

CML Conference Notes

By Councilmember Rick Gillit – District #4

Tuesday Afternoon Class

Ethics, Liability, & Best Practices - CIRSA

- Many people running for office do not realize they will become both a Legislator & Type of Judge.
- Avoid "Outside the Scope" and "Willful and Wanton" conduct to remain personally be protected by the Governmental Immunity Act. Someone can file a complaint against one and they may lose their Liability Coverage.
- Understand our Job Description and where it comes from - Our Charter.
- Every Council should act as "WE" not as "I" or lone wolfs All should be working with the same information to ensure a decisions made with all have the necessary information.
- Never say "I" can do anything! It must be "WE" can get things done! Every Council member must value the "TEAM" & "WE" Concept.
- Be careful about publically criticizing members of the city staff. They have rights as well.
- If a long public comment is expected then a "Special Meeting" on that issue should be scheduled prior to a Council Meeting where the vote is scheduled.
- Public Comment should not be a public inquisition. Do not allow that to happen! It is not a Bash Council Session!
- Discussion on Ethics = Meet the highest ethical standards.
- Do not get involved in personnel matters. It is the City Manager's Job!
- Open Meetings Laws - Are Council Emails considered meetings - they may be. It is being discussed.
- Executive Session cannot begin from a work session. It must be in a session that has minutes. They are for deliberation only - No formal action can be taken. Attorney or Manager in the Ex. Session should say - The sense I am getting from this discussion is this - MAKE IT THEIR ROLE! The public should know the general reason of the session and that "NO FORMAL ACTION WAS TAKEN".
- Property Transactions - Personnel Matters - Contracts

CML Overview Class

Came here because I could not get in the "What's New at DOLA" - Waste of time meeting.

DOLA Broadband Initiative 1:00pm Wednesday

Partnering with Local Governments.
by Chantal Unfug & William Bell

Outtake - Communities will be working on Fiber to bring businesses who need better speed as well s SUPPORTING CITY INFRASTRUCTURE. this will also support a robust Web presence with Video Streaming for the community as well as keeping records. Grants are available.

Video Streaming Class

3:15pm - Awesome -

The City Can provide "FREE" Video Streaming of Council Meetings. There is a higher Level option Available for \$300 and up.

Video can be the new Archive and records of all meetings. We as a city need to look into this option.

Thursday June 18th - Economic Development in Large Communities

The outtake for me was that our Department is not keeping up.

Incentives will not be optional for larger companies. Be ready to offer strong incentives. Other cities will be to get the same company.

Our Community Dev. Dept. Needs to be actively looking for new opportunities. They need a way of identifying available properties. This is a great item for Council Request.

Dealing with High Level Personnel Matters CIRSA

Council - governance

Manager - Administration

"No Interference" Provision in our charter. do not violate it!

Inquiry is not interference but it needs to be directed to City Manager or it could be construed as such.

A Council Member has "NO" individual authority. Authority comes from Council as a whole.

If any City Council hires a "Change Agent", then that Council needs to understand that feathers may be ruffled. Council needs to stay out of the way of the change agent and not micromanage them. The success depends on how Council supports the new direction both publically and privately.