

SALT LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

February 7, 2008
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SL Co Government Center
2 pm

MINUTES

WELCOME

Vice President Money called the meeting to order and welcomed all members to the Council. He excused Mayor Corroon, who is out of town. Kathy Hilton, Mayor Pro-Tem, West Jordan, was introduced as a new COG member representing WJ, which is now a city of the first class.

MINUTES

Mayor Nordfelt made the MOTION, seconded by Mayor Gray, to approve the January 3, 2008 minutes as corrected. The motion passed unanimously.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mayor Money reviewed the meetings listed on the agenda.

AMC – Feb 9, 8 am, Murray City Hall

LRP Committee for the Chronically Homeless – Feb 12, noon, SLC

Conference of Mayors – Feb 28, noon, SL County

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Money opened the floor to public comment. There was none.

HUMAN SERVICES & HOUSING

Mayor Seghini introduced Shauna O'Neil, Director for the SL County Aging Services. Ms O'Neil reported that the Advanced Directors for End of Life is being printed and will be available shortly. She reported that there is a coming boom in SL County's aging population. Pam Perlich, U of U researcher, was introduced. She presented a comprehensive study of demographic causes and economic consequences of the increasing aging population in SL County.

The population distribution maps were presented in a Power Point presentation. SL County has 40% of the state's population and is responsible for 50% of the state's employment.

Ms. Perlich reported that more minorities reside in SL County than the rest of the state. Housing and communities should attract seniors. This population has more disposable income so policy making plans should consider the implications of growth among the elderly population. SL County Aging Services is willing to meet with individual city staff to help with planning.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

Mayor Money asked that Lincoln Shurtz be allowed to give a legislative update earlier on the agenda because of his commitments at the Legislature.

Lincoln Shurtz, ULCT, indicated the League is following 122 bills this session.

The bill dealing with Justice Courts is presently in Committee. The state is backing off the issue of judges being state employees and receiving state salaries. What remains is a nominating process for judges that should be broader with county participation. The judges will also go through retention elections to avoid the perception of cronyism. There will be a misconduct judicial review committee and hearing process in the event there is malfeasance prior to an election.

Property taxes this year will not receive much notice. Most cities are very responsible with regards to taxation. It is the assessment process which is being scrutinized to avoid conflicts with un-assessed (or not recently assessed) property values and rising property values.

Privatization concerns have been changed to where the focus is on state agencies and the ability they have to outsource some of the work they do, such as printing.

The water forfeiture bill now has 60 sponsors in the House, so the feeling is that it will pass.

PHYSICAL RESOURCES

Jordan River Blueprint

Gabe Epperson, Envision Utah, reported on the Jordan River Blueprint. This planning project is sponsored by SL County and contracted with Envision to study the full length of the Jordan River. This will involve the 15 municipalities and 3 counties that border the river. He reported Envision Utah is looking at three areas:

1. Watershed Quality Stewardship Plan
2. Open Space Trust Fund
3. Jordan River parkway Trail master plan

Process goals are as follows:

1. Update the 1971 Parkway Master Plan
2. Coordinate existing and in progress planning efforts & provide future direction.
3. Promote public interest in the Jordan River
4. Create a best practices resource available to communities to implement the vision.

There will be 5 workshops held to get public involvement. Information on the project can be found at www.blueprintjordanriver.slco.org/.

Several mayors asked Gabe to determine a fair share contribution by the cities and provide that formula to the mayors prior to asking for funding of the project. Chris Widener, 303 1454, is the fund raiser for the Jordan River Blueprint Plan. She is to be encouraged to go through each city administration to ask for funding.

Gabe indicated that he could be reached at gabe@envisionutah.org

Watershed Quality Stewardship Plan

Natalie Rees, SL County, spoke briefly about the watershed quality plan. There has been 2 years of data collection and a draft document has been prepared for COG members.

This document addresses countywide water quality and watershed issues such as wastewater planning, instream flows, storm water runoff, nonpoint source pollution, stream habitat and aspects of water supply.

The success of this plan relies on collaboration and coordination between agencies that hold implementation authorities. They would like to meet with the cities and key staff members to share what has been found to date. Contact will be during the next month.

She would like to have responses to the plan by May 31, 2008, as well as suggestions for projects. She will then ask for a resolution of support to the county council and the state.

Additional information can be found at www.waterresources.slco.org.

Natalie indicated that the draft plan has lots of recommendations and they want to make sure cities are aware of those suggestions. Once the plan is approved, they will apply for grants to complete projects and would like to partner with the cities. Please make sure city engineers are aware of the projects. Natalie offered to meet with city managers, public works engineers, recreation departments and mayors.

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UTA Update

Mick Crandall, UTA, introduced Yonell Grant from Booz Allen Hamilton who has been contracted by UTA. A summary of the most recent Equity Analysis has been sent to the members of COG under separate cover. In the interest of time, they indicated they would be happy to answer any questions.

Charts were presented which included equity across UTA's member counties; changes in funding assumptions as a result of SL and Utah Counties sales tax increases; assumptions about commuter rail projects, bus service, BRT and right of way costs. (Copy available upon request)

Education Subcommittee Discussion

Nichole Dunn, SL County, on behalf of Mayor Corroon, asked that there be discussion about the creation of an education subcommittee which would be made up of mayors and superintendents from each of the school districts in the county.

After a brief discussion about the need for coordination and cooperation between cities and the school districts, Mayor Nordfelt made the MOTION, seconded by Mayor Wall, that the COG create an education subcommittee made up of mayors and school superintendents. The motion passed unanimously.

The following volunteered to be on the committee:

Dennis Webb	Bob Gray	Dennis Nordfelt
Peter Corroon	Ralph Becker	Dan Snarr
Claudia Anderson	Russ Wall	
Kathy Hilton	Lynn Crane	

Mayor Nordfelt made the MOTION, seconded by Mayor Crane, that Mayor Webb chair this subcommittee. The motion passed unanimously.

OTHER

Chuck Chappell, WFRC, presented an amendment to the bylaws of the Wasatch Front Regional Council which would allow the chair and vice chair to serve two terms, as opposed to just one. This would impact the WFRC, the Transportation Committee and the Regional Growth Committee.

Councilwoman Wilson made the MOTION, seconded by Mayor Wall to amend the bylaws as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 pm

PRESENT

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

Janice Jardine	SLC	Natalie Rees	SL Co Eng
Gabe Epperson	Envision	Pam Perlich	U of U
Shauna O'Neil	SL Co Aging	Jan Wells	Murray
Justin Jones	UTA	Michelle Baguley	UTA/Herriman
Andrea Packer	UTA	Rita Lund	SL Co East Side
Kevin Smith	Cttnwd Hts	Liane Stillman	Cttnwd Hts
Chuck Chappell	WFRC	Melanie Bowen	Sen. Hatch
Mary Taylor	Sen. Hatch	John Hiskey	Sandy
Greg Schultz	SL Co	Lisa Ashman	SL County
Chad Bennion	SL County	Ken Bullock	ULCT
Lincoln Shurtz	ULCT	Barbara Thomas	WFRC