



Observer Reporting Form

Table with 4 columns: Feature Evaluated, Yes, No, Comments. Rows include: Meeting started on time?, All members present?, Members attentive?, Did members appear to have done their "homework?", Were members courteous to each other and the public?, Agenda sent/posted 72 hours before?, Agenda items clearly described what was to be discussed?, Adequate opportunity for public input?, Was there an appearance that some action items were discussed in closed rather than open session?, Was background information available to the public?, Facilities adequate? (room size, lighting, ventilation, speakers audible, accessible to handicapped)

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

- 1. Candidate Finance Disclosure: Ordinance on 2nd read to amend financial disclosures for candidates to clarify requirements such as monthly reporting/ending dates and provide for online disclosure. Greg McKay, administrator of elections stated that Knoxville has the most open and transparent ordinance in the country and would like to maintain ordinance with filing date clarification. Much discuss among council members regarding requirement to list occupation & employer of individual contributors. Council felt that it was important to pass Ordinance to clarify reporting dates for current candidates, passed unanimously with amendment to remove requirement to list occupation/employer. Ordinance requires filing date to be 7th of the month for contributions received for previous month. A public workshop will be scheduled to further review the ordinance & see if more changes are warranted.
2. Redistricting: Rick Emmett presented a new city council district map that meets all redistricting requirements (with 8% variance) for council consideration. Map will be posted on the MPC, City Council & Redistricting websites.

Do you recommend League action on any of these issues? Attend & report on financial disclosure workshop.

Other: On April 14th 5pm council workshop on the annual community development action plan in Main Assembly
April 28th 5pm council workshop on the Hillside & Ridgetop Protection Plan in the Main Assembly

Observer: Barbara Nicodemus

Meeting: Knoxville City Council

Date: April 5, 2011