



CITY OF CITRUS HEIGHTS

CITY COUNCIL STAFF REPORT MEMORANDUM

DATE: July 26, 2017

TO: Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Christopher W. Boyd, City Manager
Katherine Cooley, Assistant to the City Manager

SUBJECT: Authorizing the City Manager Regarding Response to League of California Cities Recommended Position as to Critical Legislation in Specific Circumstances

Summary and Recommendation

The League of California Cities (“League”), frequently asks its members to support the League’s position as to critical legislation that the League believes will significantly affect California cities. The League employs a full time staff of advocates and policy analysts who routinely track and monitor all state legislation that may impact California cities. The League engages with city officials, legislators, and diverse coalitions of stakeholders to make the case for city priorities and increased local control of government. There are certain instances when the League’s request to support its position as to high priority legislation have short time periods for a response. In these instances, there may not be sufficient time to bring the issue before the City Council for direction, yet may be of significant importance to the City.

Staff recommends the City Council adopt Resolution No. 2018-____ A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Citrus Heights, California, authorizing the City Manager regarding City’s position as to legislation.

Fiscal Impact

None.

Background and Analysis

In 2017, the League monitored, tracked, and engaged on 1,413 bills introduced in the California Legislature, of which, twenty-eight (28) League supported bills were signed into law. The League sent twenty-three (23) action alerts for “high priority” legislation, that requested the City’s action. Because of the short time period for the requested action, the City was unable to officially support much of the requested legislation.

On May 22, 2018, the City Council and City Executive Staff held a strategic planning retreat to discuss priorities and vision for the City. During this retreat, the City Council expressed a desire to delegate authority to the City Manager, under certain circumstances, to submit letters of support or opposition as to proposed legislation on behalf of the City. The City Council acknowledged that, in certain situations, time constraints make it impossible for the City Council to authorize support of the position recommended by the League as to certain state legislation. The City Council directed Staff to develop a limited delegation of authority for the City Manager to submit a letter on behalf City in regard to proposed state legislation.

As proposed, the City Manager would be authorized to submit a support letter for legislation on behalf of the City if the following criteria are met:

1. In the City Manger's reasonable discretion, the City Manager determines there is not sufficient time to obtain City Council direction as to the City's position on the proposed legislation;
2. The legislation is consistent with previously adopted policies and principles of the City and City Council; and
3. The League deems the legislation "high priority" and requests written letters supporting the League's posiiton as to the proposed legislation.

Additionally, the City Manager is required to report to the City Council any letter of support submitted under this proposed authority.

Attachment

1. Resolution No. 2018-____ Resolution of the City Council of the City of Citrus Heights Authorizing the City Manager Regarding City's Position as to Legislation.

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-_____

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CITRUS HEIGHTS, CALIFORNIA
AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER REGARDING CITY'S POSITION AS TO
LEGISLATION**

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Citrus Heights, California, often wants to take a position in regard to certain state legislation that is consistent with the City's values and policies and is of importance to the City;

WHEREAS, the League of California Cities (the "League") often seeks the support of its city members to advocate in regard to certain legislation that will significantly affect California cities;

WHEREAS, the mission of the League is to protect and expand local government authority by advocating for the common interests of cities before the California Legislature, the courts, and at the ballot box;

WHEREAS, the City of Citrus Heights is a member and supporter of the League;

WHEREAS, on May 22, 2018, the City Council and City Executive Staff, held a strategic planning retreat, during which, among other action items, the City Council expressed a desire to delegate authority to the City Manager, under certain circumstances, to submit letters of support or opposition as to proposed legislation on behalf of the City; and

WHEREAS, the City Council recognizes that, in certain situations, time constraints make it impossible for the City Council to authorize support of the position recommended by the League as to certain state legislation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED by the City Council of the City of Citrus Heights that the City Manager is authorized to submit a letter on behalf of the City in regard to proposed state legislation only under the following conditions:

1. In the City Manager's reasonable discretion, the City Manager determines that there is not sufficient time to obtain City Council direction as to the City's position on the proposed legislation;
2. The legislation is consistent with previously adopted policies and principles of the City and City Council, as determined by the City Manager; and
3. The League of California Cities deems the legislation "high-priority" and requests written letters supporting the League's position as to the proposed legislation.

The City Manager shall immediately inform the City Council when a letter of support is submitted under the authority granted herein.

The City Clerk shall certify the passage and adoption of this Resolution and enter it into the book of original resolutions.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Citrus Heights, California, this 26th day of July, 2018 by the following vote, to wit:

AYES: **Council Members:**
NOES: **Council Members:**
ABSTAIN: **Council Members:**
ABSENT: **Council Members:**

Steve Miller, Mayor

ATTEST:

Amy Van, City Clerk