



Governance Committee
Draft Meeting Minutes
1st Floor Conference Room
Tuesday, March 8, 2016
3:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Committee Members Present: Mayor Manheimer, Vice Mayor Wisler, Councilman Young
Staff/Others Present: Gary Jackson, Paul Fetherston, Cathy Ball, Maggie Burlison, Jaime Matthews, Robin Currin, Catherine Hofmann, Dawa Hitch, Kelly Whitlock, Jannice Ashley, Councilman Gordon Smith

1. Approval of March 8, 2016 Minutes:
The committee unanimously approve the minutes from the March 8, 2016 meeting of the Governance Committee. 1st Councilman Young, 2nd Vice Mayor Wisler
2. Old Business:
 - Receive Follow-up information on Horse Drawn Carriages
Lafayette Prescott and Sarah Wendall spoke representing Voices for Animals regarding concerns about the horse drawn carriage in Asheville. Catherine Hunter, owner of the horse drawn carriage, spoke in support of her business. The Committee asked staff to eliminate the current ordinance for horse drawn carriages and draft a franchise agreement with Ms. Hunter.
3. New Business:
 - Review of Charlotte Non-Discrimination Ordinance Amendment and Current City of Asheville Polices
Deputy City Attorney Kelly Whitlock gave an overview of the Charlotte ordinance changes and a review of current city of Asheville policies. The committee agreed that no motion needed to be made. Councilman Gordon Smith recommended that a clear communication be sent from the city explaining the city policies. Staff will draft a statement to be released.
 - Review Legislative Priorities Draft for the Upcoming Short Session
Mayor Manheimer reviewed several items that may need to be included on the agenda, staff will work on the draft for review at the next Governance Committee meeting.
 - Review the 2016-2017 Editorial Calendar for ACT Council Column
Dawa Hitch, Director of Communications and Public Engagement presented a draft calendar with suggested column topics. Hitch will makes suggested edits and email to the entire council.