

SALT LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

MINUTES

September 3, 2009

2 pm

County Government Center

WELCOME

Mayor Cullimore welcomed all to the meeting, indicating that Mayor Money had a death in the family and was out of state.

MINUTES

Mayor Dolan, seconded by Councilman Jensen, made the MOTION to accept the minutes of August 6, 2009 as written. The motion passed unanimously.

CITIZEN INPUT

Paul Smith, Utah Apartment Association, was introduced. He indicated that he was here to answer questions about the Good Landlord Program which was to be discussed later in the agenda.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mayor Cullimore reviewed the meetings noted on the agenda:

- Sep 3: JPAC noon UTA Board Room
- Sep 8: Long Range Plng Comm for Chronically Homeless
- Sep 19: AMC – VECC 8 am
- Sep 24: Conf of Mayors - Alta
- Oct 5: General Assembly – 6 pm SJ Comm Center, 10778 S Redwood Rd
- Oct 15: Homeless Summit – Sheraton Hotel
- Nov 4: UIR Summit: The New Economy – 8 to 1:30 location TBD
- Dec 1: Legislative Luncheon – UCCC noon

Mayor Wall, Taylorsville, represents the COG on the Salt Lake Valley Board of Health. He handed out a DVD from the Board about the H1N1 virus. He reported there is not enough vaccine on hand to immunize everyone. There are 150,000 doses available. Senior citizens are the least vulnerable to this disease. However, they should be encouraged to get their regular flu shots. The very young, those who are pregnant and those with chronic diseases are encouraged to get the two series shots for the H1N1 virus.

In 2008 there were 10 deaths and 207 hospitalizations in Utah from the H1N1 virus. In 2009, it is projected there will be 682 deaths and 2800 hospitalizations. Gary Edwards, Executive

Director, Salt Lake Valley Board of Health, is willing to make presentations to those cities that have not seen a presentation about the disease. (DVDs distributed were mailed to those cities not in attendance)

INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

Pension Reform Discussion – Daniel Anderson, Utah State Retirement System

Mr. Anderson gave a brief history of the early statewide retirement systems. (handout on file)

Historically, retirement has been a defined benefit which is based on the number of years an employee works. There is a contributory benefit where the employee pays into their retirement and a non-contributory where the employer pays into the employee's retirement. There is also a Defined Contribution where the funds go into an account such as a 401K. At the time of retirement the 401K funds can be used as desired.

Mr. Anderson reported that as life spans become longer, there are more people retiring for longer periods of time than they worked. When looking at retirement savings, it must be determined what problem are we trying to solve? Problems can be identified as cost, portability of retirement systems, choice, budgeting, liability or demographic changes. The role of retirement must be considered: it is a tool to accomplish the human resource goals of attracting, retaining and transitioning an efficient work force. Pension reform proposals must be analyzed in this context.

He reviewed the spectrum of retirement plan designs, indicating that is optional when an employee can choose the plan they desire: define benefit or defined contribution. With a defined benefit the risk is with the employer. With a defined contribution the risk is with the individual because you make the investment decisions but it doesn't grow after retirement.

During 2005 the URS paid out nearly \$6,000,000. Funds dropped by 23.2%.

'State legislatures may reasonably alter the terms or modify the retirement system to improve it or keep it on a sound basis prior to retirement for purposes of maintaining the integrity of the system'. Potential changes were outlined as follows:

- Suspend/lower 1.5 DC contribution (DC is defined contribution)
- Suspend/lower post retired DC contribution
- Extend final average salary period from 3 to 5 years
- Make COLAs discretionary/delay COLA
- Increase vesting period from 4 to 6
- Put a minimum age condition on the 30 year benefit (55, 57, 60?)
- Partial benefits payments until certain age
- Reduce the multiplier (2% to 1.9%)
- Increase 20 year public safety and firefighter requirement to 25 years
- Put a minimum age condition on the 20 year public safety and firefighter benefit (48, 50, 52, other?)

Structural potential changes are:

- Return to contributory system
- Hybrid system which allows portability of employees
- Optional
- Defined contribution

Mr. Anderson reported there are current discussions going on with local governmental entities, the UPEA, UEA, police and fire associations as well as a membership council. The Legislative Interim Committee will meet September 9, 2009 to discuss these issues.

Those potential retirees who are in the ‘pipeline’ will probably be grandfathered into the present system.

