

MINUTES
LEAGUE OF ARIZONA CITIES AND TOWNS
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, February 2, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.
League of Arizona Cities and Towns
1820 W. Washington St.
Phoenix, Arizona

MEMBERS

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Douglas Nicholls, Mayor, Yuma *

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Tom Murphy, Mayor, Sahuarita
David Ortega, Mayor, Scottsdale +
Corey Woods, Mayor, Tempe +
Regina Romero, Mayor, Tucson *

*Not in attendance

+ Attended via Zoom

Vice President Kevin Hartke called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. He then led the Executive Committee in a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Vice President Kevin Harke welcomed and introduced Attorney General Kris Mayes to the meeting.

Attorney General Kris Mayes presented an extensive overview of behavioral health care facility fraud and the ongoing efforts by their office to combat it. Kris Mayes highlighted the critical role of local control and requested assistance from city leaders to advocate for necessary reforms and support actions to prevent fraudulent operations. The meeting addressed the significant impacts of such operations on city revenues, public services, and community safety.

The mayors thanked Attorney General Kris Mayes for addressing the Executive Committee. The Attorney General thanked the committee for their time and retired from the meeting.

1. REVIEW AND ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Vice President Kevin Hartke requested a motion on the adoption of the minutes. Mayor Nancy Smith of Maricopa moved to approve the minutes of the November 9, 2023, Executive Committee Meeting; Mayor Tom Murphy of Sahuarita seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

2. LEGISLATIVE POLICY OVERVIEW AND SESSION UPDATE

Executive Director Tom Belshe introduced Legislative Director Tom Savage to provide a legislative policy overview and session update.

The discussion highlighted the various legislative bills impacting zoning regulations and revenue sources for cities, with specific attention to bills concerning sales tax, accessory dwelling units (ADUs), and sober living homes regulations. The committee agreed on the importance of advocating for local control and opposing bills that could detract from the ability of cities to self-regulate effectively. Action alerts and strategies to oppose harmful bills, particularly those impacting zoning autonomy, were discussed.

The committee acknowledged several bills in detail, with House Bill 2750 and its implications being discussed thoroughly. Concerns were raised about provisions in the bill that could significantly alter local zoning authority.

During the meeting, the Executive Director and members discussed the potential impacts of SB 1056 on taxation. Concern was expressed about this and other similar budgetary challenges that could affect shared revenues, prompting a need for strategic collaboration and communication with the governor's office.

3. REPORT FROM LEAGUE BUDGET SUBCOMMITTEE

Vice President Kevin Hartke introduced Executive Director, Tom Belshe to review the proposed changes to the budget.

Executive Director Tom Belshe reported that the League Annual Conference continues to be an excellent showcase for the organization as well as a great revenue source, however, expenditures for the conference have also increased significantly. Executive Director Belshe reported that the League has increased expenditures for private lobbyists for the exceptional work they do with the legislature on our behalf. Additionally, the League is contracting with the City of Glendale for data from the Department of Revenue which will be used to show the legislature how their decisions related to municipal revenue affect our cities and towns.

Vice President Kevin Hartke and member of the League Budget Subcommittee reported that the budget subcommittee met to review the financial statements and the proposed budget for the upcoming year. It was recommended to keep the dues unchanged considering the existing balance and the fiscal

challenges faced by the cities. The committee emphasized the importance of reassessing the need for any changes to the dues next year.

Vice President Kevin Harke called for a motion to approve the proposed dues for FY25. Mayor Alexis Hermosillo of El Mirage approved the motion; Mayor Joe Pizzillo of Goodyear seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

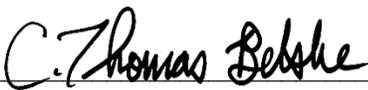
4. UPDATE ON DATA PORTAL INITIATIVES

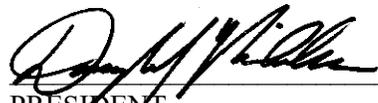
Executive Director Tom Belshe introduced Deputy Director Rene Guillen to provide an update on data portal initiatives.

The committee received an update on recent data portal initiatives highlighting the League's efforts to demonstrate its value through thorough data analysis. The initiatives included an online data story titled "The Value of the League," which showcased the organization's accomplishments, illustrated its return on investment, and featured various testimonials from member city officials.

The recent work was put forth as a resource not just for officials but also for the public, elucidating the benefits of league membership. New technology updates for future executive committee meetings were also discussed, aiming to enhance the experience of both in-person and virtual participants.

Vice President Kevin Hartke called for any other business for the good of the order. No other business was brought forth. Vice President Hartke adjourned the Executive Committee meeting at 11:55 a.m.


EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR


PRESIDENT