

**MINUTES**  
**Wasatch Front Regional Council**  
**Meeting of January 27, 2005**

Mayor Dolan, Vice-Chairman, called the meeting of the Wasatch Front Regional Council to order at 3:06 p.m. in the Regional Council offices at 295 North Jimmy Doolittle Road, Salt Lake City, Utah.

**Members Present**

Janice Auger	Mayor, Taylorsville
Ken Bischoff	Commissioner, Weber County
Dave Connors	Mayor, Farmington
Peter Corroon	Mayor, Salt Lake County
Craig L. Dearden	Commissioner, Weber County
Tom Dolan	Mayor, Sandy
George Garwood, Jr.	Mayor, South Ogden / ULCT
Matthew Godfrey	Mayor, Ogden
Daniel B. Hancock	Councilman, Morgan County
Michael H. Jensen	Councilman, Salt Lake County
Jerry E. Larrabee	Mayor, Woods Cross
Dannie R. McConkie	Commissioner, Davis County
Kent Money	Mayor, South Jordan
Dennis Nordfelt	Mayor, West Valley City
Charlie Roberts	Mayor, Tooele
JoAnn B. Seghini	Mayor, Midvale
Jerry Stevenson	Mayor, Layton

**Members Not Present**

Ross C. Anderson	Mayor, Salt Lake City
Roger Burnett	Mayor, Roy
Robert Grow	Representative, Envision Utah

**Alternate Members Present**

Carlton Christensen	Councilman, Salt Lake City
J. Lynn Crane	Mayor, Herriman
Alan Hansen	Commissioner, Davis County
Bryan D. Holladay	Mayor, West Jordan

### **Alternate Members Present (continued)**

Wes Losser	Mayor, South Salt Lake
John Petroff, Jr.	Mayor, West Point

### **Others Present**

Justin Allen	Congressman Bishop
D.J. Baxter	Salt Lake City
Loveit Baumgardner	WFRC Staff
Ed Blaney	WFRC Staff
Chuck Chappell	WFRC Staff
Michael J. Cragun	Former Commissioner, Davis County
Nate Daniels	n/a
David Gibbs	FHWA
Sharon Gray	WFRC Staff
Doug Hattery	WFRC Staff
John Hiskey	Sandy
Ben Horsley	Representative Rob Bishop
Sam Klemm	WFRC Staff
Rick McKeague III	DAQ
Carlos Machado	FHWA - Utah Division
Glenn J. Mecham	Representing Senator Bennett
George Ramjouw	WFRC Staff
Mary L. Taylor	Representing Senator Hatch
Russell Weeks	Salt Lake City Council Office
Ben Wuthrich	WFRC Staff

Mayor Dolan welcomed those in attendance and introduced the following new Council members: Mayor Corroon, Commissioner Dearden, Mayor Larrabee, Commissioner Hansen, and Mayor Petroff. He then asked all others in attendance to introduce themselves.

### **Consent Agenda**

**Approval of minutes of the WFRC meeting of November 18, 2004:** Councilman Jensen moved to approve the minutes of the WFRC meeting of November 18, 2004. The motion was seconded by Mayor Connors and passed unanimously.

**Approval of the financial statements and check registers for October, November, and December, 2004:** Mayor Stevenson moved to approve the financial statements and check registers for October, November, and December, 2004. The motion was seconded by Mayor Connors and passed unanimously.

## Chairman's Report

**Reports from COGs on members appointed to the WFRC, RGC, and Trans Com:** Council members asked Mayor Dolan to include this information with the Chairman's appointment recommendations under the item *Council Concurrence on Chairman's Committee Appointments*.

## Election and Installation of Officers

**Nominating Committee Report:** Commissioner McConkie noted that the members of the Nominating Committee included:

Commissioner Dannie McConkie, Davis County  
Mayor Tom Dolan, Salt Lake County  
Mayor Charlie Roberts, Tooele County  
Councilman Daniel Hancock, Morgan County  
Commissioner Ken Bischoff, Weber County

**Election of Chair and Vice-Chair:** Commissioner McConkie noted that the Nominating Committee had met and unanimously recommends that Mayor Dennis Nordfelt be nominated as Chairman and Mayor Dave Connors be nominated as Vice-Chairman for the calendar year 2005.

**Nominations from the Floor:** Mayor Dolan opened the floor for additional nominations for Chairman and Vice-Chairman.

With no additional nominations, Mayor Auger moved that nominations for Chairman and Vice-Chairman cease and that Mayor Dennis Nordfelt be elected as Chairman and Mayor Dave Connors be elected as Vice-Chairman for the calendar year 2005. The motion was seconded by Mayor Seghini and passed unanimously.

Mayor Nordfelt stated that he realizes the time commitment needed and noted he would be willing and honored to serve as Chairman of the Council. He stated that no city/county is an island and we will all succeed or fail together. His hope was for great success in the coming year.

Mayor Connors stated he would be happy to serve and is looking forward to doing good things.

