

SALT LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
MINUTES

March 4, 2010
2 pm
County Government Center

WELCOME

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Cullimore and all were welcomed.

MINUTES

Mayor Seghini made the MOTION, seconded by Mayor Timothy, to approve the minutes of February 4, 2010 as written. The motion passed unanimously.

CITIZEN INPUT

There was none.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

Legislative Update – Lincoln Shurtz, ULCT

Mayor Cullimore introduced Lincoln Shurtz who gave an update of legislative bills that specifically impact municipalities. He stated that the two retirement bills sponsored by Dan Liljenquist have passed both the House and Senate and are ready to be signed by the Governor. Employer costs will go up significantly over the next 4-5 years. There is no change for current employees unless they are currently double dipping.

Double dipping may continue if the person is re-employed, in the Utah Retirement System and has had a year's separation. Retirement years have changed to 25 and 35 years for new employees after August 2011. Public safety employees will have a 1.5 multiplier for their retirement.

Anti-trust amendments which would exempt municipalities will probably be approved as the bill is presently in the Senate.

Impact fees on charter and public schools may now be imposed. The bill has been passed by both the House and the Senate.

One bill introduced that has been met favorably determines that municipalities have priority rights with regard to water when there is time of need. When cities change from agricultural water to municipal water, the state water engineer cannot look at present use to invalidate water rights. ULCT has been opposed to this second bill.

With regards to jail reimbursement, there will be no increases in the amount paid to the counties for incarceration costs of 'condition of probation' prisoners by the State. It has now been reduced to 6% of the original reimbursement rate from the state.

The balanced budget is scheduled to be passed on Monday, March 8. The legislature will maintain \$200 million in the rainy day fund and will fund any structural imbalance.

The tobacco tax will probably pass and will generate about \$40 million.

It was noted that there has been funding into some capital facilities; there will be new buildings at Dixie University in St. George. Discussion was held about the need for the urban part of the state to support a strong coalition and representation at the legislature, since 40% of the state's population lives in Salt Lake County.

Appointment of Alternate to Trans Com

Carlton Christensen had been appointed as an alternate to the Transportation Committee from the COG. He was subsequently appointed as an alternate to the Trans Com by the WFRC. COG will need another appointee to the Committee. Mayor Mills and Mayor Timothy both indicated they were interested in this appointment. Ballots were distributed and Mayor Mills was selected by a majority vote to be appointed by the COG to the Trans Com.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Youth in Criminal Activities – Rebecca Sanchez, SL County Diversity Affairs

Rebecca, Cuong Nguyen and Reg Garff reviewed the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974. It was reauthorized in 2002. Basically its purpose is to partner between State, Federal and US territories to protect children and youth, adequately address delinquent behavior and improve community safety by preventing juvenile crime and delinquency. The trend in Salt Lake County has been that minority youth are 2-3 times more likely to be referred to juvenile court than white youth.

What the diversity affairs department would like to do is gather reliable data, work with state agencies and form working groups at the local level to help decide what needs to be done to avert delinquent behavior. They would like to eliminate the disproportionate representation of minority youth at all points of contact in the juvenile justice system.

Receiving centers for juveniles are being used by municipal police. Cities are asked to make sure their law enforcement officers are aware of these centers and feel comfortable using them as it speeds up the their handling time of juvenile arrestees by eliminating booking processes.

Diversity training is available and CODA is a resource for communities. CCJJ has Title V grants which should be available this fall to fund this project. (Handout available)

PUBLIC WORKS

Wasatch Front Regional 2040 Socio-Economic Forecast – Scott Festin, WFRC

Scott introduced Chuck Chappell who reported that the socio-economic forecasts that had been presented to COG members has been used as a basis for future travel demand and is the base for

recommendations for transportation alternatives for the Regional Transportation Plan. He reported that the forecast has had some tweaking from city staffers. He asked that the vote be postponed until the Wasatch Vision is brought to the COG and the resolutions be approved at the same time.

PHYSICAL RESOURCES

Wasatch Canyons Master Plan Update – Gabe Epperson, Envision Utah

Envision Utah is updating its Wasatch Canyons Plan. There are several open houses scheduled in March and the cities were asked if they could post flyers in their city halls and/or use city websites to help advertise this process.

