



WASATCH FRONT REGIONAL COUNCIL

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MINUTES

Wasatch Front Regional Council Meeting of January 28, 2010

Councilman Jensen, Chairman, called the meeting of the Wasatch Front Regional Council to order at 2:04 p.m. in the Regional Council offices at 295 North Jimmy Doolittle Road, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Members Present

Len Arave	Mayor, North Salt Lake
Ralph Becker	Mayor, Salt Lake City
Ken Bischoff	Commissioner, Weber County
Bruce Burrows	Mayor, Riverdale
Sid Creager	Councilmember, Morgan County
Craig L. Dearden	Commissioner, Weber County
Tom Dolan	Mayor, Sandy
Louenda Downs	Commissioner/Utah Association of Counties
Michael H. Jensen	Councilmember, Salt Lake County
Brent Marshall	Mayor, Grantsville
Bret Millburn	Commissioner, Davis County
Jamie Nagle	Mayor, Syracuse
John Njord	Director, UDOT
John Petroff, Jr.	Commissioner, Davis County
JoAnn B. Seghini	Mayor, Midvale
Darrell H. Smith	Mayor, Draper
Mike Winder	Mayor, West Valley City

Alternate Members Present

Mike Allegra	UTA
William Applegarth	Mayor, Riverton
Carlton Christensen	Councilman, Salt Lake City
Ron Russell	Mayor, Centerville

Other Officials Present

Gordon Thomas	Councilman, Cottonwood Heights
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Others Present

Byron Anderson	Past Mayor, Grantsville
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Others Present (Continued)

Loveit Baumgardner	WFRC staff
Wayne Bennion	WFRC staff
Renae Bodily	WFRC staff
Roger Borgenicht	Future Moves
Steve Call	FHWA
Chuck Chappell	WFRC staff
J. Lynn Crane	Past Mayor, Herriman
LaNiece Davenport	WFRC staff
Kerry Doane	UTA
Scott Festin	WFRC staff
Sharon Gray	WFRC staff
Ned Hacker	WFRC staff
Val John Halford	WFRC staff
Doug Hattery	WFRC staff
Ahmad Jaber	UDOT
Jory Johner	WFRC staff
Sam Klemm	WFRC staff
Ted Knowlton	The Planning Center
Michael Mower	Governor's Office
Dennis Nordfelt	Past Mayor, West Valley City
Steve Pastorik	West Valley City
Wilf Sommerkorn	Salt Lake City
Barbara Thomas	WFRC staff
Eloise Thomson	WFRC staff
LaVarr Webb	Exoro Group
Ben Wuthrich	WFRC staff

Welcome and seat new members / Honor Outgoing members

Councilman Jensen welcomed new Council members for 2010 as follows: Mayor Brent Marshall (Grantsville City), Mayor Mike Winder (West Valley City), Mayor Darrell H. Smith (Draper), Mayor Len Arave (North Salt Lake), and Mayor Jamie Nagle (Syracuse).

Mr. Chuck Chappell recognized and thanked the outgoing officials, as follows: Mayor Dennis Nordfelt (West Valley City), Mayor J. Lynn Crane (Herriman), Mayor Ron Russell (Centerville), Mayor Byron Anderson (Grantsville), and Mayor Neka Roundy (Kaysville). Mayor Jensen also thanked them for their leadership, input and service on the Council.

Consent Agenda

Commissioner Dearden moved to approve the minutes of the WFRC meeting of October 22, 2009, and the Financial Statements and Check Registers for September, October, and November 2009. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Millburn.

There was a brief discussion on the minutes. Mayor Burrows felt that the Council should change the Council minutes format to synopsis minutes. Councilman Christensen felt that the recordings of the meetings should be placed on the web with the synopsis minutes. Commissioner Dearden and Commissioner Millburn agreed and amended their motion to include the changes. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman's Report

ACTION – Concur in WFRC appointments to Trans Com, RGC, Budget Committee, CDBG, JPAC, and the Corridor Preservation Advisory Committee: Mr. Chuck Chappell distributed the following handouts: 1) List of suggested motions for the meeting of January 28, 2010, 2) New appointments by WFRC Chairman as of January 28, 2010, 3) WFRC Council members for 2010, and 4) Current appointment Status to WFRC Committees as of January 1, 2010 (see attachment).

Commissioner Bischoff moved that the Council concur in the appointments to the various committees. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Petroff and passed unanimously.

