



Legislative Committee

Meeting Minutes

March 2, 2018

City Hall, room 209

I. Call to order

Chair Pious Ali called to order the regular meeting of the Legislative Committee at 9:09 a.m. The following persons were present: Councilor and Committee Chair Pious Ali, Councilor and Committee Member Kim Cook, Councilor and Committee Member Jill Duson, Mayor Ethan Strimling, Kate Knox (Bernstein Shur) and Julie Sullivan (City staff).

II. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Committee members had reviewed last meeting's minutes in preparation for this meeting. Councilor Duson moved approval of the minutes and Councilor Cook seconded. Mayor Strimling requested an amendment to the minutes to make it clearer that he opposes LD 1783 and will be sending a letter to that end to the Criminal Justice Committee. Councilors Ali, Cook and Duson voted unanimously to accept the requested amendment and approve the minutes as amended.

III. Open issues

- a) **Committee meeting time** was revisited. The next meeting will proceed as scheduled on Friday 3/9, 9-10:30 a.m., followed by a Committee meeting with the delegation in Augusta on Tuesday 3/20, 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. The Committee decided to continue its regular meetings on Mondays 10:00- 11:30 a.m. starting March 26.
- b) An **update** on current bills of concern was provided by Kate Knox.
 - (i) The Committee discussed LD 1783 (aggravated trafficking of fentanyl) and decided to change Chief Sauschuck's memo to come from the Legislative Committee and include a sentence regarding the mayor supporting the bill only as amended, while the Committee supports both the bill as written and, preferably, as amended.
 - (ii) The Committee discussed the revised version of LD 1724 (autonomous vehicles); the various gun bills; marijuana; LD 1752 (pilotage); LD 1461 (affordable housing); and LD 1629 (senior tax lien).
 - (iii) Throughout the discussion, the Committee identified process points to address at the process meeting held after the legislative session ends.

IV. New business

- a) The Committee discussed how new bills are identified as of interest to the City.
- b) Councilor Cook requested discussion of new bill LD 1853.

V. Adjournment

Chair Pious Ali adjourned the meeting at 10:49 a.m.