



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?

Ordinance to amend the city code regarding the maximum height of ground & monument signs was postponed 6 mos. in order to give the Council an opportunity to look at entire sign code. The Council will schedule two workshops early next year, first a Signs 101 with a 2nd workshop tackling how the city can improve their present sign code.

Council voted 8-1 in favor of sending the Hillside Ridgetop Protection Plan as amended by the joint committee to MPC for review. After such review, the plan will return to Council as an ordinance on first reading. Discussion incurred prior to the vote regarding the attachment of an amendment coined the Briggs amendment by County Commission to the plan. Commissioner Della Volpe expressed his opinion that the language of the Briggs amendment did not clarify the intent of the document as being advisory in nature but muddied the waters nullifying the intent of the plan. Vice Mayor Bailey presented a motion to add his own amendatory language for the purpose of clarifying that the document was advisory only but the motion failed for lack of a 2nd. The Council wants to get the reviewed plan back from MPC in time to place an ordinance on the Dec 13th agenda in hopes of passing the plan on 1st and emergency 2nd read.

Resolution passed to have MPC study, analyze and make recommendations to Council with respect to appropriate siting and permitting of crematoria within the boundaries of the City of Knoxville.

Do you recommend League action on any of these issues? Attend and report on related City Sign Code & HRPP meetings.

Observer: Barbara Nicodemus

Meeting: Knoxville City Council

Date: 11/29/11