ACTION – Concur in RGC, Trans Com and Air Quality Committee officers: Mr. Chappell reviewed the officers for the Council's Trans Com Committee, RGC Committee, Budget Committee, Air Quality Committee and Water Committee, as follows:

Trans Com: Commissioner Bret Millburn, Chair – Mayor Darrell Smith, Vice-Chair
RGC: Mayor J. Bruce Burrows, Chair – Mayor JoAnn Seghini, Vice-Chair
Budget: Mayor Peter Corroon, Chair
Air Quality: Mayor Ralph Becker, Chair – Mayor JoAnn Seghini, Vice-Chair
Water: Mayor Dolan, Chair

Mayor Smith moved to concur in the committee officers. The motion was seconded by Mayor Burrows, and passed unanimously.

Information – Appoint Executive Committee: Councilman Jensen stated that the Executive Committee is made up of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of WFRC, the RGC Chairman, the Trans Com Chairman and the Budget Committee Chairman.

Information – Review Accomplishments: Mr. Chappell reviewed the accomplishments of the 2009/2010 WFRC Strategic Goals relating to the following: 1) Preserve and enhance the quality of life in the Wasatch Front region by improving the transportation systems, 2) Protect and conserve all natural resources, including energy resources, 3) Actively plan for economic development, and 4) Secure additional capital funding sources.

Information – Legislature coordination: Mr. Sam Klemm distributed and discussed a summary of legislation affecting transportation during the current Legislative General Session. He distributed copies of 1) 2010 Legislative General Session Summary, dated January 28,

2010, and 2) A graph of bonding capacity showing 2009 General Legislative Transportation Projects Recommendation dated January 19, 2010.

Council members briefly discussed the legislation and their concerns.

Commissioner Dearden moved that the Council strongly oppose House Bill 210 and Senate Bill 81 that would require public entities exercising eminent domain to pay attorney's fees under certain conditions. The motion was seconded by Mayor Burrows and passed unanimously.

Commissioner Millburn moved that the Council strongly oppose Senate Bill 38 that would allow the current carpool and monthly fee restrictions on Interstate 15 express lanes only during rush-hour traffic from 6-9 a.m. and 4-7 p.m. The motion was seconded by Mayor Seghini and passed unanimously.

Budget Committee Report

ACTION – Budget amendments: Commissioner Dearden reported on the amendments to the FY2010 budget, copies of which were included in Council members' packets.

1. Amend budget to reflect actual amounts that are now known. (Carry-forwards from FY09 were estimated at the time the budget was drafted.)
2. Increase the scope of the current Mobility Management Project to include work to establish a Regional Coordinating Council for human service transportation for the Wasatch Front Region. Mr. Doug Hattery explained this report
3. Approve pass through funding in the amount of \$200,000 for a Southwest Salt Lake County Transit Study to analyze the needs and potential alignment between Daybreak and Draper Commuter Rail and Light Rail Stations.

Commissioner Millburn moved to approve the budget amendments listed: 1) adjust carry forward and 2) increase scope of Mobility Management Study; and to delay action on 3) Southwest SL County Transit Study until the Council addresses agenda item 5.c. later. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bischoff and passed unanimously.

ACTION – Post retirement employee health insurance: Commissioner Dearden reported on amending the WFRC Personnel Policy to allow retirees to purchase health insurance (medical and dental) through the WFRC's group plan after the COBRA time period. The retiree will pay the full cost, which will be 130% of the cost of insurance.

There was a brief discussion on amending the policy.

Mayor Petroff moved to amend the personnel policy to allow retiring employees to purchase health insurance under the current group health insurance plan. The motion was seconded by Mayor Seghini and passed unanimously.

Information – WFRC office building purchase offer: Mr. Chuck Chappell provided information regarding the unsolicited offer to purchase the WFRC's office building. Council

members advised keeping option to sell open but noted much work is needed in market value and replacement cost.

Regional Growth Committee

ACTION – Wasatch Choice for 2040 VISION draft for public comment: Mr. Chappell reported on the *draft Wasatch Choice for 2040 VISION*. Copies of 1) the Wasatch Choice for 2040: Description, and 2) the Wasatch Choice for 2040 Vision Map, dated 01/20/2010 were included in Council members' packets. Mr. Chappell distributed updated copies of 1) The Wasatch Choice for 2040: The Greater Wasatch Area's Map to the Future description, and 2) the *draft Wasatch Choice for 2040 map*.

