

MINUTES
HOUSE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, January 18, 2017

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: Room EW05

MEMBERS: Chairman Perry, Vice Chairman Redman, Representatives Luker, Barbieri, Clow, Collins, Blanksma, Giddings, Kingsley, Manwaring, Zollinger, Chew, McCrostie

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** None

GUESTS: Mayor John Evans, Garden City; Mayor Joe Stear, Kuna; Morgan Howard, Intern for Senator Johnson; Jason Kreizenbeck, Lobby Idaho, LLC; Russell Westerberg, CCDC

Chairman Perry called the meeting to order at 1:31 pm.

MOTION: **Rep. Redman** made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 16, 2017, meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 24949: **Morgan Howard**, intern, presented **RS 24949**, proposed legislation which amends Idaho Code to provide a correct statutory reference to the definition of "Project Costs."

MOTION: **Rep. Collins** made a motion to introduce **RS 24949**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

Chairman Perry turned the gavel over to **Vice Chairman Redman**.

Seth Grigg, Executive Director, Association of Idaho Cities, explained to the Committee the types and roles of city government in Idaho. Of the 200 cities in Idaho, nearly all are governed by a Mayor and Council which are elected by the public. Only three cities use a different model with an elected Council and a hired City Manager. He concluded his presentation by listing four ways the legislature can help cities: funding for transportation needs, fee authority to maintain and operate stormwater infrastructure, protection of municipal water rights and more local economic development tools, including local option sales tax authority for all cities.

Joe Stear, Mayor of the City of Kuna, presented to the Committee several issues his city is dealing with. He thanked the Legislature for the Tax Incentive Program and noted its influence in creating hundred of new jobs in Kuna. He asked that school districts be added to the list of entities allowed to collect impact fees from new construction.

In response to Committee questions, **Mayor Stear** explained the process of annexation to absorb new land into city boundaries.

John Evans, Mayor of Garden City, was the final presenter. He thanked the Legislature for the Urban Renewal Statute and noted Garden City has invested over 7 million dollars through the program. He mentioned three particular issues facing his city: provision of magistrate court services; the Justice Reinvestment Act and its impact on local police departments, noting 60% of Garden City's General Fund budget is spent on police; and mandated but unfunded EPA regulations in cities, leaving cities with no resources beyond property tax payers.

Committee members thanked **Mayor Evans** for his efforts and for providing insight into local issues.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 2:43 pm.

Representative Perry
Chair

Erica McGinnis
Secretary