**Council Concurrence on Chairman's Committee Appointments:** Mayor Nordfelt reported on the following proposed appointments to the WFRC committees for 2005:

Trans Com	WFRC Appointments	COG Appointments
Salt Lake County	Mayor Dennis Nordfelt (m) Mayor Tom Dolan (a)	Councilman Michael Jensen (m) Mayor Bryan Holladay (m) Mayor Darrell Smith (m) Mayor J. Lynn Crane (a)

Trans Com	WFRC Appointments	COG Appointments
		Mayor Wayne Mortimer (a) Councilwoman Jill Remington Love (a)
Davis County	Commissioner Dannie McConkie (m), <b>VICE CHAIR</b> Mayor Jerry E. Larrabee (a)	Mayor Joe Johnson (m) Mayor Fred Panucci (a)
Weber County	Commissioner Ken Bischoff (m) <b>CHAIR</b> Mayor Matthew Godfrey (a)	Mayor Roger Burnett (m)
Morgan County	Councilman Daniel B. Hancock (m)	
Tooele County	Mayor Byron Anderson (m)	

RGC	WFRC Appointments	COG Appointments
Salt Lake County	Mayor Peter Corroon (m) <b>VICE CHAIR</b> Mayor Kent Money (a)	Mayor JoAnn Seghini (m) Mayor Mont Evans (m) Mayor Janice Auger (m) Mayor Dennis Webb (a) Mayor Ross C. Anderson (a) Mayor Wes Losser (a)
Davis County	Mayor Dave Connors (m) <b>CHAIR</b> Mayor Jerry Stevenson (a)	Commissioner Carol Page (m)
Weber County	Commissioner Craig L. Dearden (m)	Commissioner Camille Cain (m) Mayor Fred Oates (a)
Morgan County	Councilman Daniel B. Hancock (m)	
Tooele County	Mayor Byron Anderson (m)	

JPAC	WFRC Appointments
<b>Current Members:</b>	Mayor J. Lynn Crane Mayor Tom Dolan Mayor Darrell H. Smith Commissioner Ken Bischoff Mayor Dave Connors Mayor John Petroff, Jr.
<b>New Members:</b>	Mayor Dennis Nordfelt Commissioner Dannie R. McConkie Commissioner Craig L. Dearden

Councilman Jensen moved that the proposed appointments to Trans Com, the Regional Growth Committee, and JPAC, listed above, be confirmed by the Council. The motion was seconded by Mayor Dolan and passed unanimously.

Mayor Nordfelt noted that the members of the Council's Budget Committee are as follows:

<b>Budget Committee</b>	<b>WFRC Appointments</b>
Council Officers	Mayor Dennis Nordfelt, Chairman Mayor Dave Connors, Vice-Chairman
Salt Lake County	Michael H. Jensen, Chairman <b>CHAIR</b>
Davis County	Commissioner Dannie R. McConkie
Weber County	Commissioner Ken Bischoff
Morgan County	Councilman Daniel B. Hancock
Tooele County	Mayor Byron Anderson

Councilman Jensen moved that the appointments to the Council's Budget Committee, listed above, be confirmed by the Council. The motion was seconded by Mayor Seghini and passed unanimously.

Copies of the Wasatch Front Regional Council membership list for 2005 were distributed to those in attendance.

### **New Chairman's Report**

***Recognition of Mayor Dolan and Commissioner Cragun:*** Mayor Nordfelt acknowledged and thanked Mayor Dolan for his service as Vice-Chairman of the Council during 2003 and 2004. He also acknowledged and thanked Commissioner Cragun for his service as a Council member from 2000 through 2004, and noted that Commissioner Cragun is now the Director of Elections for the State of Utah.

***Schedule of upcoming meetings for 2005:*** Mayor Nordfelt noted that a proposed meeting schedule had been included in Council members' packets for Wasatch Front Regional Council, Trans Com, and Regional Growth Committee meetings for the calendar year 2005. He asked Council members to let him know if there were any conflicts or concerns relating to the meeting schedule. Mayor Roberts mentioned that the Trans Com meeting scheduled on April 14 would conflict with the League of Cities and Towns meeting in St. George.

### **Regional Growth Committee (RGC) Report**

Mayor Connors reported on the activities of the RGC including the following:

- ***Suggested process for developing Regional Growth Principles and Scenarios*** - Mayor Connors explained the time line that is being followed for developing the principles and scenarios. He noted that the RGC grew into the Steering Committee for the Visioning process.
- ***Growth Trends and Business as Usual 2040 Scenarios*** - Mayor Connors briefly discussed the trends in land consumption that was discussed at the January 20, 2005 RGC meeting. He noted that the

Wasatch Front currently has 1.8 million people, and that by 2040 the population could total 3.2 million.

- **Stakeholder Workshop Overview** - Mayor Connors briefly reported on the first workshop that was held in Ogden. He stated that the workshop was attended by nearly 70 people. It was generally felt by the WFRC and Envision Utah staffs that this workshop was a great success.

Mayor Connors reported that eight other Stakeholder workshops have been scheduled in our region. He stated that by participating in Wasatch Choices 2040, citizens from Weber, Davis, Salt Lake and Utah Counties will help shape the future of roads and transit in their communities and the types of neighborhoods, jobs, farms, and open lands that may follow. Copies of the flyers announcing the workshops in Weber, Davis, Salt Lake, and Utah Counties was distributed to those in attendance. He noted that anyone wishing to participate is welcome.

