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Agenda Item	VLCT, PACIF and VERB Annual Meeting voting delegate
Date	September 19, 2022
Submitting Department	City Manager
Recommended Action	Recommended motion: "Appoint the City Manager as the City of Winooski's Voting Delegate to the 2022 VLCT, PACIF and VERB Annual Meetings."
Strategic Vision Area and Strategy	All
Expenditure Required (amount and source)	
Background Information	<p>Winooski is a member of VLCT, PACIF, and VERB. Each have separate Boards of Directors comprised of municipal officials, and their members are all municipalities (mostly towns and cities, but also some solid waste districts and other types of municipalities defined as such by law). PACIF and VERB are co-located with VLCT and share some backbone staff.</p> <p>VLCT stands for the Vermont League of Cities and Towns, and is like a trade association for municipalities. PACIF stands for Property and Casualty Intermunicipal Fund, and provides pooled insurance for municipalities for property, casualty, and worker's compensation. VERB stands for VLCT Employment Resource and Benefits Trust; since 2021, it only offers Unemployment Insurance.</p> <p>As you can see from the Annual Meeting agendas, most of the content is administrative. The PACIF bylaw change is administrative too; it's about allowing more overlap between VERB and PACIF board membership because of low interest in serving.</p> <p>The substantive item is the Municipal Policy for VLCT; unfortunately, the version the membership will be voting on is not yet available. I or Kristine will email it if it sent to us before Monday; it may also come to your inbox from VLCT. The VLCT Municipal Policy is what the VLCT Advocacy Team uses to guide their lobbying of the Vermont Legislature on behalf of all of its members. The VLCT membership adopts the Municipal Policy guiding document every two years,</p>

	<p>before each legislative biennium. The version presented at the Annual Meeting of the members reflects input from VLCT Advocacy staff and topical committees of municipal officials nominated by VLCT staff to achieve geographic and population size representation, and is approved by the VLCT Board. There is a process to allow amendments from the floor of the VLCT Annual Meeting, but, for substantive changes, the floor debate often takes some time because of the number of people in attendance (50-100). For that reason, language tweaking is not the best use of Annual Meeting time, although there are no rules against it. (If you would like a say earlier in the year for the greater opportunity to debate and get detailed language into the proposed Municipal Policy, one way to do that is to submit your name to the advocacy staff to join one of those committees in the future.)</p> <p>Because the meeting is in person during the workday, I have offered myself, but any municipal official may be a delegate. In addition to municipal managers, Councilors, Mayors, and even department heads are also commonly appointed. Your main criterion for selecting a delegate should be your confidence in their ability to represent Winooski's interests in case new topics arise during the meetings on which you haven't previously agreed on a position.</p> <p>Note the due date for designating a voting delegate is shown as Friday September 16, but I was told VLCT Advocacy staff were planning to ask to have that deadline extended.</p>
Supporting Documents	Annual meetings warning Annual meetings agendas
Interested Parties	All
City Manager Approval	