

# SALT LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

March 5, 2015

2 pm

Salt Lake County Government Center

## Approved Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Treasurer Carmen Freeman and introductions were made.

### **CITIZEN COMMENT**

There was none.

### **INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS**

#### Legislative Update—Nick Jarvis, ULCT

Mayor Freeman invited Nick Jarvis from the Utah League of Cities and Towns to update the members of the COG on current efforts at the Legislature. Mr. Jarvis noted the ULCT staff are working on the distribution formula in House Bill 362 in an attempt to preserve the current method. On the issue of voter approval for the sales tax increase, the ULCT staff would prefer that it were not there and are working toward its removal although it will probably be retained.

Other elements include a maintenance of effort requirement and an indexing of the gasoline tax for inflation.

Senator Van Tassell is sponsoring Senate Bill 160 increasing gasoline tax by 10 cents per gallon. It is likely that the compromise amount will be smaller. It is circled on the Senate Second Reading calendar.

Rep. Hutchings law enforcement bill that restructures sentences for drug crimes has considerable momentum and is moving quickly. The ULCT Legislative Policy Committee voted to oppose the bill because it will impose a substantial burden on local prosecutors as felonies become misdemeanors.

Mayor Cullimore asked if the prosecutors association was still opposing the bill. The answer is yes. Mayor Cullimore is also concerned that ICE will not become involved unless the crime is a felony.

Councilman Jensen noted that the County Council voted to oppose the bill unless the funding of treatment is included through the Healthy Utah Program because it would fill up the County Jail.

The League has been working with Rep. Dan McCay on HB 386 on the use of body cameras by police. They are opposed to the version that he has introduced. They have been working with

the members of the Law Enforcement Committee and believe that the bill will be referred to the Interim Committee for study over the summer.

Mayor Timothy asked what the largest concern was with the bill for the League. Answer: The rebuttable presumption that if there is ever a question on an officer's actions and the camera was not operating, then the burden is on the police officer.

The last bill discussed was Senate Bill 199 sponsored by Senator Karen Mayne. This 297 page bill would adjust the status of the unincorporated areas across the County and require a vote by the residents of the respective townships as to whether they wanted to become a city or a metro township.

The League through their staff member, Jodi Hoffmann, is still working with the sponsor on various concerns. About 2/3 of their concerns have been addressed. The fact that most of the bill is still in Title Ten of the code is still a problem.

There was a concern that a metro township could annex part of an existing city. The concern was incorrect. Rather, a metro township and a city can adjust a boundary provided there is a mutual written agreement.

#### Utah Foundation Presentation on Growth—Steve Kroes

Acting Chairman Freeman invited Steve Kroes from the Utah foundation to present a recently completed study on growth along the Wasatch Front and across the State. The Foundation was established in 1945 and is in its 70<sup>th</sup> year. It is a think tank, not an advocacy organization. They focus on three things:

1. A thriving economy
2. A well prepared work force
3. Quality of life for area residents

Over the past year, the Foundation has prepared a report on what the population growth will mean for the Wasatch Front and Utah. The population in the State is expected to grow by 2½ million new residents for a total of 5.4 million by the year 2050. The population growth in Salt Lake County by 2050 will be 61%. These projections are from the Governor's Office of Planning and Budget. Projections from private organizations are somewhat lower.

In-migration is the wild card for population estimates. It fluctuates based on the economy. Currently, 70% of population growth is internal. Also, over time the composition of the population will vary by age cohort as the population ages. The Foundation will be surveying millennials in the coming months to see how their priorities differ from past generations and if Utah millennials are different from those around the Country.

The studies focus on the impact of population growth on water and transportation infrastructure and education.

Utah has a desirable quality of life because of factors such as low crime, good schools, quality healthcare, available jobs, superior air and water quality, positive social factors such as helpful, accepting people and an affordable cost of living.