He reported that a survey had been taken regarding recreation in the canyons. The responses which met most favorably are as follows:

- People would like zoning variances restricted that conflict with existing regulations, such as setbacks from streams, wetlands, and steep slopes.
- Cluster homes with a higher density resulting in more open space protected for recreation and environmental purposes.
- Facilitate land swaps between private land owners in Wasatch Canyons and public land outside the watershed.
- Increase the watershed purchase fund.
- Transfer development rights from large lot homes to condos, which can use existing infrastructure and preserve land for recreation and environmental protection.
- Allow build out of large lots, mostly 20 acre lots with gravel roads.

Gabe reported the following goal statements:

1. Prioritize protection of watersheds and important natural resources, including high priority recreation areas and critical habitat for species of concern. Achieve these goals by adopting strategies to relocate or concentrate development in appropriate areas.
2. Optimize access to diverse recreational activities and maintain existing levels of high quality recreational experience while protecting and enhancing the natural beauty of the Wasatch Canyons.
3. Improve and maintain high quality recreational experience and protect natural resources. Transportation projects should reduce congestion, reduce the need for parking, reduce air pollution, provide choices, encourage non-auto modes and facilitate safety from collisions and avalanches.

(Handouts are available)

General discussion touched on topics of how to impose user fees since canyon roads are state roads and cannot be tolled. The 'toll' could be a parking fee in the canyons. The priority of projects that would receive funding from these funds is still to be determined. Envision's recommendation will be to go to public comment, combine those into recommendations that would go to an intergovernmental committee to study where the funds would be applied. They would then go to county leaders and other stakeholders.

The survey was sent to a sampling pool of 5,000, out of which 3,000 people responded. Cities are asked to help make their citizens aware of the open houses coming up: March 23 at West High School and Canyons School District Office and March 24th at Skyline and Sandy City Hall.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT

Mayor Cullimore reviewed the meeting dates on the agenda.

OTHER

Mayor Seghini reported that the Human Services Subcommittee has been asked to participate in a review and recommendation process of FTA grant applications in Salt Lake County. These grants may include requests for vans for transportation for those with disabilities and route deviation proposals by UTA. The group will meet March 18, 2010 at 10:30 at Midvale City Hall (655 W Center St).

Carlton Christensen asked the Public Works Subcommittee to meet for a few minutes after the COG meeting to discuss policy discussions regarding corridor preservation applications.

Next meeting will be April 1, 2010 and Sen. Bennett will be in attendance.

Councilman Jensen made the MOTION, seconded by Mayor Timothy, to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 3:30 pm.

PUBLIC WORKS SUBCOMMITTEE

The Public Works subcommittee decided to meet on March 25 at 10:30, just prior to the Conference of Mayors meeting to discuss the corridor preservation application process policy. Carlton will meet with Barbara and prepare a draft for consideration on the 25th.

PRESENT

Bryant Anderson	Sandy	Corey Rushton	WVC
Mayor William Applegarth	Riverton	Mayor JoAnn Seghini	Midvale
Mayor Ralph Becker	SLC	Mayor Darrell Smith	Draper
Carlton Christensen	SLC	Mayor Dan Snarr	Murray
Mayor Peter Corroon (Exc)	SL County	Ben Southworth	WJ
Mayor Kelvyn Cullimore	Ctnwd Hts	Mayor Derk Timothy	Bluffdale
Mayor Tom Dolan (Exc)	Sandy	Mayor Russ Wall (Exc)	Taylorville
Michael Jensen	SL County	Mayor Dennis Webb (Exc)	Holladay
Mayor Melissa Johnson	WJ	Jenny Wilson (Exc)	SL County
Mayor Josh Mills	Herriman	Mayor Cherie Wood (Exc)	So SL
Mayor Kent Money (Exc)	South Jordan	Mayor Mike Winder	WVC
Mayor Tom Pollard (Exc)	Alta	Barbara Thomas	Staff

OTHERS PRESENT

Ann Ober	SL Co	Rita Lund	SL Co
Sally Jacobsen	SL Co	Jean Nielsen	SL Co
Greg Schulz	SL Co	Liane Stillman	Ctnwd Hts
Gary Whatcott	SJ City	Michelle Baguley	UTA Board
Mark Reid	Bluffdale	John Guldner	Alta
Parley Davis	SL Co	Jon Cox	Sen. Bennett
Randy Fitts	Holladay	Nicole Martin	Herriman
Sam Klemm	WFRC	Ahmad Jaber	UDOT
Scott Festin	WFRC	Chuck Chappell	WFRC
Justin Jones	UTA	Wilf Sommerkorn	SLC
Jeff Hatch	SL Co		