



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?

Council voted 7-2 to adopt the Hillside Ridgetop Protection Plan as amended by the joint committee on emergency reading. Council Member Marilyn Roddy expressed before the vote her concern regarding the cost to the city for additional personnel necessary to carry out the plan. Stephen King, Public Works Director of City Engineering told the council that it would probably take 2 additional city employees at the present level of development to carry out the plan at a cost to city of \$10000 to \$15000. Council Members Thomas, Pavlis, Della Volpe & Palmer strongly expressed support of the plan stating that we pay now to correct the consequences of poor development especially in regards to stormwater issues. Council member Thomas said that we are paying for structures to be demolished because of past inappropriate development, we voted for one in my district tonight. No votes cast by Bailey & Roddy.

New Council Member Finbar Saunders was appointed as Council representative to the Pension Board to replace Vice Mayor Bailey who is leaving Council. Bailey reported that the Pension task force is in fact finding mode trying to determine if there is a problem with the sustainability of the pension system. This task force will report their findings at a future council meeting.

Do you recommend League action on any of these issues? The League needs to continue its support for the HRPP as amended by joint committee as it relates to actions by the County Commission as well as development of City & County codes & regulations.

Observer: Barbara Nicodemus

Meeting: Knoxville City Council

Date: 12/13/11