Salt Lake County will meet the challenge of growth with strategies such as more infill in older communities, higher density housing, rehabilitation of older infrastructure and more reliance on transit.

Water availability will continue to be a concern. Demand should exceed supply by the mid-2030s if conservation continues at present levels and more water is diverted from irrigation. Water will almost certainly become more expensive.

Councilman Jensen sits on the Central Utah Project Board and noted that the infrastructure cost for new sources of water will be dramatic.

The maintenance of local roads is becoming a challenge. Seventy-five percent of all road miles in the State are owned by a local government. More than half of all cities and counties say that their roads are in poor or fair condition.

Current funding is inadequate to maintain what we have in good condition. The benefits of increased investment are dramatic in terms of return per dollar invested.

#### Corridor Preservation

The members of the Council were reminded of the deadline for corridor preservation applications which is April 1, 2015. The funding available for disbursement should be approximately \$1.4 million.

Because the current Regional Transportation Plan will be updated in May, a council composed of the County Council and the mayors of the municipalities (Super COG) will need to get together prior to the fall corridor preservation disbursement to establish a priority list of projects. The current priority list is all the projects in Phase I of the Regional Transportation Plan.

### **PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

#### Computer Aided Dispatch Consolidation

John Inch Morgan from VECC reviewed the actions to date for the consolidation of the computer aided emergency dispatch software programs. The request for proposals (RFP) has been finalized at 297 pages and has been released. There are several different elements and administrators from various disciplines that were pulled in to prepare the document. There appears to be six to ten vendors that could provide the needed software and support.

Responses to the RFP are due April 21, 2015. Two semi-finalists will be selected in early May and be invited to make presentations to the selection committee. A contract to the winning bidder will be awarded on May 26, 2015.

Twenty percent of the possible points awarded in the selection process are based on price and the vendors do appear to be ‘sharpening their pencils’. The major factor is functionality, however. All the focus groups have agreed on what the selection criteria should be. The major question is how to complete the process.

Mr. Morgan noted that so far the process has been collegial and there appears to be a willingness to fulfill the agreement that all parties will adopt one computer aided dispatch system.

Mayor Applegarth asked if the County is still ready to participate financially. The answer from Councilman Jensen is yes. The State will contribute \$1.4 million and the County’s portion will be \$1.1 million.

**ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES**

Councilman Jensen made a motion to approve the minutes. Mayor Johnson seconded the motion. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Mayor Applegarth noted that the COG should be certain to express its appreciation to our legislators for their efforts on transportation funding after the legislative session.

Mayor Bigelow said that when a compromise comes out of the negotiating committee, ULCT needs to accept it and support it even if it is not everything they want.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Cullimore made the motion to adjourn. Mayor Johnson seconded the motion. The vote in favor was unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 PM.

**COG MEMBERS PRESENT**

Bluffdale	Mayor Timothy	Riverton	Mayor Applegarth
Salt Lake City	Mayor Becker	Murray	Mayor Eyre
Holladay	Mayor Dahle	S.L County	Councilmember Wilson
Cottonwood Hgts.	Mayor Cullimore	S.L. County	Councilmember Jensen
Holladay	Mayor Dahle	Taylorville	Mayor Johnson
West Valley City	Mayor Bigelow	Herriman	Mayor Freeman
West Valley City	Councilmember Rushton	Stephen Smith	Sandy City
Staff	Sam Klemm		

**OTHER PERSONS PRESENT**

Gary Whatcott	South Jordan City	John Guldner	Alta City
Doug Hattery	Utah Foundation	Heather Mastakas	County Council Staff
John Park	Cottonwood Heights	Carlton Christensen	County Mayor's Office
Matt Sibul	UTA	Jeff Graviet	S.L. County
Alyson Heyrend	Salt Lake County	Barry McLerran	Congresswoman Love
Mallory Bateman	Utah Foundation	Matt Sibul	UTA
Steve Kroes	Utah Foundation	John Morgan	VECC