questions that the JBC is looking for. It is more of a policy decision from the Council if the resolution puts the city in a better place to make that case. He said once again that he thinks that there's an open door, and the more data

that can be obtained, the better. He deferred the issue to the committee on how they wanted to proceed.

CM Lawson asked Chief Acevedo to speak on the matter. Jurinsky mentioned that Chief Acevedo couldn't get on, but he has put his full comments in the chat.

Cammie said that she thinks CM Lawson is exactly right; getting some additional beds is better than none. She also confirmed that Roberto will be providing the data that the Council can take back to the committee, which will be super helpful. She added that Totsy, Peggy, and all have been lobbying the JC members on the issue. She said they're happy to continue down that path and on how the Council chooses to proceed.

CM Zvonek stated that he agrees and understands that there's the politics of what the reality is. So getting a 10% increase in bed would be better than nothing. But he also believes that it is still the wrong policy for the community and that a 10% increase, even though better than the city's current position, is still not good enough for the city of Aurora. He believes that the Council should fight for the policy that's going to protect the citizens, and it's going to do better for these juveniles who are committing these crimes and escalating when they're released back into the same environment with an ankle monitor and are further hurting their future.

He added that he believes that the best policy is no arbitrary cap. And that the Council should advocate for the best policy, recognizing that it might fall short of that because if there's no political will in the legislature, which he thinks is wrong, there should be a political will to stand up and fight for what's right.

CM Lawson read Chief Acevedo's comments which support the resolution. He mentioned that youthful offenders are being placed at risk. He believes that these youth need to be in a safe environment instead of being used by older folks exploiting them. He mentioned that APD has multiple examples of youth being released on a monitor, only to re-offend by committing violent crimes. And that APD strongly urges the creation of more bed space.

CM Lawson called for votes of which everyone apart from her supported the resolution. CM Lawson stated the reason she is voting no is not because she doesn't support the intent of the resolution but she feels that if the resolution could create mix messages from the city on whether we are supporting any possible bed count or none at all. She concluded that she won't be supporting the resolution, but it would move forward since the other committee members support it and that Council Member Zvonek can move it to the study session or floor for a vote of the entire council.

Outcome: Council Members Jurinsky and Zvonek supported resolution moving forward. Council member Lawson did not support the resolution moving forward.

Follow-up Action: Get the data required by the committee to decide on the beds/arbitrary cap.

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## 5. STATE LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Summary of Issue and Discussion: Cammie Grant and Totsy Rees gave an update on current legislation.

Senate Bill 1 by Senators Roberts and Zen Zinger will transfer \$5 million from the General Fund and \$8 million from the Housing Development Grant Fund to the Unused State-owned Real Property Fund. That money will then go to public and private partnerships that will build affordable housing on state-owned land. The committee heard testimony from several business groups who expressed support for the public-private partnership opportunities. It passed out of state local affairs on a six to one vote. The no was from Senator Rod Pelton, a Republican, and it will move to appropriations.

Cammie also expressed her thanks to Council Member Lawson for testifying on SB23-003 the Colorado Adult High School Program Bill. She did a fantastic job. The bill passed unanimously out of Senate education and will go to appropriations. A brief update will be provided on House Bill 23-1118, which is the Fair Work Week Employment Standards Bill. This bill imposes requirements for certain types of employers. This would impact thousands of public and private employers while placing new restrictions on scheduling practices. It will hurt those that it intends to help.

The business community has serious concerns with this piece of legislation. Right now, it's been assigned to House Business Affairs and Labor. The group will be updated on House Bill 23-1115, which re-appeals the prohibition on local resident rent control. The governor's office may have some concerns with this bill. It's been assigned to Transportation, Housing, and Local Government. Regarding the Equal Pay Bill, CML is still trying to work with the bill sponsor on changes and they will continue to do so. The bill may be dropping on Monday. Senator Fields' bill on juvenile personal information should be introduced any day.

There's also an update on the CORA Bill. Colorado Press Association met with CML and CCI on Wednesday. That bill now is a complete exemption for the press to pay any fees. CCI and CML are both still opposed to it. The Press Association hasn't shared the last draft yet, but hopefully, they will by the upcoming weekend. They're under some deadlines and scrutiny, so the issue may be introduced next week. Totsy also expressed her thanks to Council Member Lawson for testifying on SB23-003.

### Committee Discussion:

CM Jurinsky asked if the council is supposed to make a position on the bills presented by Cammie or just to monitor only.

Cammie explained that it was her understanding that the council is just providing an update and a brief overview of those bills.



CM Lawson asked Liz if those bills be on the agenda at the next meeting? Liz explained that they will likely be coming up at the next meeting. They are currently being circulated internally for some internal feedback before they are presented.

CM Jurinsky informed everyone that the Tavern League is asking her to go down and speak about the Work Week and Predictability Pay Bill.

