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MINUTES

Wasatch Front Regional Council Meeting of March 25, 2010

Councilman Jensen, Chairman, called the meeting of the Wasatch Front Regional Council to order at 2:05 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
Bruce Burrows	Mayor, Riverdale
Peter Corroon	Mayor, Salt Lake County
Sid Creager	Councilmember, Morgan County
Tom Dolan	Mayor, Sandy
Louenda Downs	Commissioner / Utah Association of Counties
Wayne Harper	Representative, Utah House of Representatives
John English	Utah Transit Authority
Scott Jenkins	Senator, Utah State Senate
Michael H. Jensen	Councilmember, Salt Lake County
Brent Marshall	Mayor, Grantsville
Alan Matheson	Executive Director, Envision Utah
Bret Millburn	Commissioner, Davis County
John Njord	Director, UDOT
John Petroff, Jr.	Commissioner, Davis County
JoAnn B. Seghini	Mayor, Midvale
Russ Wall	Mayor, Taylorsville / ULCT

Alternate Members Present

William Applegarth	Mayor, Riverton
Carlton Christensen	Councilman, Salt Lake City
Melissa Johnson	Mayor, West Jordan
Josh Mills	Mayor, Herriman
Derk Timothy	Mayor, Bluffdale

Other Officials Present

Gordon Thomas	Councilman, Cottonwood Heights
Richard Harris	Mayor, North Ogden

Others Present

Loveit Baumgardner	WFRC staff
Wayne Bennion	WFRC staff
Kip Billings	WFRC staff
Trevan Blaisdell	UTA
Roger Borgenicht	Future Moves
Steve Call	FHWA
Chuck Chappell	WFRC staff
LaNiece Davenport	WFRC staff
Scott Festin	WFRC staff
Ned Hacker	WFRC staff
Val John Halford	WFRC staff
Doug Hattery	WFRC staff
John Hiskey	Sandy City
Jory Johner	WFRC staff
Pam Jorgensen	WFRC staff
Sam Klemm	WFRC staff
Michael Mower	Governor's Office
Nicole Martin	Herriman City
Carolyn Prickett	Draper City
Wendell Rigby	West Jordan City
Tim Rose	UDOT – Region 2
Greg Scott	WFRC staff
Barbara Thomas	WFRC staff
Eloise Thomson	WFRC staff
Gary Whatcott	South Jordan City
Ben Wuthrich	WFRC staff

Mayor Ralph Becker, Commissioner Craig Dearden, Mayor Kent Money, Mayor Jamie Nagle, Mayor Darrell Smith and Mayor Mike Winder were excused from the meeting.

Welcome

Councilman Jensen welcomed Council members

Consent Agenda

ACTION: Mayor Burrows moved to approve the minutes of the WFRC meeting of January 28, 2010, and the Financial Statements and Check Registers for December 2009 and January 2010. The motion was seconded by Mayor Seghini and passed unanimously.

Chairman's Report

ACTION – Appoint New Council Member Representing Envision Utah: Mr. Chuck Chappell said that Mr. Robert Grow was appointed in 2007 as a non-voting member of the Council to represent Envision Utah. Mr. Grow has been unable to attend Council meetings over the last several months. The recommendation is that Mr. Alan Matheson, Executive Director of Envision Utah be appointed to the Council as a non-voting member.

Mayor Tom Dolan moved that the Council appoint Alan Matheson to the Wasatch Front Regional Council as a representative of Envision Utah. The motion was seconded by Mayor Peter Corroon and passed unanimously.

ACTION – Appoint New Chair for Annual Water Suppliers Meeting: Councilman Jensen stated that WFRC hosts a meeting of the water conservation districts in the region in May each year. This year, the recommendation is that Mayor Melissa Johnson of West Jordan be the Chair of the Water Suppliers Meeting.

Mayor Brent Marshall moved to appoint Melissa Johnson as the chair of the Water Suppliers Meeting. Mayor Dolan seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Report – Mobility Management: Mr. Doug Hattery reported that the Wasatch Front Mobility Management Project was a year-long project, conducted with the goal of improving transportation services for older adults, persons with disabilities, and persons with low incomes. The Wasatch Front Regional Council, the Mountainland Association of Governments, and the Utah Transit Authority jointly conducted the Study which recommended that the Greater Wasatch Front Region move towards a brokerage/call center concept to improve and expand the transportation options available.

Mr. Hattery reported that the consulting team recommended the creation of a Regional Coordinating Council (for community transportation). He noted that Representative Julie Fisher has indicated that she would like to participate on the Mobility Management Regional Coordinating Council and staff felt that it would be worthwhile to have a local government elected official as well and so we are asking for volunteers. Anyone interested may contact Barbara Thomas at WFRC if interested in participating on the Regional Coordinating Council. Mayor Russ Wall of Taylorsville and Mayor Tom Dolan of Sandy indicated they would like to participate.

