

SALT LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

May 3, 2007

2 pm

SL County Government Center  
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PRESENT:

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

Kane Loader	Midvale	Raquel DeLuca	Herriman
Michelle Baguley	Herriman/UTA	Randy Fitts	Holladay
Michael Gallegos	SL County	John Hiskey	Sandy City
Mary Taylor	Sen. Hatch	Melanie Bower	Sen. Hatch
Gary Edwards	SLVHD	Kerri Nakamura	SL County
Jim Bradley	Co Council	Marv Hendrickson	Co Council
Sally Jacobsen	SL County	Ryan Perry	SL County
Lohra Miller	SL Co DA	Jeff Allen	Co Council
Katie McCarthy	SL County	Karl Hendrickson	SL County
Rita Lund	Canyon Rim CC	Emery Crook	SL County
Toby Cordova	SL Co Facilities	Robert Jeppson	SL County
Michael Chabries	SL County	Jan Wells	Murray
Bev Uipi	SL County	Stacey Adams	SL County
Ann Ober	SL County	Nichole Dunn	SL County
Joe Hatch	Co Council	Lisa Ashman	SL County
Kara Trevino	SL County	Erin Litvack	SL County
Darrin Casper	SL County	Doug Willmore	SL County
Mark Crockett	Co Council	Jeff Hatch	SL County
Lynette Rasmussen	Dept of WS	Desmond Heyliger	WFRC
Chad Bennion	SL County	Barbara Thomas	WFRC

The meeting was called to order by President Nordfelt at 2:05 pm.

## **MINUTES**

Councilman Jensen made the MOTION, seconded by Mayor Smith, to approve the minutes of April 5, 2007. The motion passed unanimously.

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Mayor Nordfelt called attention to the meetings noted on the agenda. Because the agenda had referenced a TRCC advisory board discussion, Mayor Corroon asked if he could make a presentation to the COG about a Tier II ZAP proposal which involves the TRCC advisory board. Because the board has not been appointed, the county council felt they should have this discussion with the full COG.

Voters approved \$65 million dollars to be spent for ZAP projects. Due to inflation and increased construction costs, those costs are now up to about \$85 million. Darren Casper, SL County Chief Financial Officer, stated that construction costs on projects in the \$2 to \$10 million range have increased by 30% over the last two years. The reasons are:

- Supply and demand issues - because of high employment there are increased salary costs. Health insurance and benefits costs are up
- There is a short list of commercial construction contractors in the county who are qualified and bonded
- Commercial building is in competition with home building
- Increase in construction material costs such as copper, steel and cement

Erin Litvack, Mayor's office, reviewed the original budgeted costs of ZAP projects as well as what those projects would cost now to build. Copies of budgeted items were handed out. (copies on file)

Suggested solutions are to reduce the number of ZAP projects; reduce the scope of existing projects; seek financial assistance from the cities; use the \$20 million available which is under the purview of the TRACC board.

Mayor Corroon's recommendation is to utilize a portion of the \$20 million from the STEC bond fund to offset the inflationary construction costs of the projects. There was \$20 million put into the budget last year to build the parking garage at the South Towne Center and it had been bonded. The money will need to be paid back through debt service, but the money is available now. He also recommended that efforts be made to stabilize the TRCC Fund to support future arts and culture programs and projects. Interest rates on existing bonds are superior to those on new bonds. Recreation centers are a lawful use of bond proceeds and TRCC funds. The \$20 million must be spent or planned to be spent by June 08 to avoid yield restrictions on investment and potentially negative IRS consequences.

ZAP funding recommendations are as follows:

- Use \$20 million originally slated for South Towne parking structure to fund ZAP shortfall.
- Supplement TRCC revenues with excess ZAP recreation revenues over the next 10 years
- Plug short term gap with General Fund monies

The TRCC fund balance will start to grow in 2010 because the last payment on the Salt Palace construction will be paid. For the next 3-4 years there will be no money in the TRCC fund if the decision is made to use this money to fund the ZAP shortfall.

Councilman Wilde spoke of issues brought up by Taylorsville City. Their recreation center was partially funded by the City and they would like a pool to be funded by the County. Speaking on behalf of Mayor Wall, he stated that if there are shortfalls, the cities should participate financially.

Mayor Cullimore stated that all projects should be treated equitably. If not, the funding may need to be re-evaluated.

Mayor Crane stated that, having been on the original ZAP selection committee, he felt that all projects on the list were deserving and felt that we should deal with the shortfalls in the best manner possible to provide amenities for all county citizens.

Councilman Christensen stated that often cities do put in monies to make up differences in funding for county projects in cities.

Councilman Hatch stated that not all ZAP projects made it to the final list, but those that made it to the list could be funded completely with the solution proposed by Mayor Corroon. He reiterated the reason the county was coming to the COG to discuss this shortfall. The TRCC Advisory Board was created to oversee fair and equitable distribution of funds. Because the Board has not been established yet (5 Mayoral representatives & 4 county residents) it was felt that the full COG should be consulted for input.

Mayor Smith reiterated that any municipal citizen can attend any county facility.

Councilman Crockett spoke of concern that the Legislature may decide to eliminate the TRCC fund if funds are not used. He stated projects could be cut from the bottom, from the top, or on a pro rata basis, especially if this \$20 million is not enough for the projects.

Mayor Nordfelt stated that he saw three options for action: Support Corroon's recommendations with support that was articulated by Councilman Crockett; do something different; or, take no action at all.

