

SALT LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

November 6, 2014

2 pm

Salt Lake County Government Center

Draft Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Timothy and introductions were made.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilman Jensen made the MOTION, seconded by Mayor Freeman, to approve the minutes of October 2, 2014 as written. The vote in favor was unanimous.

CITIZEN COMMENT

There was none.

HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

Mayor Timothy introduced Kerry Steadman from the Salt Lake County Homeless Services Division. Mr. Steadman outlined the efforts to use the \$200,000 given the homeless services program by several of the cities. The selection committee reviewed a number of proposals that were submitted for the use of the money. The Road Home, Volunteers of America (VOA), the Fourth Street Clinic and Valley Mental Health were selected to receive the money and have organized street engagement teams (SET) which contact likely homeless individuals, usually looking for the most vulnerable. Upon contact and interview, the team members refer the homeless individual to the proper services. The SET teams work out of the Fourth Street Clinic.

Mr. Steadman introduced several representatives from the four agencies receiving the money who then spoke briefly about their individual efforts.

Mayor Cullimore asked if the VOA focused mostly on youth. The answer was, "No, we work with all homeless." They do partner with the Homeless Youth Resource Center to help identify and serve at risk youth.

Mayor Eyre commented that he had been working with a homeless individual that he referred to the homeless shelter. He later found out that the individual was given many more services besides a warm place to sleep. Councilman Rappleye mentioned that he served on the VOA board for 15 years. They started small and have now grown into a mature program serving many individuals.

Mayor Timothy concurred and mentioned that he was glad that the selection committee decided to put the money into one program rather than small amounts into several programs.

Mayor Becker noted that the homeless individuals in Salt Lake City come from all over the Salt Lake Valley and the effort to help them should fall on all the cities. He was gratified that a number of the cities agreed to help when asked. He was hopeful that all the cities will look at this as they get into their budget processes. Lastly, he mentioned that Utah, along with Phoenix were the first to eliminate homelessness among veterans.

Mayor Timothy mentioned that he had wanted the mayors to hear this presentation and that Mr. Steadman would be willing to visit the individual city councils to discuss this request.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—Mayor Dahle, Vice-Chairman

Countywide Active Transportation Master Plan

Chairman Timothy then turned the time over to Mayor Cullimore, Chairman of the Public Works Committee. Mayor Cullimore introduced Mayor McAdams who presented a new effort from the county to create a county-wide active transportation plan. He emphasized that the cities will need to guide what the plan looks like in their individual jurisdictions. He noted that when the cities can provide a way to and from transit stops for bicycles and pedestrians, transit usage goes up dramatically. Some cities in other areas of the Country have up to 20% of trips being made using active transportation because they have made it easy and convenient.

The County will be hiring a consultant in the following weeks to create an overall plan which will lead to local schematics and then to implementation. Mayor McAdams noted that before we can implement a plan, we need to know what it is we want to build and how much it will cost.

County Planning Director Wilf Sommerkorn mentioned that the County was close to issuing a request for proposals (RFP) and that they would need the cities help in the RFP's final preparation. The County is looking at other funding options including federal and state sources and a possible TIGER grant application.

Mayor Cullimore asked whether or not the consultant would be developing a master plan. County Mayor's Assistant Jeremy Keele noted that much work has been done on this issue already with the UCATS study and the Regional Transportation Plan. This new study will drill down to a much finer level of detail.

Mayor McAdams also noted that the study will look at how we join with other counties to ensure a seamless connection for active transportation users.

Councilman Rappleye from Draper mentioned that in partnering with Sandy City, he was surprised how many citizens were opposed to a trail along a canal because of the proximity to their homes.

Mayor McAdams replied as to how he wanted that trail and many others to link up to a full system. He reiterated his determination to partner with the cities on the development of the plan.

311 Non-Emergency Dispatch—Carlton Christensen

Mayor Cullimore then turned the time over to Carlton Christensen from the Salt Lake County Mayor's office who introduced the concept of a 311 non-emergency dispatch system to augment the 911 emergency line. He mentioned that we are getting too many calls to 911 of a non-emergent nature. For example, VECC receives approximately 18,000 such calls per year.

It would make sense to implement a 311 non-emergency call center on a county wide basis. Provo is already doing this and it seems to work well. The Utah State Public Service Commission has granted Salt Lake County the right to handle the 311 system within the County boundaries. The system in use in Provo collects data such as how many calls come in per day, location, type of issues, response time and problem areas.

Salt Lake County is going to take the first steps on this program and has identified funding for the first phases. The County will also be bringing in outside experts to help set up the system.

Mayor Dolan was quoted in the presentation as stating, "The 311 system is a great example of how regional development funds, set aside through our mutual agreement, can support innovations and increase efficiencies across our metro area of governments."