Report – Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program: Ms. LaNiece Davenport reported that the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Regional Review Committee (RRC) is to provide a structured method for annually reviewing and rating and ranking CDBG applications. The Committee is made up of eight members designated by County Councils of Government (COG). Ms. Davenport reported that Mayor Jim Egbert of Morgan City, Mayor Joe Johnson of Bountiful City, Cindy Coombs of Tooele County, and Robert Scott of Weber County have been appointed by their COGs to serve two-year terms effective May 2010.

Ms. Davenport reported that Commissioner Jerry Hurst of Tooele County has been nominated by the Wasatch Front's Regional Review Committee to serve a second two-year term on the CDBG State Policy Committee. Also nominated are Mayor Joe Johnson of Bountiful City as first alternate and Commissioner Jan Zogmaister of Weber County as second alternate.

Ms. Davenport reported that Wendover City applied for an emergency CDBG grant of \$179,000 to replace a failing antiquated sewer line under Union Pacific Railroad tracks. If the line were to fail 60% of the city's population would be affected. The RRC approved the request and that request will now go to the State Policy Committee for their approval

Ms. Davenport briefly reviewed the CDBG 2010 Grantees. She noted that our region is expecting to receive approximately \$1.7 million.

Ms. Davenport answered questions, reviewed the criteria for how the projects are prioritized and gave a brief description of each of the projects.

Report – Executive Director Vacancy: Councilman Jensen stated that he had received Chuck Chappell's letter of resignation effective June 30, 2010. He then outlined the process for finding the next WFRC executive director with assistance from the Salt Lake County Human Resources.

Councilman Jensen said that the Executive Committee would interview the top candidates and make a recommendation to the Council on May 27. Its' members are: Chairman of the Council (Councilman Michael Jensen); Vice Chairman, Commissioner Craig Dearden; Trans Com Chairman, Commissioner Bret Millburn; Regional Growth Committee Chairman, Mayor Bruce Burrows; and the Budget Committee Chair, Mayor Peter Corroon. Mayor Tom Dolan, Councilman Carlton Christensen and Alan Matheson indicated they would also like to be on the interview and selection committee.

Budget Committee Report

ACTION – Approve Distribution of Draft FY 2011 and FY 2012 Budget and Unified Planning Work Program: Mayor Corroon reported that a copy of the Draft FY 2011 and FY 2012 Budget and Unified Planning Work Program Summary were included in Council members' packets and the goal is to receive Council approval for these to go to the County Councils of Government for their discussion and comments.

Wayne Bennion briefly reviewed the Summary of the Draft 2011-2012 Unified Planning Work Program.

Loveit Baumgardner briefly reviewed the Draft FY2011 and FY2012 Budget and noted that the Expenditure by Function included funding for two new positions - an Engineer II (a modeling specialist) and a Mobility Management Coordinator. She also noted that there would be no increase in the annual local contributions.

Commissioner Millburn moved that the Council approve distribution of the draft Budget and Unified Planning Work Program documents to the COGs for discussion and comment. The motion was seconded by Mayor Brent Marshall and passed unanimously.

ACTION – Select Auditor: Mayor Corroon informed that the selection of an independent auditor to perform an audit of the FY 2010 financial statements is necessary because the current auditor asked to be released from further engagement. The Budget Committee reviewed the proposals from the bidders and recommends the lowest.

Mayor Brent Marshall moved that the Council approve the auditing firm of Karren, Hendrix, Stagg, Allen & Company be retained. Commissioner Millburn seconded the motion and the motion unanimously passed.

ACTION – Approve Response to Purchase Offer for WFRC Office Building: Mayor Corroon reported that there is continued interest from a developer to purchase the WFRC office building. Mr. Chuck Chappell provided information on the latest offer received from the developer and that he would continue to keep the members informed as the negotiations move forward.

Commissioner Bret Millburn moved that the Council authorize the Executive Director to move forward with negotiations of a counter offer of \$1.9 million with additional details of the negotiation counter offer be contingent upon legal review. The motion was seconded by Mayor Tom Dolan and passed unanimously.

Regional Growth Committee

Report – Wasatch Choice for 2040 VISION – Mr. Ned Hacker reported that the public comment period for the Vision has concluded and that the comments received were included in the read ahead packet. Mr. Hacker stated that although the comment period is over, they have met with several cities and are in the process of updating the map to reflect their comments. He said that a final draft will be completed within the next thirty days and presented to the RGC Technical Advisory Committees for approval in April. WFRC staff will seek approval from the Davis COG in April and the Salt Lake and Weber COGs in May. The anticipated adoption of the updated Wasatch Choice for 2040 Vision map by both the Regional Growth Committee and the Wasatch Front Regional Council will be in May.