Cammie said she knows that Representative Sirota is having a stakeholder meeting on that bill the following week. So it's not going to have the hearing before that stakeholder meeting will be held.

Outcome: Information only.

Follow-up Action: No follow-up is needed.

## **5A. CML UPDATE**

Summary of Issue and Discussion: Liz Rogers and Trevor Vaughn presented updates on the CML Executive Board Meeting.

### **Support-if-asked:**

Summary of Issue and Discussion: There are two asks. The first one is a support-if-asked position for Senate Bill 23-052; Municipal Priority Lien Surviving Treasurers Deed. Under the current law, a municipality can levy a lien against a property which would be for removing weeds, bushes, or other kinds of debris around the property. However, if a property is foreclosed upon, the municipality's lien can be removed.

This bill would exempt the municipality's lien from being removed from foreclosure homes. The position is recommended as support if asked as it is favorable to the city to be able to recoup for services that have been rendered.

### Committee Discussion:

CM Lawson said that she's in support of the city's recommendation.

CM Jurinsky said she supports the recommendation and CM Zovnek as well.

Outcome: All members present supported the recommendation.

Follow-up Action: No follow-up is needed.

**Opposed-if-asked:**

Summary of Issue and Discussion: This is for House Bill 23-1061; Alcohol Beverage Retail Establishment Permit. This bill would broaden the retail permit so that all retail establishments can attain a permit to serve complimentary alcoholic beverages 24 times a year for four hours and serve up to 250 people. The city can still reject an application for the permit, but only if the city believes that the applicant cannot comply with the requirements of the liquor code and the event will not create a public safety risk to the neighborhood.

While this would have a limited impact on local authority, there are also several concerns. The first is about the capping of local fees for the permit. The city may need additional staff if the permits will be more than expected. There may also be some public safety impacts.

Trevor Von, the Manager of Licensing, was present to assist with any questions from Council Members.

Committee Discussion:

CM Lawson asked Trevor if he had any other additional information regarding this bill.

Trevor explained that when he first saw this, he had a strong negative initial reaction, but after giving it some thought, he thinks there are some ways to mitigate the risks on the city side.

He said there are some benefits to businesses that would want to do this, of which, in most cases it would probably be without an issue. Some of the public safety concerns that he is worried about are, for example, past situations the city has faced with popup parties that have resulted in violence and issues. For example, a beauty salon on Colfax had an open-invite birthday party that resulted in a shooting. Five juveniles were involved. There have been some issues with hookah lounges that have alcohol in there illegally.

He further explained that he can see situations where the businesses will start pulling these permits, and they'll sell the hookah. They won't charge an entrance fee but will start serving alcohol in there and will look very much like a bar. There have been some neighborhood impacts from that. The city has been pretty strict on them as far as alcohol possession on those premises and not allowing that. Now, they'll have the alcohol there probably even when they don't have a permit. And then when nobody's looking, there could be issues with them serving it.

This makes it more of a challenge with addressing some of those issues. With a liquor license, currently, there are a lot of risks if they don't operate lawfully. If someone has a liquor license, and they have a lot of over-service DUIs in the neighborhood, noise, fights, and shootings in the area, then it's a lot of risk for them. And there are consequences when there are such neighborhood impacts.

He stated that there's more experience in training with somebody who has a liquor license. There's not the same level of investment and risk compared to somebody who doesn't hold a liquor license. Granted, these are supposed to be complimentary beverages with a limited

timeframe but there's a potential for areas where somebody without experience might get a little bit out of control. The way to address it would be different.

He stated that he has concerns with public safety concerns. But there may be some ways to address that. Also, there is a fee cap of \$25 on the state liquor, the State Review Permit. And \$100 on the city review of the permit. He stated that he knows the council is not keen on big fees, and he doesn't mean that \$100 isn't enough to cover the costs. But at the point, the problem is when it's put in a statute, with the way that inflation's going, it may not be enough to cover the costs 20 years down the road when it hasn't been updated. He expressed his concerns particularly with the state cap of \$25 because, with state liquor, they have to cover their costs with fees.

He said that if the cost to review and process these at the State exceeds \$25, it may be subsidized by people who hold liquor licenses by higher fees in those areas. Also, if they're going from just art galleries, of which he said he couldn't find a record of the Council issuing an art gallery permit there is could be a very rapid, broad expansion of this program. He foresees this bringing in a lot of permit applications potentially and an increased workload.

CM Lawson asked the members if they had any questions. CM Jurinsky requested Trevor repeat what the complimentary liquor license is and how many times a year and how many days it would be valid.

Trevor responded by saying it's 24 times a year that a business could do this. The requirements in the bill state that it has to be complimentary for up to four hours. They can't charge a cover charge. He also mentioned that there may be other ways to indirectly recoup the costs which is what's being done anyway by trying to bring people into the business to perhaps sell whatever products they have.