Mayor Cullimore expressed concern that the group should establish a philosophy of how to handle the prioritizing of projects. He felt the group should philosophically support the Mayor's proposal and let the TRCC board establish finalized details once they are

designated. Question had been raised about whether the Conference of Mayors or the COG would appoint the mayoral representatives to the Board. Verbal indication is that it is the COG. (Written notice has since been received via county ordinance indicating that the COG should make the appointments)

Councilwoman Wilson supported Mayor Corroon's proposed solutions and felt that it was a good partnership effort to solve a community use problem.

Mayor Corroon stated there is an additional \$2.1 million contingency fund.

Mayor Corroon made the MOTION, seconded by Councilman Christensen, to accept his proposed solution; establish the TRCC advisory board as soon as possible and that all ZAP projects would be dealt with equitably. Council members Wilson and Jensen indicated they would abstain from this vote as it will go to the County Council. \$20 million will be taken from the TRCC fund to spend on all projects equally. Any other issues, the TRCC board will deal with. The TRCC Advisory Board would make recommendations beyond the decision to use the \$65 million plus \$20 million and the contingency fund for each project.

The motion passed unanimously with Council members Wilson and Jensen abstaining.

Mayor Nordfelt asked for a brief report on the COG Public Works committee. The committee met to make recommendations on the criteria for evaluating applications for local transportation corridor preservation. The recommendations will be made to the Expanded COG and will ask that a priority list be approved at that meeting as required by legislation. It was decided that the meeting be held May 15, 1 pm at the county government center.

#### CITIZEN INPUT

Dennis Kay spoke to the COG about using fluorescent lights and the need to reduce the use of mercury in the environment. Compact fluorescent lamps use less mercury than an incandescent light bulb. He urged all cities to provide a recycling program. (handouts are on file)

#### HUMAN SERVICES – Long Range Plan for the Chronically Homeless

Palmer DePaulis made a brief presentation on the status of the subcommittee working on recommendations for Mobile Home Park relocations. They are looking at long term solutions and are documenting what can be done for cities in the short term as they deal with sales and relocations of residents from mobile home parks.

Mr. DePaulis also reported that the annual 'Point in Time' count of the homeless this year shows that the number of chronic homeless is going down, particularly the men.

The 2007 goals for the Long Range Plan Committee for Chronically Homeless highlight 4 areas:

**Prevention**

- Targeting \$100,000 of SSBG funding and prioritizing CDBG funds for the homeless

**Access to mainstream services**

- Refine SSIO and SSDI eligibility process
- Work with Department of Workforce Services for one stop shop
- Continue to secure funding for supportive services

**Housing**

- Provide 200 units for chronically homeless (Sunrise & Gary Mayor Manor)
- Permanent housing using Tenant Based Rental Assistance
- Provide housing with supportive services for 13-20mentally ill prisoners released from SL Co jail
- Support efforts to maintain housing stock such as single room occupancy units
- Secure funding in Olene Walker Housing Loan Fund and Pamela Atkinson Homeless Trust Fund during 2007 legislative session
- Identify & acquire land for future housing construction
- Provide information to cities & state on housing needs for homeless
- Ensure Continuum of Care application emphasizes development of housing and is consistent with County's 10 year plan
- Explore development of affordable housing for special populations in areas of TRAX expansion

**Infrastructure**

- Complete Point in Time Count in January 2007
- Share information in Homeless Mgmnt Information System with agencies that serve homeless
- Develop HMIS capability to generate HUD reports
- Continue to secure adequate funding for SL County Homeless Coordinating Council, Inc
- Provide training to providers
- Explore the development of an ongoing revenue source for providing homeless services
- Complete a formal evaluation for the Homeless Assistance Rental Program (HARP) to determine if it met the program objectives

**PUBLIC SAFETY - Postponed**

Community Justice Centers – Councilman Jeff Allen & District Attorney Lohra Miller indicated that because of time used for the ZAP discussion, they would forgo their presentation today.

**HUMAN SERVICES**

Lynette Rasmussen, Department of Workforce Services, spoke to the COG about child care regulations. She stated the changes in local policies and conflicting information about home child care licensing have made it difficult for child care providers. There are inconsistent fees across the county. Some business classifications are lumped with child care business and are very different.

Her recommendations are that local communities make informed decisions based on fair and reasonable expectations; local cities support regulated family child care; assign appropriate business license classifications; amend the Bureau of Child Care Licensing rules regarding kitchen expectations, and create an MOU between cities and Child Care Resource & Referral (CCR&R) to ensure communication and support.

She indicated that Encarni Gallardo from CCR&R would contact each of the Mayors to discuss the folder information that was distributed to each Mayor.

### **INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS - Postponed**

Stacey Adams who was to present about the HB 40 Ways and Means for Townships Update indicated that, in light of the time left on the agenda, she would return to the COG in June.

### **PHYSICAL RESOURCES – Postponed**

Des Heyliger, WFRC, who was to present an update on the Natural Hazard Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan, was asked to return to COG in June.

### **OTHER**

The meeting adjourned at 4:10 pm.

### **ADDENDUM:**

Mayor Wall clarified his position on funding of recreation facilities. His position is that all cities should be treated equally. If some cities are expected to pay for a portion of recreation facilities, then all cities should pay. If the county pays for all of the costs in some cities, they should pay the same for all other cities.

