

SALT LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS  
MINUTES

January 4, 2007  
2 pm  
SL County Government Center

PRESENT

Tom Pollard	Alta	Peter Corroon	Salt Lake County
Claudia Anderson	Bluffdale	Tom Dolan (Exc)	Sandy
Kelvyn Cullimore	Cottonwood Hts	Kent Money (Exc)	South Jordan
Darrell Smith	Draper	Bob Gray	South Salt Lake
Lynn Crane	Herriman	Russ Wall (Exc)	Taylorsville
Dennis Webb (Exc)	Holladay	Dave Newton	West Jordan
JoAnn Seghini	Midvale	Dennis Nordfelt	West Valley
Dan Snarr	Murray	Carlton Christensen	Salt Lake City
Bill Applegarth	Riverton	Russ Brooks (Exc)	WVC
Rocky Anderson (Exc)	Salt Lake City	Bryant Anderson	Sandy

Jan Wells	Murray	Sam Klemm	WFRC
John Hiskey	Sandy	Lincoln Shurtz	ULCT
Chuck Chappell	WFRC	Liane Stillman	Ctnwd Hts
Melanie Bower	Sen. Hatch	John Tanner	Cong. Bishop
Mary Taylor	Sen. Hatch	John Guldner	Alta
Nichole Dunn	SL Co Mayor	Rob Jeppsen	SL Co Mayor
Barbara Thomas	WFRC		

**WELCOME**

Mayor Nordfelt called the meeting to order at 2:10 pm.

**MINUTES**

Mayor Cullimore made the **MOTION**, seconded by Mayor Newton, to accept the minutes of December 7, 2006, as written. The motion passed unanimously.

Councilman Jensen made the **MOTION**, seconded by Mayor Newton, to accept the minutes of the December 19, 2006, Expanded COG meeting as amended. The motion passed unanimously.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Mayor Nordfelt presented Mayor Smith with a plaque expressing appreciation for his service as President of the SL County Council of Governments for the past two years.

A brief discussion was held about a request to change the time of this monthly COG meeting. It was decided to keep the meeting at 2 pm on the first Thursday of each month.

COG members were reminded of meetings listed on the meeting agenda.

Annually the COG appoints members to the Wasatch Front Regional Council. Discussion was held about attendance at the Council meeting and who had voting privileges. All COG members are considered alternates to the WFRC, even if not appointed by the COG to the Council.

Councilman Jensen made the **MOTION**, seconded by Mayor Crane, to appoint Carlton Christensen, SLC, to replace Mayor Rocky Anderson. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Nordfelt expressed appreciation to the County Council for their approval of the transportation prioritization project list at their special Council meeting in December.

### **CITIZEN INPUT**

None

### **TRANSPORTATION RESOLUTION**

Mayor Nordfelt asked for feedback from the Council members about the draft resolution which asks the State to not refund the state surplus funds, but to apply them to transportation infrastructure needs.

Mayor Corroon asked if education could be added to the resolution. It was noted that these are one time funds and education should be funded with ongoing monies.

Councilwoman Wilson stated that there has been a lot of focus on transportation needs, while there are many other needs the state and county have.

Councilman Jensen made the **MOTION**, seconded by Mayor Snarr, to take the intent of today's discussion which is to ask that surplus funds be directed to the many critical needs the region and state have, rather than be refunded, and have the resolution re-written and e mailed to council members. Feedback would be incorporated into the resolution, and, with Mayor Nordfelt's approval, he would sign the resolution. The motion passed unanimously.

### **INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS**

Sam Klemm, WFRC, gave a brief legislative update of bills to watch during this 2007 session.

- Rep. Lockhart has a bill in which will direct the sales tax on autos and auto accessories directly to the State Transportation fund as opposed to the State's General Fund. This could amount to about \$150 million which would be about \$60 million in new dollars.
- Rep. Bigelow is proposing a bill which would require a study of east-west traffic in Salt Lake County.
- Sen. Stephenson has filed a bill which would authorize the State to bond up to \$500 million for corridor preservation.
- Rep. Dougall has a bill which will allow bonding on transit agency money.