PUBLIC WORKS SUBCOMMITTEE

Local Transportation Corridor Preservation Fund Applications and Decision – Barbara Thomas

Barbara reviewed 5 applications from Taylorsville with their prioritization from the Public Works Subcommittee. They are as follows:

2183 West 6200 South	\$515,000
2024 West 6200 South	180,000
1905 West 6200 South	180,000
1881 West 6200 South	210,000
6092 S Redwood	195,000

The total for the 5 applications is \$2,280,000. There is only \$818,297.69 in the Local Transportation Corridor Preservation Fund. The Subcommittee would like to recommend that all five applications be approved as a total project.

6200 South and Redwood Road will be a continuous flow intersection and the realignment of 6200 South will require purchase of these properties which include homes. The construction of a pedestrian overpass at 2200 West and 6200 South will require the relocation of a Day Care facility at 2183 West. Taylorsville City will bear the cost of relocation of the business.

The Subcommittee recommended that the first two applications be forwarded to the County Council for approval. As the LTCP funds are replenished, we will submit the other Taylorsville applications in the order they are prioritized to the Council.

Discussion resulted in a consensus that no more corridor preservations be accepted until there is more money in the preservation fund.

Mayor Crane made the MOTION, seconded by Mayor Corroon, that the Council of Governments recommend approval of all five Taylorsville applications in order to complete this project and then accept applications when we have more funds available for corridor preservation. 6200 South is a regional project, yet the parcels being purchased are to be purchased as local funding. After the first two projects are sent to the County Council, the other purchases will not be sent to the County Council until funds in the LTCP are replenished.

The motion passed unanimously.

HUMAN SERVICES AND HOUSING

Good Landlord Program & Local Ordinances Discussion – Francesca Blanc, Utah Housing Coalition

Ms. Blanc commented that some cities imposing a disproportionate fee on apartment complexes have adopted or are considering adopting the Good Landlord Program. (handouts on file). She, representing the Utah Housing Coalition, is concerned that the Good Landlord Program varies from city to city and it has the effect of pushing crime from city to city. She expressed there needs to be more coordination in developing an overarching landlord/tenant ordinance between cities. She felt that flexibility to deal with rental cases on an individual basis is lacking. She asked cities to be aware of unintended consequences in the existing Good Landlord Program and ordinance that could make housing difficult to find for certain segments of our population. Many Mayors present indicated that they had positive outcomes from adopting the Good Landlord Program.

OTHER

DeeEll Fifield, WFRC Planner, handed out a sample resolution for cities to follow in accepting the updated Natural Hazards Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan. If there were a disaster, and FEMA did not have a city resolution accepting the plan, the city would not be reimbursed for funds spent for disaster relief. Barbara was asked to send out a list of those cities that have submitted a resolution.

Mayor Corroon reported that the US Census bureau has \$2500 grants available for materials for outreach to undercounted citizens. His office would apply for the funds on behalf of the other cities in the county if they would like. Each city was asked to report their census representative to Barbara and she would forward the information to the County Mayor's census representative.

Councilman Jensen made the MOTION, seconded by Mayor Smith to adjourn the meeting at 3:45. It was unanimous!

PRESENT

Mayor Claudia Anderson	Bluffdale	Michael Jensen	SL County
Bryant Anderson (Exc)	Sandy	Mayor Kent Money (Exc)	South Jordan
Mayor William Applegarth	Riverton	Mayor Dave Newton	West Jordan
Mayor Ralph Becker (Exc)	SLC	Mayor Dennis Nordfelt (Exc)	WVC
Russ Brooks	WVC	Mayor Tom Pollard (Exc)	Alta
Carlton Christensen (Exc)	SLC	Mayor JoAnn Seghini	Midvale
Mayor Peter Corroon	SL County	Mayor Darrell Smith	Draper
Mayor Lynn Crane	Herriman	Mayor Dan Snarr (Exc)	Murray
Mayor Kelvyn Cullimore	Ctnwd Hts	Mayor Russ Wall	Taylorsville
Mayor Tom Dolan	Sandy	Mayor Dennis Webb	Holladay
Mayor Bob Gray (Exc)	So SL	Jenny Wilson (Exc)	SL County
Kathy Hilton (Exc)	WJ	Barbara Thomas	Staff

OTHERS PRESENT

Dan Anderson	URS	Tom Wood	EMG
Francisca Blanc	UHC	Sandi Marler	UHC
Ashlee Hunter	UAA	Michelle Baguley	UTA/Herriman
Gloria Froerer	UAA	Paul Smith	UAA
Brent Beardall	SL County	Neil Stack	SL Co
Charles Kulp	SL Co	Brett Carlson	SL Co
Laurie Johnson	SJ City	Dean Lundell	SJ City
Liane Stillman	CH	Sam Klemm	WFRC
Sharon Gray	WFRC	John Hiskey	Sandy
Zachery Fountain	Murray	Justin Jones	UTA