Report – 2040 Socioeconomic Data: Mr. Scott Festin briefly discussed the Wasatch Front Regional 2040 Socioeconomic Forecasts Table. He stated that city and county planner and staff comments were received and incorporated into the forecasts. Elected officials at each city and county were also given the forecasts and asked for their input. Comments were received from most cities and all of the counties and were addressed by WFRC staff. The final 2040 Socioeconomic Forecasts will be coordinated closely with the Wasatch Choice for 2040 Vision and will be presented for approval together at the May Council meeting.

ACTION – Approve RTP Goals & Performance Measures: Mr. Kip Billings reported that in an effort to implement FHWA guidelines for objectives based planning process, WFRC staff is recommending goals, objectives and performance measures to be used in development and analysis of the Regional Transportation Plan. SAFETEA-LU planning factors were utilized in developing the proposed goals. Mr. Billings said that the Goals, Objectives and Performance Measures would also be presented to the COGs for their review and approval.

Mayor Peter Corroon moved to approve the RTP Goals and Objectives for the RTP as presented to guide the Regional Transportation Plan process with the intent to achieve an improved transportation system. Commissioner Bret Millburn seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

ACTION – Approve Criteria to Place Projects in RTP Phases: Mr. Greg Scott reported that WFRC staff is proposing specific criteria and considerations to use in developing the 2011-2040 RTP. These criteria and considerations will guide the staff both in the selection of a system of projects for the RTP and in identifying the proper phase of the Plan for each of the projects in the selected system.

Mayor JoAnn Seghini moved to adopt the RTP Alternatives Development and Project Phasing Criteria as presented and subject to the COGs review. The motion was seconded by Mayor Brent Marshall and passed unanimously.

Report – Air Quality Issues: Mr. Kip Billings reported on the Air Quality Committee meeting that was held on March 18, 2010. Mr. Billings answered questions during the discussion period regarding the PM2.5 conformity requirements and the Ozone standards. He stated that the region would likely be able to meet the PM2.5 requirements but the Ozone standard would be much more difficult to meet.

In answer to a question regarding federal funding being taken away if we are unable to meet the conformity requirements and standards, Mr. Hattery clarified that we would probably not lose federal funding but that we would be restricted on what we could use federal highway funds for. We would still be able to use it for reconstruction projects or safety projects but would not be able to use it for new roads or mass transit.

Transportation Committee (Trans Com)

ACTION – Approve 2010-2015 TIP Amendment: Mr. Ben Wuthrich reported on a request the WFRC has received to modify the current 2010-2015 TIP. A copy of the 2010-2015 TIP Amendment 6 Resolution was included in Council members' packets.

Commissioner John Petroff moved to approve Amendment 6 to the 2010-2015 Transportation Improvement Program as listed in the resolution. The motion was seconded by Mayor Bruce Burrows and passed unanimously.

Report – TIP Amendment Approved by Trans Com: Mr. Ben Wuthrich reported on a request to modify the current 2010-2015 TIP that Trans Com and the Transportation Commission approved in February. A copy of the 2010-2015 TIP Amendment 5 was included in Council members' packets.

Public Comment

There were no public comments.

Executive Director's Report

Report – Utah State Legislative Update: Mr. Sam Klemm reported on Legislative Issues affecting transportation during the recent Legislative General Session. He reviewed the summary sheet included in Council member packets and discussed only those Bills that did pass.

There was also a brief discussion on the Federal reauthorization which had expired. Mr. Klemm stated that Congress had reinstated the old program on a temporary basis through the end of this calendar year.

Report – Association of Governments (AOG) Pamphlet: Mr. Chappell distributed and discussed the new pamphlet “Utah’s Association of Governments”. He noted that the pamphlet was developed by the seven AOGs in the State of Utah. The pamphlet highlights the role and accomplishments of the AOGs.

Report – Life on State News Conference: Mr. Chappell briefly reported that the Life on State News Conference held on March 23, 2010 was well attended and received a lot of good press coverage. He recognized Mayor Corroon, Mayor Seghini, Mayor Smith and Mayor Snarr for their participation in the news conference and their support of the Study. He expressed appreciation to all those who participated for the success of the news conference.

Other Business

There was a brief discussion on the packets that are mailed out to the members of the various committees. Mayor Burrows suggested that in order to streamline the process and save on postage and copying costs that packets are sent out electronically. It was suggested that the Chairman of the various committees receive the full packet mailed to them and all others would receive the packet electronically. There would also be copies of the full packet at the meeting.

The next Council meeting will be held on May 27, 2010 at 2:00 p.m.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m.