Lincoln Shurtz, ULCT, distributed a handout to the council members entitled "Session 2007: What Utah Cities Need to Know" in which the League's position is stated on the following subjects:

- Land Use
  - Expedition of the appeal process to local land use authorities
  - Establish training criteria and resources for planning commissioners
  - Articulate the specific reasons for any land use application denial
- Sales Tax Distribution
  - The League is opposed to any proposed changes in the distribution formula. Local governments should determine the appropriate distribution formula for the sales tax they share.
- Telecommunications Issues
  - The League's philosophy is to maintain local franchise autonomy and oppose any FCC requirements that may take that authority from local cities and give it to the state.
- Transportation Funding
  - Rep. Lockhart is sponsoring a bill that will lift the cap of the 1/16<sup>th</sup> sales tax diversion on local B & C Road Projects. It would redistribute money to municipalities rather than the county. Lincoln stated the League would support using portions of the state budget surplus on one time congestion mitigation improvements. The League would also continue to look at alternative funding options for transportation improvements which could include, among others: gas taxes, vehicle registration fees and local tax options.
- Eminent Domain
  - Many aspects of the redevelopment statute have been revamped in the last few years. The League recently passed a resolution supporting the

reinstatement of eminent domain with RDAs and ensuring that property owners are fairly compensated for condemnation.

- Rep. Bigelow is sponsoring a bill providing retirement COLA for public safety employees in the amount of \$20 million.

Lincoln also noted that there are some proposals to be made for municipalities who contract with the county for election equipment. They include: changing the Primary election date from October to the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday after the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday in September; consolidating more voting districts; allowing cities to determine how they want to impose voting hours; recorders or city clerks work with the county to deal with the costs of elections.

There were a couple of questions about the status of the Rep. Mascaro legislation relating to impact fees and school districts.

## **FUTURE COG PLANNING**

Members of the Council were asked for their input on presentations to be made to the COG during the upcoming year. It was suggested that we have an update on the pandemic flu from the SLV Health Department. Other suggestions include Pat Fleming from the County do a presentation about substance abuse, updates on Corridor Preservation and alternatives to incarceration.

## **WFRC UPDATE**

Chuck Chappell, WFRC Executive Director, spoke briefly about the Regional Transportation Plan. He indicated that the adopted 2030 Regional Transportation Plan is good for 4 years, and is up for review in May of 2007. WFRC staff has developed a draft regional transportation plan with projects listed as well as maps which include highways and transit. (Copies can be obtained from the WFRC office) He indicated that I-80 had been added because of the ¼ cent transportation prioritization project list which was adopted a month ago by the Salt Lake County Council of Governments and Salt Lake County Council. Mr. Chappell asked that the Council members look at the maps and make suggestions or make note if any projects are missing that should be included. He indicated these are projects that are needed, regardless of cost. He also stated that \$319 million could come to the transportation fund as a result of passage of the Rep. Lockhart bill which would divert auto sales tax from the General Fund. Mr. Chappell indicated that local funding is needed because of increased costs in building urban roads.

There will be monthly updates in the COG meetings on the regional plans.

## TRANSPORTATION PRIORITIZATION PROCESS UPDATE

Mr. Chappell reviewed the funding fact sheet which was handed out with the COG packet. He reviewed the percentage of sales tax from the .25 cents sales tax that would go to each project.

.25 cents tax  
less .0625 Mountain View Corridor Preservation  
.1875 for all projects

Commuter rail would get .094375%  
Mid Jordan .031875  
WV LRT .05625  
I-80 Widening .0005  
.1875

The 2015 objectives of the 2030 long range transportation plan can be met by spending this .1875 cent sales tax.

Councilman Jensen made the **MOTION**, seconded by Mayor Crane, to adjourn at 3:25 pm. The motion passed unanimously.