

# Salt Lake County Council of Governments

November 30, 2017

Columbus Center Auditorium

12:00 PM

The Meeting was called to order by Chairman Rob Dahle and he asked if the Mayor Elects would stand and introduce themselves.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Mayor Dahle asked for a motion to approve the August minutes. There was a motion and a second. Motion approved.

**CITIZEN COMMENT:** No citizen comments.

**2018 COG SCHEDULE:** The COG schedule was passed out to COG members and Mayor's elect. This schedule also reflects the COM meetings. Mayor Dahle explained as soon as there is a new chairman elected for COM the schedule will be filled in for next year. There will also be a lot of transition for the various committees.

**COG APPOINTMENTS FOR JANUARY:** The new chairman for COG will be Jenny Wilson. The appointments were listed and passed out to the members as well.

## LEGISLATIVE ISSUES DISCUSSION:

- **JRI** – Mayor Cullimore – There originally was a power point, but the facility was not prepared to show it. Mayor Cullimore will email the presentation if requested. He discussed the justice reinvestment act. This was a bill passed in 2015 relating to the prison and jail population regarding nonviolent offenders. He said the effort to drive better outcomes by nonviolent offenders is still supported, and the JRI has been successful in reducing this population. There has been a significant shift from the prison system to county jails systems, as well as reclassification of some crimes. The funding hasn't diminished but needs to come down to the county level. He discussed the percentage of changes in the jail/prison populations. The shift is very clear from the state to the local level. There are some problems such as issuing misdemeanor warrants. The hope is to utilize the new funding available with JRI for Medicaid; to treat drug addicts, and more treatment beds and programs. Also, to review the funding allocations between the state corrections and county jails.
- **Transportation - Corridor/Area planning** – Senator Harper discussed the transportation governance and funding. He said they have looked at how this is done in other places. They are looking more at the aspect of changes with UDOT and UTA; how they are managed and their programs. He mentioned they are also looking at potentially opening up the TIFF to transit. There are questions about how to go about this funding, and there will be a change in the scoring process and with corridor planning. They are looking at how to go about the best way to allocate dollars right now, and encouraging the communities to discuss the corridor project plans and future tracks lines together. He would like the cities to collaborate; submit a plan and

therefore they would get moved up to receive funding. The desire is to have a true mixed use of land in these cities.

- **Lynne Pace and Wilf Sommerkorn** – Lynne mentioned he and Wilf were representing for Mayor Biskupski and Mayor McAdams. The state is interested in the land use adjacent to the corridor between redwood and 7<sup>th</sup> east. They applaud the task force and do not differ on the goals, only the method of implementation. The hope is to achieve a result with an interlocal agreement with the cities. Those cities can get together and put together an interlocal without any mandate with the state. The penalty for not following along with the contract would be written within in the contract as we are looking for solutions and not just discord.
- Wilf mentioned they applaud the commitment from the state to continue to fund transportation and looking at different ways to look at land use. Regional planning is the transportation system as the skeleton on which the region functions and looks built upon that system. We also applaud the idea of corridor planning and land use with local government; to look at ways that are beneficial to get the kind of development to maximize the investment, and to encourage dialog and discussion.

**Funding** – Mayor Dahle spoke about the quarter to quarter county sales tax used for transportation. This is a topic that has been handled in detail over the past year, and is an item Senator Harper addressed at the COM meeting in September. There is a need to look at how the money has been allocated in the past and if there is a better process going forward. He thinks the best course of action is to address this at the next COM meeting In January; speak to Mayors and bring the issue up with a recommendation of what we think would be a good solution instead of complain about it. He hopes to provide education of the history on this funding source for the January and February meetings as well.

**Other issues** – Speaker Hughes talked about transportation with the state perspective. He said the local cities should think about the land use before building houses first, not roads. There needs to be coordination and planning within the cities since everyone will confront the same issues if the valley continues to grow the way it has been. There has to be multi modal in place, and the hope is to look at a more robust transit system, that cities and counties are an equal partner. They want to see a governance model that would lower the political climate and give more attention and understanding as the elected officials also need to have communication and a voice. He discussed the JRI funding and his thoughts and how he and his colleges view homelessness and crimes; treatments beds and jail beds.

President Niederhauser addressed tax reform and said this has been worked on through the last sessions. Income tax is a tax on productivity and this is the wrong place to increase revenue since this is driving our economy. We need to look at other sources of revenue to address this issue of infrastructures such as roads, transit and buildings. It all boils down to density and the educational entities need to be brought into this discussion. He discussed schools and that the input from them is needed. He is a fan of if you use the roads then increase the user fees for the roads. He thinks we are coming to a point in our communities where people will be crying out because of congestion, and technology will solve some of these issues, but we have to be smart about where to locate business and give incentives to create infrastructure and work together. There will be at least four initiatives on the ballot. He thinks it is smarter to give more money to the public education system. On the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday in January the legislature starts their session and ends in March. Vigilant people who bring their plans to the session get results.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

### **Participants:**

Maryann Martindale – SLCounty Council	Helen Peters - SLCo
Val John Halford – WFRC	Kris Nicholl - Sandy
Jerry Benson – UTA	John Hiskey - Ulet
Matt Sibul – UTA	Greg Hughes - LEG
Zach Jacob – WJ City Council	Wayne Niederhauser - Senate
Aisza Wilde – WJ Chamber/WGC	Robert Spendlove - House
Carol Moss – House of Reps	Marie Poulson - LEG
Kara Treviho – SLCounty	Mike Peterson – Cottonwood Heights
Kelvyn Cullimore – Cottonwood Heights	John Guldner – Town of Alta
Doug Hill – Murray	Ron Bigelow - WVC
Blair Camp – Murray	Luz Escamilla - Senate
Janet Towers – Murray	Mike Winder - House
Cherie Wood – City of S. Salt Lake	Jenny Wilson - SLCo
Cameron Diehl – UT League of Cities & Towns	Karen Mayne – State Senator
Andrew Gruber – WFRC	Janice Kimball – Housing Authority
Jeff Silvestrini – Millcreek	Trish Hull – Magna Metro Township
Larry Johnson – Taylorsville	Elizabeth Weight – State Representative
Sam Klemm – SLCounty Council	Patrice Arent – State Representative
Jake Young – SLCounty Regional Develop.	Joel Briscoe - Legislation
Trent Staggs – Riverton	Brian King – House of Representatives
Lynn Hemmingway – LEG	Jani Iwamoto – State Senate
Dirk Burton – West Jordan Council	Karen Hale – County Mayors office
Lincoln Shurtz – UAC	Erin Litvack – County Mayors office
Bryan Rodgers – UAC	Dave Alvord – Will be citizen
Mark Wheatley – LEG	Nic Dunn – SLCounty Council
Weston Clark – SLCo Council	Aimee Winder Newton – SLCounty Council

Adam Trupp – UAC

Dawn Ramsey – South Jordan Mayor elect

Carlton Christensen – SLCounty

Robert Hale – Midvale City

Todd Weiler – Senate Dist. 11

Brett Wood – Herriman City

David Watts – Herriman City

Ryan Carter – Riverton City

Gary Whatcott – South Jordan

JoAnn Seghini – Midvale City

Todd Weiler – Senate Dist. 23

Ken Ivory – House 47

Tami Moody – Herriman City

Carmen Freeman – Herriman City