Mr. Ted Knowlton discussed the vision, and answered Council members' questions.

Mayor Seghini moved that the draft vision 'The Wasatch Choice for 2040' be released for public and agency review. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Dearden and passed unanimously.

ACTION – 2030 Regional Transportation Plan Amendment: Mr. Ned Hacker discussed UTA's request that the Regional Transportation Plan be amended to move the Sugar House Streetcar project from Phase 3 to Phase 1. Copies of the Sugar House Transit Corridor Alternatives Analysis, Executive Summary, July 2008, were included in Council members' packets.

Mayor Winder moved that the Sugar House Streetcar project be amended into Phase 1 of the Regional Transportation Plan with the understanding that it will not be constructed until a new funding source is identified. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jensen and passed unanimously.

ACTION – Southwest Salt Lake County Transit Feasibility Study: Mr. Jory Johner reported on the West Salt Lake County Transit Study (2009) which identified transit service improvements connecting the Daybreak Development with Herriman and Riverton and the Draper FrontRunner station (located at approximately 12800 South). UTA, South Jordan, Riverton and Herriman have committed \$200,000 to sponsor a feasibility study for these transit improvements in the area bounded by 200 West and 6000 West and 11400 South and 14600 South.

Mayor Petroff moved to approve the WFRC staff managing the Southwest Salt Lake County Transit Feasibility Study and approve the budget amendment. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Dearden and passed unanimously.

Information – Air Quality Issues Update: Mr. Kip Billings reported on the following air quality issues:

1. EPA Designation of PM_{2.5} Non-attainment Areas (Weber, Davis, Salt Lake, and portions of Box Elder and Tooele Counties).

2. EPA Disapproval of the Salt Lake and Ogden City PM₁₀ SIPs.
3. EPA Proposed Ozone Standard between 60-70 ppb.
4. Release of EPA's new MOVES2010 model for estimating vehicle emissions.

Mr. Billings distributed copies of letters to: 1) Callie Videtich, Director of the Air Program, Environmental Protection Agency, and 2) Docket No. EPA-HQ-QAR-2005-0172, with response to the EPA Proposed Disapproval of the Utah PM₁₀ SIP.

After a brief Council discussion, Council members were unanimously in favor, by consensus, of Councilman Jensen signing the letters.

Challenge – Clear the Air: Mayor Ralph Becker reported on the *Clear the Air Challenge*, which was kicked off by the Governor's Press Conference last Friday at 10:00 a.m. to encourage participation in a New Year's Resolution: What I will do to Clear the Air during January/February 2010.

Transportation Committee (Trans Com)

ACTION – 2010-2015 TIP Amendments: Mr. Ben Wuthrich reported on a request the WFRC has received to modify the current 2010-2015 TIP. Copies of the 2010-2015 TIP Amendment 4 Resolution were included in Council members' packets.

Mayor Petroff moved to approve Amendment 4 to the 2010-2015 Transportation Improvement Program as listed in the resolution. The motion was seconded by Mayor Seghini and passed unanimously.

Information – Second job stimulus: Mr. Wuthrich reported that on December 16th, the House passed the "Jobs for Main Street Act" to create or save jobs here at home. With targeted investments (\$75 billion) for highways and transit, school renovation, hiring teachers, police, and firefighters, small business, job training and affordable housing, this bill supports regional economic growth. Mr. Wuthrich distributed copies of a list of potential projects for this second stimulus package in the Wasatch Front Region, which would have to meet the criteria and could be under contract within 90 days. The WFRC staff worked with UDOT to identify potential projects, so that, when Congress approves a final bill, the WFRC or Trans Com can take action quickly to modify the TIP.

Public Comment

There were no public comments.

Executive Director's Report

Brookings: Mr. Chappell discussed the Brookings program at UNLV. A letter of appreciation was sent to WFRC for our contribution.

Staff recognition: Mr. Chappell reported that Sharon Gray would be retiring in February. Members of the Council recognized her years of work and wished her well.

Other Business

The next Council meeting will be held on March 25, 2010. An orientation meeting for all new Council members will be held on February 25, 2010 @ 2:00 p.m.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Press Conference on 2040 draft Vision

Mr. Chappell invited any interested Council members to stay for a press conference on the Wasatch Choice for 2040 Vision.