### **Transportation Committee Report**

Mr. Doug Hattery reported on the following transportation items:

- **Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) amendment** - Mr. Hattery reported that UDOT has requested that the 2004-2008 TIP be amended. He distributed copies of the *Summary of Utah Statewide Transportation Improvement Program Amendment No. 2 - FY-2005 through F-2009*. Mr. Hattery stated that these proposed amendments were made available for public review, and that Trans Com and the Regional Council will be asked to take action on them next month.
- **Surface Transportation Program and Congestion Mitigation/Air Quality Program** - Mr. Hattery reported that the WFRC staff is working with the Technical Committees to review projects submitted for Surface Transportation Program (STP) and Congestion Mitigation/Air Quality (CMAQ) Program funding from 2006-2010. He stated that they will present their recommendations along with an updated project selection process to Trans Com and the Regional Council in April.
- **Opportunity to provide input to UDOT on Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) priorities** - Mr. Hattery reported that UDOT's Regions are holding STIP workshops this month to review priorities for improvements to state highways. He stated that the WFRC staff has participated in the planning for these workshops and provided input on capacity needs in our region. He noted that the priorities identified by UDOT will be forwarded to the Mayors and Commissioners in our region, seeking their input. He stated that it is hoped that there would be good participation at the February 10, 2005, Trans Com meeting where these priorities will be discussed. All Council members are welcome to attend.

### **Review Strategic Plan Progress**

Mr. Chappell briefly reviewed the *draft Mid-Year Progress Report - Wasatch Front Regional Council - Strategic Goals for 2004/5*, copies of which were included in Council members' packets. He discussed the following goals and the progress that has been made:

- *Refine individual performance plan process*
- *Develop constructive communication and relationship with UDOT by providing outstanding policy and project support*
- *Increase outreach to partners and public*
- *Build relationship between Council and legislative leaders through quarterly meetings*
- *Participate in HAFB defense*
- *Adopt and implement updated project selection processes*
- *Complete next RTP on time*
- *Obtain consensus of local officials for implementing an effective RTP funding package*

Mr. Chappell noted that in April 2005, a retreat will be held with the WFRC leadership to set new Strategic Goals for the 2005/06 fiscal year.

### **Briefing on Legislature**

**WFRC Proposals:** Mr. Chappell briefly discussed Representative Rebecca D. Lockhart's Transportation Investment Act Bill (H.B.18) and Senator Carlene M. Walker's Transportation Amendments and Highway Jurisdictional Transfer Task Force Bill (S.B.25). These are important as follows:

**H.B.18** - This bill modifies the Motor Vehicles Code, the Sales and Use Tax Act, the Motor and Special Fuel Tax Act, and the Transportation Code to amend provisions to increase funding for transportation without increasing net taxes.

**S.B.25** - This bill modifies the Utah Municipal code, the cities, Counties, and Local Taxing Units Code, the Counties Code, the Motor Vehicles Code, the Transportation Code, and the Judicial Code to amend provisions relating to transportation and creates the Highway Jurisdictional Transfer Task Force.

Mr. Chappell reported that each Friday, the Council's Leadership Committee gets together to discuss information on current legislation. He noted that the Committee is in favor of H.B.18 and S.B.25. He noted that H.B.18 provides the best hope for increased capacity this legislative session and is consistent, though falls short, with the joint MAG/WFRC resolution.

Mayor Nordfelt encouraged Council members to call Senator Walker regarding S.B.25 to include a voice for local elected officials. He also encouraged Council members to call their lobbyists and legislators with their support for both H.B.18 and S.B.25.

Mr. Chappell reported that Lt. Governor Herbert has been assigned transportation. He stated that the Council is trying to provide additional support through newspapers, brochures, editorial boards, and call in shows. Copies of a *letter to the editor* dated January 21, 2005, signed by Mayor Dennis

Nordfelt, Chairman of the Wasatch Front Regional Council, and Mayor Fritz Boyer, Chairman of Utah Valley Planning Committee of the Mountainland Association of Governments was distributed to Council members. He stated that this letter will be sent to the Deseret News and the Salt Lake Tribune for guest editorials.

Mr. Chappell distributed copies of a brochure titled *Moving Forward Together*, that was prepared jointly by the Wasatch Front Regional Council and Mountainland Association of Governments. The brochure explains the Wasatch Front region's most critical transportation needs between 2005 and 2015 and lists possible funding solutions.

Mr. Chappell explained Senator Sheldon L. Killpack's Local Corridor Preservation Funding Bill (S.B.8).

**SB8** - This bill modifies the Transportation Code and Motor Vehicles Code to allow each county revenue for transportation corridor preservation.

Mr. Chappell stated that this bill should pass and will give Council member governments the opportunity to be pro-active in preserving future transportation corridors.

### **Public Comment**

There were no public comments.

### **Other Business**

The next meeting of the Wasatch Front Regional Council will be held on February 24, 2005.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:17 p.m.



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