

SALT LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

June 6, 2013
County Council Chambers
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MINUTES

WELCOME

Mayor Becker welcomed all to the meeting.

MINUTES - May 2, 2013

Mayor Mills made the MOTION, seconded by Mayor Smith to approve the minutes as written. The vote was unanimous.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

Matt Pacenza, HEAL Utah spoke to the Council about Tier III motor vehicle emission and fuel standards and encouraged the mayors to support these proposed new standards. The new safeguards will lead to 30% cuts in key pollutants by 2030. (on file)

INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIOSN – Mayor Becker

Business Regulation Review Initiative – Mike Mower, Governor’s Office

Mike Mower, Governor’s Office, stated that Utah has been awarded the Most Friendly State for Small Businesses. The Governor is asking each city reach out to local businesses to find out what concerns they may have about regulations that impact businesses. Then a city team should review all regulations to see if they unduly impact business and revise or repeal and unnecessary regulations. Mike asked that cities report their results to the Governor’s office. Communities completing this review will be designated as a ‘Utah Governor’s Business Friendly Community.

South Jordan City has a survey template that can be used to determine how friendly individual city regulations are. It was asked that the mayors talk to their City Councils and send good business regulation ideas or practices to the Governor. The survey can be found at www.rules.utah.gov/reports/2011UtahBusinessReview.pdf

PHYSICAL RESOURCES – Mayor Johnson

Air Quality Discussion – Mayor Becker, Andrew Gruber, WFRC; Bryce Bird, DAQ

Mayor Becker stated that air quality has been a main topic of discussion at COG this year. We would like to share ideas as well as support and recommend strategies for improving air quality at the State level. Bryce Bird, Director of State Air Quality, reported that the federal government sets the standard for air quality and the State then determines how to meet it. Utah does not presently meet the federal air quality standards and are re-working the state implementation plan. The Salt Lake Valley has air pollution because of the ‘bowl’ created by the mountains. We exceed the federal guidelines for PM 2.5 because of the emissions in the valley, specifically in the winter. The rest of the year the guidelines are met. Plans need to be reasonable and sustainable and accommodate the coming years. DAQ estimates the cost of implementation at \$19-20 million.

The State is focusing on cutting the 2008 emissions by 1/3. There are three areas of emissions targeted: large industrial sources; area sources (goods and services, home heating, etc); and, transportation. Roughly 50% of the emissions come from vehicles.

Utah can’t set our own vehicle emissions standards; they must be ‘universal’. Cities are encouraged to support a proposed Tier III vehicle emission standard. Car manufacturers are involved with plans to reduce emissions. The Tier 3 Program will reduce combined NOx, Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs) and direct PM2.5 from on-road mobile sources. It will aid in reducing combined NOx and non-methane organic gas emission standards by 80% on a fleet average basis and particulate emission standards by 70% on a per-vehicle basis. Utah will benefit greatly with achieving these two standards.

We are in the public comment portion of the plan right now. Mr. Bird stated that sulfur content reduction will make catalytic converters work more efficiently. Refineries have cost to bear to implement that reduction. The Utah Air Quality Board will support the Tier 3 Program and will send a letter to that effect.

Andrew Gruber reported that many partners are looking at voluntary actions that can be taken to minimize air pollution. He reviewed the Air quality improvement matrix that everyone received. It reviews transportation related strategies, implementation owners, the benefits to air quality, costs, challenges to implement and end user impacts. (on file)

Mr. Gruber stated that eliminating vehicle old starts is the most effective way to reduce emissions. Behavioral changes will help as drivers begin trip chaining, car pooling or using mass transit. Car pooling is effective only if the driver picks everyone one. If they drive to a

central location, each vehicle has performed a cold start. He asked mayors to think about their city employees and how they can help reduce vehicle emissions. He also encouraged elected officials to attend the TravelWise Academy hosted by UDOT. It will provide a community resource kit to aid in implementing travel strategies to optimize mobility, improve air quality, reduce energy consumption and support economic growth in Utah.

WFRC is creating scenarios regarding economic development and transportation and taking them to various cities for input.

G.J. LaBonty, UTA, stated that, in an effort to stimulate use of transit, they have 5000 free one week passes to be used.

Mayor Becker presented a list of state and local actions that could be taken to improve Salt Lake Valley air quality. (on file). He stated that State law says stand air quality can be more strict than existing law. Should that be changed?