CM Jurinsky stated that she found it interesting that for liquor liability insurance, people have been turned down for liquor liability insurance coverage because they were offering it at a different period of time, as part of their happy hour or something of the sort and that they were offering complimentary drinks, essentially free drinks, like on a ladies' night.

She said that this speaks to Trevor's point that it is a huge liability for a lot of reasons. She also asked what the payment is for special permits like for the parking lot parties and stuff like that, which are one-day events.

Trevor said that he believes that would be a modification of premises for an existing liquor establishment. So that would be \$150 to modify and then it's \$150 to modify out. So if done temporarily, it is \$300 (the fees may have changed)

CM Jurinsky asked if someone can only do it twice a year. Trevor said that someone can do it as often as they want. As far as the modification of the premise, CM Jurinsky mentioned that she would check on that since she had applied for it a couple of times.

Trevor explained that one can possibly do it twice on one permit, so that would be \$300, and then file another form to do it again.

CM Jurinsky asked if the other businesses would get a complimentary liquor license for just \$100, 24 times a year, to which Trevor said yes. CM Jurinsky stated her position as strongly opposing the bill.

CM Zvonek opposed the bill and asked Trevor if this bill were to pass, would there be anything in the language that would allow cities to promulgate rules? Trevor had previously mentioned some ways that the city could potentially tighten up some areas or businesses in different parts of the city. CM Zvonek wanted to know if there are ways for the city to add additional regulations if the bill were to pass, for the sake of the community.

Trevor explained that he agrees, there are some ways to do that. Although part of the issue is that the bill states that the Council has to issue the permits. Oftentimes, the issue with the liquor code is that full-out prohibition may not be permissible. Trevor said this was something he'd have to talk with Legal about, but there are ways that Council could set up criteria regarding what they think is needed to ensure public safety. It is possible to outline some areas along those lines.

CM Zvonek stated that he remains opposed to it but just wanted to clarify that in case the bill passes.

CM Jurinsky asked if there was anything set up in the complimentary licenses that if there's some sort of liquor violation, that same person can't reapply.

Trevor said that yes it says that the permit can be denied to them in the future for violations. CM Jurinsky added that this would be helpful in case the bill passes. She also stated once again that she strongly opposes the bill.

CM Lawson stated that she supports the city's position of opposition as well.

Outcome: All members opposed the bill.

Follow-up Action: No follow-up is needed.

### **Informational Items:**

#### **Removing Children's Identifying Information:**

Summary of Issue and Discussion: These are just informational items and do not require a position. The first one is the bill from Senator Fields, removing children's identifying information. When the bill comes out, Council will be able to make a motion. The city has been supportive of it as per the study session on the 23rd.

Outcome: Information only.

Follow-up Action: No follow-up is needed.

**Affordable Housing:**

Summary of Issue and Discussion: There is no written language right now or draft on affordable housing, but it's been noted that the governor's office has been working on affordable housing legislation for the last couple of weeks. Something is expected to be seen by March, but rumors are circulating about removing local control, building designations, altering water tap fees, and making changes to zoning requirements. So this is just an informational item, but the committee should be aware that this may be coming out and is something the Council expects to bring.

Outcome: Information only.

Follow-up Action: No follow-up is needed.

**Use of Micro-trenching to install Fiber for Broadband Service Development:**

Summary of Issue and Discussion: This is a draft concerning the use of micro-trenching to install fiber for broadband service development. It's a draft right now, but it would require the local government to approve an excavation application for the use of micro-trenching to install underground fiber for broadband service. Local governments would have limited exemptions to halt the process. After reviewing some of the drafts of this bill, the internal staff is concerned as it may create traffic closures, geographical fairness concerns, interference with existing utility lines, and will infringe on local control.

A second draft is expected. Once the staff has been able to see and review it, they expect to bring a proposition recommendation to the committee. There are a couple of staff members from public works in this meeting to answer questions about that draft, but there are no recommendations for a position at this time.

Committee Discussion:

CM Jurinsky asked if this was about the broadband, to which CM Lawson said yes, it is and asked her if she had any questions. CM Jurinsky said that she had none.

Outcome: Information only.

Follow-up Action: No follow-up is needed.

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**6. WATER UPDATE**

Summary of Issue and Discussion: Kathy Kitzmann presented the updates.

There are currently several bills being tracked that have been introduced, but all of them are for 'monitor' or support-if-asked.

Outcome: Information only.

Follow-up Action: No follow-up is needed.

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## 7. MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION

Congratulations to the city of Aurora. Aurora came in number one as one of the most engaged cities with CML. This was based on attendance at events, committees, and Muni university participation. She stated that is great news and hopefully the city will be number one again in 2023.

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### CONFIRM NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be in person on February 10, 2023.

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Approved:

*Angela Lawson*  
Angela Lawson  
Committee Chair

2-10-23  
Date