



## BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING SUMMARY THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2017

**Consent Agenda:** The draft Board of Director Meeting Minutes from October 12, 2017 were approved unanimously with a motion from Council Member Debi Davis and a second from Peter Leroe-Munoz.

**Nominating Committee** (Mayor Greg Scharff, Council Member Manny Cappello, Council Member Rod Sinks) presented their nominations for 2018:

- President: Council Rod Sinks, Cupertino
- 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President: Council Member Manny Cappello, Saratoga
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President: Council Member Pat Showalter, Mountain View
- Secretary/Treasurer: Council Member Larry Klein, Sunnyvale
- Legislative Action Committee Chair: Mayor Marico Sayoc, Town of Los Gatos

Council Member Debi Davis motioned to approve the slate of officers and a second from Peter Leroe-Munoz. The Board unanimously approved the slate of nominees.

The Board thanked Council Member Jan Pepper for her service as an Executive Board Member.

**Holiday Party: Thursday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at the Palo Alto Art Center** Cities Association President Greg Scharff discussed the Holiday Party and the Executive Board nominations for the Cities Association "Cities Champion Award". This year's recipient is Senator Jerry Hill.

**Legislative Guiding Principles Committee:** On behalf of the Committee (Showalter, Griffith, Scharff), Jim Griffith presented the Legislative Guiding Principles. The intent is for the Legislative Action Committee to review the Guiding Principles yearly, in February and the Board will consider for adoption in March. After discussion, President/Mayor Greg Scharff motioned to adopt the Guiding Principles with these modifications:

- Remove Inclusionary Housing/Palmer Decision

**Marijuana Regulation & Best Practices:** Committee Mayor Liz Gibbons presented on behalf of Council Member Debi Davis and Council Member Marsha Grilli. Also in attendance was Wendy Sollazi, San Jose Police Department, Sgt. Dave Woolsey, San Jose Police Department, Campbell Council Member Susan Landry. The presentation and pertinent articles will be available online for the member cities information.

**Noteable items:**

- Recommended that each city adopt a voter approved tax range for cannabis in case your jurisdiction decides to allow dispensaries in the jurisdiction.
- **Where Local Governments Should Submit Their Ordinances**
  - <http://bcc.ca.gov/>
  - All cities and counties are required to submit their ordinances directly to the **Bureau of Cannabis Control** within the Department of Consumer Affairs. The Bureau is then required to disseminate the information on local ordinances to the relevant state licensing entities.
  - Cities are also required to designate a specific individual as the point person to interact with state agencies on questions pertaining to local regulations. If cities fail to designate someone, then AB 133 provides that the state will by default treat the city clerk as the designated point person.
  - All ordinances should be emailed to the Bureau at: [bcc.localgov.submit@dca.ca.gov](mailto:bcc.localgov.submit@dca.ca.gov)

- It is not required, but it is strongly recommended that each ordinance submitted be accompanied by a brief summary explaining in plain English what activities are and are not authorized within a specific city. Otherwise state agencies may be forced to start *interpreting* local ordinances, with unpredictable results.

**Organizational Status:** Executive Director Andi Jordan shared the current organizational status of the Cities Association which the Executive Board has been discussing since August. Since the formation of the Cities Association in 1990, laws have change. By consensus the Board agreed that it was time to update the organization by-laws and status, for Jordan to request “scope of work” from several law firms for incorporation and filing for the most appropriate legal status. The Board would like to hear proposals at the January Board meeting.

**Other items:** Mayor Liz Gibbons requested the Cities Association write a letter to San Jose Water regarding the proposed rate increases included as part of SJWC cost of capital application and supporting the Office of Ratepayer Advocates (ORA) suggested rates for San Jose Water Company. Mayor Gibbons motioned, Mayor Steve Tate seconded. Motion passed with 9-0-5 vote. (Ayes San Jose/Jones, Los Altos/Pepper, Santa Clara/Davis, Los Gatos/Sayoc, Cupertino/Sinks, Morgan Hill/Tate, Monte Sereno/Craig, Campbell/Gibbons, Milpitas/Grilli. Gilroy/Leroe-Munoz. Abstentia: Mountain View/McCallister, Palo Alto/Scharff, Saratoga/Cappello, Los Altos Hills, Waldeck, Klein/Sunnyvale.)

**City Managers’ Report:** Ed Shikada, SCCMA, Asst. City Manager for the City of Palo Alto, shared update from the Santa Clara County City Managers Association:

- **2 Leadership Academy Teams presented:**
  - **Committee on Marijuana with a focus on San Jose**
  - **Social Media in Emergency Management**
- **Next Gen:** City Managers discussed efforts in *Next Gen* (preparing the next generation of leaders for local government leadership). Discussion includes internships and fellowships in municipal government.
- San Jose City Manager Dave Sykes will be the new Santa Clara County City Manager Association Chair
- Reminder that the League of California Cities needs responses to their Pension Funding Survey.

**Executive Director Report, Andi Jordan:**

- Requested input from the Santa Clara Public Health about City Councils would like to receive their Healthy City Dashboard Awards and Results. Board Members requested, if possible, that awards be received at Council Meetings.
- Reminder that the **Holiday Party is Thursday, December 14 at the Palo Alto Art Center**, from 6-9PM.

**Assembly Member Evan Low** gave a post session legislative report. In his 15 years as a legislator, he has never seen so many accomplishments. He discussed the bold leadership of passing 3 major taxes and initiatives in reinvesting in the community: SB1, Cap & Trade, Housing (15 pieces of legislation).

Assembly Member Low discussed the division nature of politics and asked for his fellow elected to participate in talking and working with the community to educate citizens. Council Member Manny Cappello as about firearms and about what could be done. Assembly Member Low suggested cities adopt resolutions, change permitting, and convene community conversations around firearms.

**Joys & Challenges:**

**Council Member Chappie Jones** discussed Santa Clara County is requesting RFPs for EMS services. Council Member Jones urged cities and other public agencies to apply.

**Council Member Rod Sinks:**

- announced and congratulated John McAllister on his election to the VTA board.
- **VTA is hosting meetings on SR 85**

- ◆ VTA has begun work on a new study that will evaluate potential transit improvements on State Route (SR) 85 including light rail, bus rapid transit and other relevant technologies.
- ◆ At this meeting, VTA will be discussing the study and asking for your input.
- ◆ Learn more about the study at <http://www.vta.org/85study>.
- ◆ Please take this short survey about how you currently travel and would be willing to travel on State Route 85: <http://bit.ly/SR85-survey>.
- ◆ SR 85 Transit Guideway Study Community Workshop - San Jose
  - Monday, November 10, 2017 – Quinlan Community Center, 10185 N. Stelling Road, Cupertino, CA
  - Thursday, November 16, 2017 – City of Mountain View Senior Center, 266 Escuela Ave, Mountain View, California 94040

**Cities Association/Mayor Greg Scharff** was elected ABAG Vice President.

**Adjournment** was at 9:02 PM.