Discussion about a cold start definition was: it depends on the ambient temperature, but a catalytic converter stays warm for about an hour. After that, the vehicle turning on is considered a cold start. While idling the car cools and is less effective in reducing emissions

The following are items the COG should support:

- Attend the TravelWise Academy
- Keep things simply; educate residents about cold starts
- Cities can send letters of support to the EPA supporting the Tier 3 Program
- Cities can send resolutions supporting the Tier 3 Program
- Encourage participation in the Clear the Air Challenge
- Encourage city staff to reduce idling through an education program
- Share best practices
- Provide transit passes
- Encourage parents picking up children at school to reduce or eliminate idling.
- Lowering high octane fuel availability does not make a difference
- Monthly reports by communities of non-attainment areas
- Communities could list 2-3 things they can do to make a difference
- Education campaign that emphasizes cost savings as well as clean air

The Tier 3 Program will require that all vehicles bring to an acceptable level by 2017.

ASSIGNMENT: In our August COG meeting, each city should bring best practice models from their city. Cities should start moving forward on some thing!

Mayor Seghini made the MOTION, seconded by Councilman Palmer, to send a letter of Tier 3 Program support to the EPA. The deadline for public comment is July 1. The motion was unanimous.

PUBLIC SAFETY – Mayor Johnson

Mayor Johnson reported from the committee studying the merger of UPD and VECC. She stressed that all city must agree or nothing can happen. She asked Mayors to discuss with their Councils and city attorneys to perfect the inter local agreement which should be due by August 29th prior to the September 5 COG meeting. She asked cities to advise her ASAP if their councils do not agree to the merge.

Because the merged department will want a single report computer system, Spillman and Versaterm need to give cost estimates.

HUMAN SERVICES – Mayor Seghini

The County will take the lead in coordinating the inter-local agreements for homeless services funding. They want to know which cities will be participating. Signed agreements should be sent to Jeremy Keele at the County.

Sandy City reported they will direct \$135,000 directly to the Road Home homeless Shelter.

OTHER

Mayor Mills invited all who wished to attend the Herriman PRCA rodeo, to call his office to reserve tickets.

There will be no meeting in July.

Mayor Dolan made the MOTION, seconded by Mayor Cullimore to adjourn the meeting. It was unanimous.

PRESENT

Mayor William Applegarth	Riverton	Cnclmn Corey Rushton (Exc)	WVC
Mayor Ralph Becker	SLC	Mayor JoAnn Seghini	Midvale
Cnclmn Carlton Christensen	SLC	Mayor Darrell Smith	Draper
Mayor Ben McAdams	SL County	Mayor Dan Snarr (Exd)	Murray
Mayor Kelvyn Cullimore	Ctnwd Hts	Cnclmn Ben Southworth (Exc)	WJ
Mayor Tom Dolan	Sandy	Mayor Derk Timothy	Bluffdale
Cnclwmn Kris Nicholl	Sandy	Mayor Jerry Rechtenbach (Exc)	Taylorville
Michael Jensen	SL County	Cnclmn James Palmer	Holladay
Mayor Melissa Johnson	WJ	Cnclmn Randy Horiuchi (Exc)	SL County
Mayor Josh Mills	Herriman	Mayor Cherie Smith (Exc)	So SL
Mayor Scott Osborne	SJ	Mayor Mike Winder (Exc)	WVC
Tom Pollard (Exc)	Alta	Barbara Thomas	Staff

OTHERS PRESENT

Randy Wightman	Co Treas	Greg Schultz	SL Co
Kara Trevino	SI Co	Kip Billings	WFRC
Sam Klemm	WFRC	Elden Bingham	UDOT Plng
G.J. LaBonty	UTA	Vicki Bennett	SLC
Andrew Gruber	WFRC	Scott Carver	SLCo Sheriff
Jeremy Keele	SI C	Mike Mower	Gov.'s office
Chuck Gates	ULCT/UTA	John Hiskey	Sandy City
Matt Pacenza	HEAL	Janice Jardine	SLC Council
Rob Wall	SJ City	Kimi Barnett	SL Co
Brye Bird	UDAQ	John Park	Ctnwd Hts
Gary Whatcott	SJ City	Mark Reid	Bluffdale
John Geilmann	So Jordan	Jan Wells	Murray
Brett Wood	Herriman	Randy Fitts	Holladay City
Gaylord Scott	UFD	Sarah Christensen	SLC
Rita Lund	SL Co	Mitch Pab?	SLCo DA
Kerry Steadman	SL Co	David Goeres	UTA

