

SALT LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

September 3, 2015, 2 pm
Salt Lake County Government Center, Room N2-800

Draft Minutes

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Timothy made the motion, seconded by Applegarth Dolan, to approve the minutes of September 3, 2015 as written. The vote in favor was unanimous.

CITIZEN COMMENT

There was none.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—MAYOR CULLIMORE

Wasatch Front Regional Council Services

Mayor Cullimore introduced Wasatch Front Regional Council (WFRC) Executive Director Andrew Gruber who introduced the rest of the WFRC staff present in the meeting. Mr. Gruber then gave a power point presentation on the major services provided by WFRC for the area communities. Those services include:

- The development and adoption of the long range Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)
 - The RTP is the governing document for all regionally significant highway and transit projects through the year 2040.
- The management of the regional Economic Development District (EDD)—LaNiece Davenport
 - The EDD provides for a focused investment of limited federal dollars to stimulate local economic development efforts
 - Reviews economic development efforts on a regional scale
- The Local Planning Resource Program—Julia Collins, Callie New and Carlton Christensen
 - In association with Salt Lake County, WFRC has committed \$600,000 for local planning efforts such as updated master plans and local studies
 - There are now 24 ongoing projects funded by this program. A current example of this program is a study looking at the development of the gravel pit in Cottonwood Heights City.

- The Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)—Ben Wuthrich
 - The Surface transportation Program within the TIP funds approximately \$16.5 million annually in local highway projects in Salt Lake County. A recent example of a project funded by this program is the completion of the 5600 West widening in West Jordan City.
 - The Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Program within the TIP funds approximately \$5.2 million in air quality related transportation projects in Salt Lake County
 - The Transportation Alternatives Program within the TIP funds approximately \$900,000 in bicycle and pedestrian projects in Salt Lake County annually.
- The Salt Lake County Local Corridor Preservation Program—Sam Klemm
 - The local corridor preservation program funds property acquisitions for highway projects years in advance in order to protect the right-of-way against future development. Approximately \$2.4 million per year is available.

Director Gruber summed up the WFRC presentation by noting that applications for the above projects that provide funding are due October 29th with the exception of corridor preservation funds, for which applications are due October 1st.

Councilmember Jenny Wilson asked how we can better provide mobility for low income areas. Answer: A major cause of poverty is lack of access to education and employment. The RTP is designed to minimize that gap. Also, Sam Klemm mentioned that there had been considerable outreach to the minority and low income communities in order to receive their input into the development of the RTP.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Transportation Coalition—Abby Albrecht

The Transportation Coalition led by the Salt Lake Chamber of Commerce and Abby Albrecht is preparing a vote yes campaign in favor of the quarter cent sales tax increase for transportation. The campaign launched the week before the meeting and will target the 16 counties that have put the measure on the ballot. The campaign will focus on a local benefits, local advantage message in that it will help fill the 60% gap in needed local funding for transportation. Ms. Albrecht said that the campaign will be very specific with slogans such as “Fix This Pothole.” She then showed a couple of TV commercials that have been recorded and will be run over the next couple of months. They have also started Twitter and Facebook accounts and launched an App. Lastly, a targeted group of voters will receive five mailers explaining why the increase is necessary and how the money will be used.

Mayor Freeman asked if yard signs will be available. Answer: Yes. There will also be some larger signs and digital billboards used.

Polling numbers are slightly in favor of the sales tax increase. It will take a concerted effort by all parties to reach a successful conclusion in favor of the increase. She they encouraged the members of the Council to speak out in favor of the ballot measure and educate the voters as to why this is needed.

PHYSICAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Utah State Study on the Jordan River Corridor—Laura Vernon

Mayor Freeman invited Laura Vernon from the Utah Division of State Lands and Forestry to speak to a new study starting up on the future of the Jordan River. The Division has jurisdiction over State sovereign lands which includes the bed of the River. The study is being conducted in response to increased use of the River and an increase in permit requests requiring site specific plans.

The Division will zone the River with a classification system identifying areas for preservation and for development. Ms. Vernon also said that the Division will be contacting the cities regarding their individual plans and how those plans might fit into a larger regional picture.

Mayor Seghini asked who has jurisdiction over wetlands. Answer: Generally the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Mayor Freeman asked what the Division was doing to protect the flows of water in the River. Answer: The Division does not govern water rights. The State Engineer handles all such issues.

Mayor Alvord noted that his city is looking into water re-use and he is concerned that it will reduce water flow to the River. Ms. Vernon acknowledged that this may be true to some extent.

Ms. Vernon stated that the study began in February 2015. The draft plan will be in development from March 2015 through March 2016. The plan will be finalized from March 2016 through December 2016.

Computer Aided Dispatch Consolidation—John Morgan

John Morgan from VECC introduced the topic and noted that the finalists for the computer aided dispatch (CAD) purchase have been identified and the committee members are conducting site visits. The vendors are now giving significant discounts. The goal is to have a finalist 'on board' by mid-October.

Mr. Morgan noted the selection process has been a good exercise in team building for the different agencies from across the valley.

Mayor Applegarth asked if any Interlocal agreements will need to come back to the cities for review. Answer: Probably not because the agreements are between the VECC Board and the Salt Lake City Emergency Services Board.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mayor Cullimore asked Mike Reberg about the status of the raccoon control officer agreement. Mr. Reberg answered that he had six cities including the unincorporated area that have chosen to participate in the agreement. They are Salt Lake City, Cottonwood Heights, Holladay, Midvale, Salt Lake County Unincorporated Area. Mayor Freeman indicated that Herriman City will probably not stay with the program. Councilman Rappleye from Draper requested that Mr. Reberg call his City Manager, David Dobbins on this issue.

Mayor Alvord mentioned that he has been asked to sit on a state committee that will look at what will happen if federal funds are cut off for many State programs. He would like a presentation to COG on this issue as the committee's study is concluded.

Carlton Christensen addressed the question of local funding for homeless services. He indicated that the current homeless services fund to which several cities have contributed would not be necessary in 2016. Rather, the County will use CDBG funding for this purpose.

Lynn Page indicated that Salt Lake City will be seeking additional State funding through the Legislature for homeless services. The local commitment to this effort helps to leverage State dollars.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Dolan moved for adjournment and was seconded by Mayor Cullimore. The vote in favor was unanimous.

COG MEMBERS PRESENT

Draper City	Councilmember Rappleye	Sandy	Mayor Dolan
Holladay	Mayor Dahle	Murray	Mayor Eyre
Herriman	Mayor Freeman	S. L. County	Councilmember Wilson
Riverton	Mayor Applegarth	Bluffdale	Mayor Timothy
South Jordan	Mayor Alvord	West Jordan	Councilmember Hansen
Midvale	Mayor Seghini	Cottonwood Heights	Mayor Cullimore
West Valley City	Councilmember Rushton	Staff	Sam Klemm

OTHER PERSONS PRESENT

Andrew Gruber	WFRC	LaNiece Davenport	WFRC
Callie New	WFRC	Ben Wuthrich	WFRC
Muriel Xochimitl	WFRC	Laura Vernon	State Natural Resource
Rita Lund	Salt Lake County	Jordan Giles	Rep. Chris Stewart
John Guldner	Alta City	Lynn Pace	Salt Lake City
Barry McLerran	Cong. Mia Love	Wilf Sommerkorn	S.L. County
Carlton Christensen	S.L. County	Mike Reberg	S.L. County

John Morgan	VECC	John Hiskey	Sandy City
Gary Whatcott	South Jordan City	John Park	Cottonwood Heights

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