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Meeting Date: 08/25/08		Item Number: <u>A-9</u>	
AGENDA ITEM: Consideration of the City's Position on Resolutions for the 2008 League of California Cities Annual Conference – September 24-27 in Long Beach - and Naming of a Voting Delegate and Alternate Voting Delegate at the Conference.			
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Public Hearing: ☐		Action Item: ☒ Attachments: ☒	
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Department Approval: Martin R. Cole (08/11/08)		City Attorney Approval: Carol Schwab (by H. Baker) (08/20/08)	
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<u>RECOMMENDATION:</u> Staff recommends the City Council consider the City's position on Resolutions for the 2008 League of California Cities (League) Annual Conference – September 24-27 in Long Beach - and name a Voting Delegate and Alternate at the Conference. <u>BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:</u> Policy development is a key part of the League's legislative effectiveness. The League's Annual Conference Resolutions process is one way that city officials can directly participate in the development of League policy. The League President refers resolutions to the League policy committees for review and recommendation at the Conference. Resolutions are next considered by the General Resolutions Committee (GRC), which consists of representatives from each division, department, policy committee and individuals appointed by the League President. Resolutions that are approved by the GRC and resolutions that are approved by the policy committees, but not approved by the GRC, are next considered by the General Assembly. Resolutions approved by the General Assembly become League policy. Other action on resolutions can be: Amend; Disapprove; No Action; or Refer Back to a Policy Committee. Resolutions to address late-breaking issues may be introduced by petition at the Annual Conference. To qualify, a petitioned resolution must be signed by 10 percent of the voting delegates (48 voting delegates) and submitted no more than 24 hours before the beginning of the concluding general assembly. All qualified petitioned			

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resolutions are considered by the GRC and subsequently forwarded to the General Assembly for consideration, regardless of the action recommended by the GRC.

Further, each City Council is encouraged to designate a Voting Delegate and Alternate to represent their city at the Annual Business Meeting. A June 13 letter asking city councils to designate their Voting Delegate and Alternate Voting Delegate (Attachment 1) was sent to each city. The League invites city participation in this annual League meeting to help develop League policy. September 5, 2008 is the deadline to have the City Council designate a voting delegate and up to two alternates.

At the Annual Conference, League Delegates will consider the four resolutions introduced by the July 25, 2008 deadline, which are included in Attachment 2 and summarized below. The League encourages each City Council to consider the resolutions and to determine a city position so that the Voting Delegate and Alternate can represent its city's position on each Resolution. The following is a summary of the Resolutions:

1. Resolution Relating to League By-Laws Amendments – Adoption of this Resolution would amend the bylaws to authorize one Director from each of the League's diversity groups (or "caucus") for a two-year term. Additionally, the League proposes to make technical amendments to the bylaws relating to: population information; caucuses; large city representatives; timing of the election of desert-mountain division officers; caucus directors; grounds for vacancy; department renaming; and effective date of vacancy caused by leaving city service.
2. Resolution relating to the 2-1-1 California Telephone Service – Adoption of this resolution would allow the League of California Cities to collaborate with the *2-1-1 California Partnership*, and other state and regional partners to continue the promotion of the 2-1-1 California telephone services throughout California. The 2-1-1 California telephone service provides an easy to remember telephone number with free access to continuous information in over 100 languages to connect people with important human and community services including rent assistance, food banks, affordable housing, health resources, child and elderly care, financial literacy and job training programs. Currently the 2-1-1 system exists on a county-by-county basis, with 18 currently active systems operating. The *2-1-1 California Partnership* states that by integrating 100% state coverage, Californians will reap the benefits of a 2-1-1 system.
3. Resolution in support of extension of the federal Section 45 Production Tax Credit – Adoption of this resolution would allow the League of California Cities

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to urge California Congressional Members and the President of the United States to extend the federal Section 45 Production Tax Credit, as it has done five times in past years, beyond December 31, 2008. This federal tax measure is essential to attracting capital to develop biomass power plants.

4. Resolution Relating to Comprehensive Statewide Water Infrastructure Plan – The passage of this resolution resolves the following:

- a. That the League support the State in efforts to implement a comprehensive statewide water infrastructure improvement; and,
- b. That such a comprehensive statewide water infrastructure plan result in immediate resolution to environmental, water supply, infrastructure and water quality problems within the Sacramento-San Joaquin Bay-Delta Estuary to restore water supply certainty for the people of California; and,
- c. That such a comprehensive program result in longer-term improvements and rehabilitation of California's water infrastructure to provide safe, adequate and reliable water supplies for a growing population; meet future water management needs; solve environmental problems and enhance flood control safety by providing increased conservation and reclamation, infrastructure and conveyance improvements, and increased storage, both above and below ground.

All four League resolutions are consistent with the City's adopted Legislative Advocacy Program for 2008.

Designation of a Voting Delegate and up to two Alternate Delegates

Staff recommends the City Council designate one of its members as Voting Delegate and up to two of its members as Alternate Delegates. The Voting Delegate (and either alternate if the Voting Delegate is not available) may cast the City's vote during the League's General Assembly held as part of the Annual Conference.

In considering appointments in April, the City Council designated Mayor Malsin and Vice Mayor Silbiger as the City's Delegate and Alternate Delegate to League related activities. The Council may wish to consider this when selecting a Delegate and up to two Alternate Delegates for the Annual Conference.

FISCAL ANALYSIS:

There is no fiscal impact to take positions on the Resolutions or to assign a Voting Delegate and Alternate Voting Delegate. However, at some point in the future, implementation of specific programs or projects as recommended in the resolutions

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may result in a financial impact to the City. As specific programs and/or projects arise, a fiscal analysis of implementing those programs/projects will be provided.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. June 13, 2008 League of California Cities Letter regarding Designation of Voting Delegate and Alternate for 2008 League Annual Conference – September 24-27, Long Beach.
2. August 5, 2008 League of California Cities Letter regarding 2008 Annual Conference Resolutions packet.

MOTION:

That the City Council:

1. Adopt a City Position on the League of California Cities Resolution Relating to Annual Conference Resolution Procedures; and
2. Adopt a City Position on the League of California Cities Resolution Relating to the Number of Alternate Voting Delegates a City May Designate – By Laws Amendment; and
3. Adopt a City Position on the League of California Cities Resolution Relating to Encouraging Health and Wellness in Cities; and
4. Adopt a City Position on the League of California Cities Resolution Relating to the Comprehensive State Water Infrastructure Plan; and
5. Designate _____ as the Voting Delegate for the 2008 League Annual Conference on September 24-27, 2008 in Long Beach; and
6. Designate _____ as an Alternate Voting Delegate and _____ as an Alternate Voting Delegate for the 2006 League Annual Conference on September 24-27, 2008 in Long Beach.