Mayor Dolan asked what the funding mechanism is for the 311 project. Mr. Christensen answered that Mayor McAdams will be asking the County Council for seed money. The County will eventually ask the cities to participate financially or provide staff to answer calls for ten hours per week. The County will be working on the software platform first and then seeking additional participation from the cities.

Mayor Freeman asked what happens when a call comes to 311 that is a real emergency. Answer: The call is redirected to 911.

Mayor McAdams mentioned that this is an example of what the County Office of Regional Development is doing. There are 80 other 311 projects around the country. Councilman Rappleye stated that he is glad the county is doing this.

Mayor Eyre asked who would answer the 311 call if it originated in Lehi? Answer: No one because only calls from within Salt Lake County would be answered.

Transit Oriented Development Funding—Mike Gallegos

Carlton Christensen introduced Salt Lake County Community and Resources and Development Division Director Mike Gallegos. Mr. Gallegos presented a new program to fund transit oriented developments across the County. The County has partnered with the State of Utah and four area banks to provide a loan fund for developers. The County will be providing \$2 million and the

State will make \$5 million available. The County money is presently available only in the unincorporated area. The State money is available countywide but generally comes with more requirements. Loan rates will be just below market and be available for re-development, construction, land assimilation and land banking. The program should be ready by the beginning of 2015.

Mr. Gallegos mentioned that part of County's purpose in presenting the program was to see if any of the cities were interested in participating. Other agencies assisting include UTA and Envision Utah. Cities investing in the program could see large returns as commercial developments are constructed.

Disaster Recovery Seminar

Salt Lake County Emergency Services Manager Jeff Gravier announced that a disaster recovery seminar would be held at the West Valley City Cultural Celebration Center on December 10th. Mayor McAdams invited all the mayors to the lunch that will be served at the seminar. Federal Emergency Management Agency representatives from Denver and Washington, D.C. will be present. Registration is available at Utahdisaster.org.

UTA Goals for 2015—Matt Sibul

Matt Sibul, UTA Capital Projects Manager, presented UTA's 2015 performance goals. In so doing, he noted that 71% of all UTA ridership is within Salt Lake County. The Transit Authority has eight major goals for the year as noted below:

1. Increase ridership over 2014 by 3.3%.
2. Develop and track metrics for customer satisfaction.
3. Revenue Development--\$13.5 million in new federal non-small starts funding
4. Revenue Development--\$75 million in new federal small starts funding.
5. Develop a dashboard for state of good repair and demonstrate adherence to the same.
6. Create an investment per rider index to be developed in early 2015.
7. Have three or more groundbreaking for transit oriented developments in which UTA is a participant.
8. Make a go/no-go decision on the implementation of distance based fares.

The 2015 UTA budget will include new service and increased hours of service, increased frequency and additional holiday service. The Transit Authority will also concentrate on retiring some debt early and maximizing ridership on the existing system. They would like to extend the MAX bus from State Street to I-215 on the east side. They are also working on first and last mile solutions such as Green Bike and increasing the van pool program.

There is only a small capital budget this year which is mostly concentrated in Utah County for their new bus rapid transit system.

Mayor Dahle asked how many buses have been converted to natural gas. Answer: About 10%. Most new buses now being purchased are natural gas. It will take ten years to completely roll over the fleet.

Mayor Freeman asked if there has been a study of riders who do not pay the fares. Answer: Yes, and the percentage of fare evasion is about 3%.

Mayor Dolan asked what UTA's bond rating is. Answer: It has fluctuated between AAA and AA.

Councilman Jensen asked if all of Utah County is in the UTA District. Answer: Yes. He further asked if there was equity between the counties for monies invested. Answer: Yes. Each year UTA conducts an equity study to make certain that revenues collected within a county roughly match those expended within the County.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

Mayor Timothy introduced the subject of the December Legislative Conference and asked the members for their thoughts on subjects that should be addressed.

Several possible topics were mentioned including transportation funding, air quality, active transportation, support for Medicaid expansion, and a change in fire suppression rules that will call for more up front spending on prevention.

Mayor McAdams suggested that active transportation could be included in a comprehensive solution for transportation funding. He also stated that he would like to see 50% of the new money be made available for regional projects.

Mayor Dolan noted that we used to have a coalition of cities and counties but that fell apart at the end of the last session. Mayor McAdams commented on ULCT's current position and said that there were parts that the counties could support and some they would oppose. He favored a comprehensive funding solution that includes roads, transit and active transportation. He would like to have 50% of the new money set aside for regional projects. He felt that certain portions of ULCT's proposal were unclear and would like to see it in writing.

Lynn Pace from the Salt Lake City Attorney's office emphasized that the League's proposal gives the respective cities the responsibility for imposing the sales tax and then deciding how the money should be spent. The real question is not that we just need more money but how to get there with a specific proposal.

