



CITY COUNCIL Agenda Item #19-049

Date: February 13, 2019

Consent Discussion

SUBJECT: Advocacy for Public Message Board provision

SUBMITTING DEPARTMENT: City Manager on behalf of Council Member Krueger

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Discuss potential legislative action, direct

RELATED COUNCIL GOAL/PRIOR ACTION: Responsive and Responsible Government

EXPENDITURE REQUIRED: None for advocacy other than staff time

SOURCE OF FUNDS: N/A

LEGAL REQUIREMENTS: Seeking amendments to the Open Meeting Law

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: Council Member Krueger has asked whether the City Council can create a public message board where Council members can share information, exchange opinions, etc. outside of normal meeting times but in a manner that is open for the public to view and follow. Such a practice is currently not permitted under the open meeting law. Council Member Krueger is inquiring about the council's level of support for such an amendment and, if such support exists, whether the council wishes to commit time to this effort.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS: None

INTERESTED PARTIES: Council, VLCT, Montpelier Legislative Delegation

CITY MANAGER'S APPROVAL:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "W. Hoffman", is written over the City Manager's Approval line.