

TELECONFERENCE MEETING OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMISSION

Wednesday, April 8, 2020

The teleconference meeting of the Local Government Commission (Commission) was called to order by Senator Scott Hutchinson at 9:00 a.m. with the following Commission Members, staff and guests participating in the teleconference:

MEMBERS

Senator Scott E. Hutchinson, Chair
Senator Scott F. Martin
Senator Judy Ward
Senator Judith L. Schwank
Senator Timothy P. Kearney
Representative Robert Freeman
Representative Christina D. Sappey

STAFF

David A. Greene, Executive Director
Kristopher J. Gazsi, Assistant Director
Wanda S. Dehan, Legal Counsel
Danette H. Magee, Senior Research Analyst
Karen S. Bear, Executive Assistant

GUESTS

Justin Leventry, Senator Hutchinson's Office
Nathan Akers, Senator Hutchinson's Office
Cynthia Urban, Senator Martin's Office
Matt Maniskas, Senator Schwank's Office
Christopher Mulhall, House Local Government Committee (R)
Hayden Rigo, Greenlee Partners

As the first order of business, the Executive Director read a statement giving a brief summary of the remote proceeding. Mr. Greene announced that the meeting was being conducted with both Member and public participation by teleconference and was being recorded. The agenda, documents to be considered by the Commission, and conference participation information were posted on the Commission's website, www.lgc.state.pa.us, since 2:00 p.m. on Monday, April 6, 2020, with notice that the public could submit questions or comments on Commission agenda items to LGC@palegislature.us. Also on Monday, notice of the meeting was posted through the Legislative Data Processing Center, directing individuals to the Commission website for more information and details. Any questions on agenda items for consideration by the Commission were reviewed prior to official action. After adjournment, the recording of the meeting would be posted on the Commission's website at www.lgc.state.pa.us.

The Members discussed the minutes of the January 29, 2020, business meeting, which were unanimously approved on a motion by Representative Freeman and a second by Senator Martin. The financial reports for the months of January, February and March 2020 were presented, and

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an explanation was given by the Executive Director. The financial reports were unanimously approved on a motion by Senator Martin and a second by Senator Kearney.

Senator Hutchinson thanked the Commission staff members for their continued work and assistance during Governor Wolf’s COVID-19 Stay-at-Home Order. The Executive Director then stated that even though the Commission staff is currently teleworking, the staff has continued to provide research support for executive departments, legislative standing committees, and municipal organizations on a variety of issues emanating from the COVID-19 emergency, such as local earned income tax deadline extensions, Governor Wolf’s personal income tax order, Act 47 disruptions, possible assessment law amendments and municipal claim collection concerns while keeping up-to-date on other ongoing research projects like the Commission Legal Update, Acts Signed into Law by the Governor and the PILOT survey. Mr. Gazsi also offered that the Commission has served as a clearing house for many municipal “hot button” issues resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic. Any possible legislation arising from this crisis will be presented to the Members for consideration.

As the last order of business, the Executive Director announced that the next business meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 13, 2020, at which time the Commission’s PILOT survey project will be discussed.

No public comments were submitted to the Commission prior to, or during, the meeting by e-mail.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 a.m.

ATTESTED: _____
April 15, 2020