



Observer Reporting Form

Feature Evaluated	Yes	No	Comments
Meeting started on time?	X		
All members present?	X		
Members attentive?	X		
Did members appear to have done their "homework"?	X		
Were members courteous to each other and the public?	X		
Agenda sent/posted 72 hours before?	X		
Agenda items clearly described what was to be discussed?	X		
Adequate opportunity for public input?	X		Council suspended rules so all 8 individuals signed in favor of the Pension open meetings resolution could speak.
Was there an appearance that some action items were discussed in closed rather than open session?		X	
Was background information available to the public?	X		
Facilities adequate? (room size, lighting, ventilation, speakers audible, accessible to handicapped)	X		

Were any issues on the agenda relevant to LWV positions or programs?

Resolution 11d requesting that all meetings of the Pension Task Force be open to the Public was postponed 4 weeks. Bill Lyons, Task Force Chair gave brief presentation suggesting that recommendations regarding sustainability of the pension system be developed and given to the Council by the City Administration and not the Task Force. Mayor Brown stated that he will bring a resolution to the next council meeting to form a new Mayor's Task Force which will have different leadership. League read statement of support for open meeting resolution.

Ordinance 1st read 12d regarding "Zoning Regulations" for signs & billboards, was postponed for six weeks. Council member Grieves made the motion saying that this council had decided to put together a Task Force to look at the city's signs & billboards regulations and felt it was important to form the Task Force before voting on this ordinance.

Vice Chair Bailey announced that a City Redistricting Plan Workshop will be held March 17th, 5pm in the Main Assembly of the City County Building.

Do you recommend League action on any of these issues? Follow all issues closely. Encourage open meetings at all levels of government. Have observer attend and report on Redistricting Plan Workshop on March 17th.

Observer: Barbara Nicodemus

Meeting: Knoxville City Council

Date: March 8, 2011