

SALT LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

October 4, 2007
SL County Government Center
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2 pm

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 2:05 by President Nordfelt and all were welcomed.

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Mayor Newton made the MOTION, seconded by Mayor Crane, to approve the minutes of September 6, 2007. The motion passed unanimously.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mayor Nordfelt reviewed the announcements listed on the agenda.

Mayor Nordfelt announced that Mayor Peter Corroon had been awarded the 2007 'Friend of Public Health' by the Utah Association of Local Boards of Health.

Doug Hattery announced that UTA and WFRC are partnering on a land use and quality growth workshop to be held October 16, 2007 at the Southtown Expo Center. WFRC will be coming to individual city councils to talk about growth principles, what WFRC does and how they can help cities with planning.

Discussion was held about holding WFRC meetings at 2 pm instead of 3 pm on the days that the Conference of Mayors has their luncheons. It was decided that the luncheon meetings still allowed time to get to the 2 pm meeting at WFRC.

Michael Jensen left the meeting

CITIZEN INPUT

There was none.

HUMAN SERVICES

SL Co Bicycle Advisory Committee

Mayor Seghini asked all mayors to consider the bike paths they have marked on their city streets. With that thought in mind, she turned time over to Dan Fazzini, Chair of the Salt Lake County Bicycle Advisory Committee. Mr. Fazzini presented maps of bicycle paths in SL County to all of the Mayors present. Extra maps are available by calling Barbara at

363 4231 x124. He encouraged cities to contact him by e mail if they have routes in their cities not listed on the map.

He encouraged cities to make their streets bike friendly, making sure the bike lanes are swept consistently.

PUBLIC WORKS

UTA Transit 2015 Progress Update

Mayor Crane introduced Mike Allegra, UTA, who stated that the Front Runner commuter rail is now making test runs now between Pleasant View and Salt Lake City.

Mr. Allegra reported on the UTA Transit 2015 Progress Update. He stated that the 5 rails projects are being handled as one seventy mile project. As such, they have a memorandum of understand with the Federal Transit Administration who will contribute 20% or \$500 million for the projects.

There is presently staff in place, a facility for bus operations has been procured, cars have been ordered. 3 construction bids are out on the street and awards should be made in 2008. Rail procurements are out and the bids received seem to be competitive and healthy. Mike indicated there are interlocal agreements with Salt Lake and Utah County needed in order to get the bonds.

Mick Crandall handed out a financial plan presentation which outlined capital expenditures, operating costs and projects to be completed. The handout reviewed the program principles and construction time line for the rail projects.

Mr. Crandall stated that the 2015 Plan will adjust over time to reflect changes in interest rates, sales tax growth rates, O&M costs and the actual speed and size of capital expenditures.

Draper and Mid Jordan will be done together and West Valley and the airport line will be done together to keep costs down.

Completion timelines given are based on revenue streams:

- 2011 Mid Jordan
- 2012 Commuter Rail/West Valley
- 2013 Draper line and the airport line

Costs were outlined in the handout. He stated the costs will be 1.5 billion dollars and they want to borrow while the interest rates are low. It will be a fixed rate financing. Mr. Crandall stated he feels the financial plan is conservative, but solid.

TIP Workshop

Ben Wuthrich, WFRC, stated that the Wasatch Front Regional Council will review for approval the 2008-2013 Regional Transportation Plan at this month's meeting. He stated that it is now time to create the list for STP or CMAQ funds. He asked the Mayors to discuss with their staff projects they would like to submit and send a letter to Ben to help determine the project eligibility. Concept reports will be required and in January 08 there will be letters of intent submitted.

Carlton Christensen arrived at the meeting.

Water Works

Janice Richardson, Joe Whittaker and Fred Liljegren of the Bureau of Reclamation were present for questions and answers about water conservation. Mr. Liljegren stated that 80-85% of all water goes to agriculture property. 50-60% of city water goes to yards. The general public uses twice as much water as what is needed on a yard.

A water use cup was distributed to those present; with instructions that 3 inches of water is all a yard needs. Watering season is basically April 15 to October 15, and near the end of the season, watering every 10 days is probably sufficient.

Mr. Liljegren gave several water conservation tips:

- When asked to conserve water, the general populace reduces water use by 20%
- Don't tell the public where to conserve, let them decide
- Focus on water leak detection
- Have a city water conservation coordinator
- The city should be a good example
- Consider proven technologies (soil master sensors, etc)
- Utilize rebates offered by water districts
- Community education (e.g. grass is the most water consuming plant, grass and trees compete for the same water)
- Consider city ordinances

Suggestions that have not proven to save water:

- Placing restrictions like days and time to water
- Mandating specific sprinkler heads – let the public decide
- If creating an ordinance, keep it simple

INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

Doug Hattery, WFRC, proposed to the COG that the membership of the Wasatch Front Regional Council be increased to add 4 new non-voting members to the Council: UDOT,

UTA, a member of the Senate and a member of the House. There was discussion about whether the legislators should be voting or non-voting members.

Mayor Wall made the MOTION, seconded by Mayor Corroon, that the WFRC increase its membership by two legislative representatives with voting rights and the two members from UDOT and UTA be non-voting members. The motion was unanimous.

Mr. Hattery indicated that the Council would like to change their by-laws to allow checks be signed by the Executive Director or the Deputy Director, as well as the members of the WFRC budget committee.

Mayor Smith made the MOTION, seconded by Mayor Crane, that the Budget Committee chair or vice chair as well as the Executive Director or Deputy Director be allowed to sign checks, as well as the Vice Chair of WFRC, as long as one of the signers is an elected official. The motion was unanimous.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 pm

PRESENT

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

Jan Wells	Murray	Randy Fitts	Holladay
John Hiskey	Sandy	Liane Stillman	Cottonwood Hts
Leigh Dethman	Deseret News	Dan Fazzini, Jr.	SLCBAC
Joe Whittaker	Bureau of Reclamation	Fred Liljegren	Bureau of Reclamation
Janice Richardson	Bureau of Reclamation	Lisa Ashman	SL Co Council
Nichole Dunn	SL Co Mayor	Greg Schulz	SL Co Council
Barbara Thomas	WFRC	Doug Hattery	WFRC