Mayor McAdams felt that the request would be more effective if it were more generic and mentioned that the Utah Association of Counties had not seen the League's proposal. Mayor Becker agreed and said that if we have competing proposals, we will not get anything.

Mayor Timothy reverted back to the first question which was, "What issues should be presented to the legislators?" The general consensus was that the presentations should focus only transportation funding.

Mayor Freeman noted that he had received a letter from the League requesting \$2,000 for a publicity campaign on transportation funding and asked if any of the other mayors had received similar letters. Mayor Dahle said he had and wondered why the cities should pay for League dues and private lobbying as well. Chip Dawson from South Jordan City answered that the money will be used by the Utah Transportation Coalition for a publicity campaign on the need for transportation investment in order to give the legislators some political cover.

Mayor Cullimore said that it will be important to listen to the legislators to find out where they are at on this issue.

Councilman Jensen observed that the legislators are looking to take money away from transportation for education and that we will be playing defense with regard to Senate bill 229 funding.

Mayor Becker asked, "If they (the legislators) ask what funding source they should use, what answer should we give them?" Mayor Bigelow responded and said that our issue is 'muddy' and that those who get funding are those who have a clear, concise message and how the money will be spent. It is important at this juncture that the transportation advocates do not splinter as they did last year. He went on further to note that the issue is 'muddy' for the legislators as well.

Mayor McAdams said that Representative Johnny Anderson has a bill drafted and wondered if we should check with him and find out where he and the other members of the Legislature are on this issue.

Lynn Pace said that the League proposal was presented at the annual ULCT conference in September. Mayor Dolan responded that there is no consensus with the Counties on the League's position.

Councilman Jensen asked if whether or not the UAC staff had the League's proposal. Mayor McAdams answered yes and that UAC will probably be in opposition to the League's proposal. He recommended instead that the Council be more generic and focus on the need and less on the specifics of implementation.

Mayor Timothy asked Mayor McAdams if he would be willing to give the presentation at the luncheon which he agreed to do.

Mayor Bigelow recommended that the presentation emphasize that we need to:

1. Stop the financial bleeding.
2. Get us back to where we were financially.
3. Give us some more so we can do more.

There was agreement that Mayor Bigelow should be part of the presentation along with Mayor McAdams. Mayor McAdams will present the need and Mayor Bigelow will present some options.

OTHER BUSINESS

Sam Klemm mentioned that the Computer Aided Dispatch Consolidation Committee will select a consultant on November 17th. He then passed out a list of all letters of intent received from the cities on funding requests for projects in 2015 and asked the mayors to make certain that any projects they may be planning on requesting funds for are on that list.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 PM.

COG MEMBERS PRESENT

Bluffdale	Mayor Timothy	Sandy	Mayor Dolan
West Jordan City	Mayor Rolfe	Murray	Mayor Eyre
West Valley City	Mayor Bigelow	S. L. County	Mayor McAdams
Cottonwood Hgts.	Mayor Cullimore	Sandy City	Councilmember Nicholl
Holladay	Mayor Dahle	Taylorsville	Councilmember Harrington
West Jordan	Councilman Stoker	Draper	Councilmember Rappleye
Riverton	Mayor Applegarth	Salt Lake City	Mayor Becker
South Jordan City	Mayor Alvord	Herriman	Mayor Freeman
Staff	Sam Klemm		

OTHER PERSONS PRESENT

Chip Dawson	South Jordan City	John Guldner	Alta City
Sean Murphy	SL City Council Staff	Gary Whatcott	South Jordan City
John Park	Cottonwood Heights	Carlton Christensen	Salt Lake County
Matt Sibul	UTA	Christina Oliver	Salt Lake County
Chuck Gates	UTA	Jan Wells	Murray City
Jason Peterson	UTA PD	Dama Barbour	Taylorsville City
Paula Melgar	South Salt Lake City	Mike Thiede	UTA PD
Andrea Packer	UTA	Lynn Pace	Salt Lake City
Wilf Sommerkorn	Salt Lake County	Jeff Graviet	Salt Lake County
Coralee Moser	Herriman City	Brett Wood	Herriman City
Michelle Tschetter	The Road Home	Downy Bowles	The Road Home
David Jones	VOA	Sandra Hollins	VOA
Kathy Bray	VOA	Rob Wesemann	VOA
Karen Lang	West Valley City	Matt Minkevitch	The Road Home
Elizabeth Buehler	Salt Lake City	Steve Gunn	Holladay City
Patricia Pignanelli	Holladay City	Janet Towers	Murray City

OTHER PERSONS PRESENT CONTINUED

Jeff Haaga	West Jordan City	Dave Nickponski	Murray City
Christina Oliver	Salt Lake County	Mike Gallegos	Salt Lake County
Jeremy Keele	Salt Lake County	David Jones	VOA
Sandra Hollins	VOA	Chris McCandless	Sandy City
Chris Rogers	South Jordan City		