

Salt Lake County Council of Governments

August 24, 2017

The Meeting was called to order by Chairman Rob Dahle and introductions were made.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Since Rob Dahle was not present at the last meeting, the Vice Chairman voted to approve the minutes. The vote in favor was unanimous.

CITIZEN COMMENT:

2018 COG SCHEDULE: The schedule will be distributed so that everyone has the dates. There was a question about doing COG and COM. Wilf mentioned it will only be COG. Mayor Dahle suggested that we can adjust COM meetings around the COG schedule.

NOVEMBER COG MEETING: Mayor Dahle said we need to confirm dates and location. Wilf explained that we generally have a date set in September or October based on availability of legislatures. In October for the COM meeting, there will be discussion for legislative issues and try to determine what legislatures to invite. It's a large meeting so there will need to be sufficient meeting space. Sam will check with the legislative office to ensure that we have a date and location determined by October. Mayor Dahle confirmed that the same format will be followed with regards to a lunch meeting. Wilf confirmed.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE: Mayor Cullimore advised the group that the committee makes recommendations based on meetings. Helen advised the group that the West Jordan Corridor Preservation fund was approved at the COG meeting. The January minutes will be amended to reflect the amount approved. The corridor preservation is primarily for the South West portion of valley, and were only able to fund less than half the request that was made. Mayor Cullimore reviewed the amounts recommended for approval by COG as well as those not funded. Mayor Freeman asked about a timetable, and Mayor Cullimore stated they are accelerating the process because it is an election year so that there is a recommendation for the January COG meeting. Helen will send out a notice with the timetable to everyone. Applications are due November 17th, and the public works committee meeting will be held on December 8th. Mayor Cullimore suspects there will be less funding next time, and he opened the floor for questions. Motion for COG to approve, seconded by Mayor Dolan. The vote in favor was unanimous.

OTHER BUSINESS: The maps project has been ongoing for a long time. John Morgan advised the committee that they have been working on interactive maps which will show locations and names of buildings/businesses. They've implemented a CAD system to get good intelligence through good interviewing. There is also an RMS system to ensure that there is consistent communication between cities so that the closest responders can respond. John showed a presentation on I/CAD incident management software suite. (CAD = Computer aided dispatch?) Mapping will allow us to identify responders, terrain (including fire hydrants & stop lights). It is a web based system so it can be used via iPad, tablet, phone, etc. They are half way through the development, and it started with the police as they just brought fire in last week. They plan on standing this up and doing testing in March or April.

Also, they have identified “war rooms” to train staff (dispatchers, & responders), and there has been intensive training going on, as all the chiefs are committed to this. They would like it implemented before summer of next year. Mayor Cullimore asked how the consolidation is coming. Mr. Carver (the acting sheriff) stated he was committed to ensure that the consolidation happened, and they need to meet with the new sheriff to address concerns, but he feels it is the best thing for the valley. One of the main goals is to not transfer calls and that can happen with consolidation. Mayor Dahle asked if they are able to maintain data with records management. John mentioned they only converted a limited amount of data, as it is much easier to convert Versitem data. To convert Spilman data, it would cost over a million dollars. He’s working on getting allocation for that, but it has not been approved yet, and unfortunately there will be redundancies. They are mimicking Salt Lake City emergency management, as they tested failover yesterday and it worked. They have a partnership with Weber, Utah and other counties to failover phones, and have been integrated with the RMS. Some cities have changed to different systems, but there will be the capability to dispatch calls from any station.

Wasatch Front housing market update: Jim Wood presented and mentioned they have kept a database of the cities and counties with construction projects. All housing cycles have unique characteristics, and for the first time in 40 years there are more households created than homes built. Each housing market (existing home, new home apartment) demand exceeds supply. This is driving the cost of housing to increase as well as diminishing home ownership. Causes of this are supply - labor shortage (due to composition of immigration, Asian are 40% of immigration. Only 2% Asians work in construction); land price and availability; local ordinances (zoning, density, fees). Kem Gardner will be joining with Ivory Homes to look at individual jurisdictions and fees and how that’s affected building, and to determine what is driving up housing costs; rapid demographic growth (net migration). Utah is number one in the top ten states in average annual growth rate of population, and employment growth in Utah is also number one (well above others), and we are #10 in the increase in housing price index. Also, housing prices have increased over the last 5 years and Jim reviewed housing costs with adjustment for inflation. Half the cities had actually decreased in value, and rental rates have been increasing for 7 years. They are around \$1,500 a month for any new units. The affordability for single occupant housing is driving people back to rental, and builders cannot afford to build for first time home buyers anymore.

Any relief? Supply side: labor, land, zoning.

 Demand side: demographic and employment growth.

 Likely to continue: price increases – severe housing cost burden in salt lake county, and declining homeownership rates.

Wilf has an electronic version of the discussion if anyone is interested.

Fireworks discussion: Mayor Dahle discussed that a lot of eastern municipalities had to react to fireworks. The environment caused concern, they’ve discussed reducing the amount of time that fireworks are allowed to be set off (day before, day of, day after). Marie Poulson is also working with this legislation. They would like more flexibility to control fireworks in our municipalities, and may want to discuss this in November when the legislatures come in. This is a big issue in Millcreek. It is difficult to specify the restricted areas and he would like to see that amended. These fires cost cities and tax payer’s money and they would like to see a way to fund the extra expenses, and maybe work with vendors to add additional cost which will go into fire fighter fund. There are virtually no penalties for

violating firework laws, and the SLC council had discussion on how to handle the issue as they were more conservative than others were and extended territorial bans.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned 1:13 pm

ATTENDEES

Mayor Applegarth; Mayor Dahle, Mayor Seghini, Erin Litvack, Dave Alvford, Carmen Freeman, Jenny Wilson, Helen Peters, Karen Lang, Robert Hale, Nicole Martin, Beth Holbrook, Michelle Larsen, Jaren Davis, Dawn Ramsey, Mike Peterson, MaryAnn Martindale, John H Morgan, Kerry Whatcott, John Golder, Russel Weeks, Amy Winder, Isaac Hyam, Jim Wood, Wilf Sommerkorn, Carlton Christensen, Dirk Burton, Charlie Luke, Mayor Cullimore, Kris Nicholl, Silivstrini, Dunnigan,