

SALT LAKE COUNTY  
**Council of Governments (COG)**

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Thursday, August 23, 2018, 11:30 am

Salt Lake County Government Center South Bldg. 2001 South State Str., Salt Lake City, UT –  
Room S1-950

## **MINUTES (Approved)**

The meeting was called to order by COG Chair Jenny Wilson.

### **1 – Public Comment**

George Chapman – Urged the COG members to allow the public to comment on the three members of the COG who will be appointed to the UTA Local Advisory Board before making their appointments official.

Stan Lockhart (8220 S 2660 E Sandy, UT) representing ranked choice voting, urged the COG members to consider ranked choice voting for next year. Mr. Lockhart invited COG members to call him to speak on a subsequent agenda to provide the body with more information.

### **2 – Minutes approval from January 25, 2018 and May 24, 2018**

Copies of the minutes were distributed, but the vote was postponed to the end of the meeting in order to give COG members more time to review them.

\*Mayor Overson moved to approve both minutes with the correction of adding her to the May 24<sup>th</sup> attendees. CM Luke seconded the motion and all voted in favor of approval.

### **3 – COG Public Works corridor preservation recommendations**

Mayor Dahle stated that the COG Public Works Committee met on Friday, August 17th and the meeting went smoothly. He thanked Helen Peters and Wilf Sommerkorn for their administration of this funding process. Helen Peters stated that the members of the COG Public Works Committee are Mayor Dahle, Council Member Jensen, Mayor Ramsey, Mayor Staggs, Mayor Peterson, and Mayor Timothy. The committee reviewed the 9 applications submitted for the \$2.177mil available funds. Funds were awarded to Bluffdale City, Herriman City, Salt Lake City Engineering, and West Jordan as outlined on the handout from Helen Peters. In SB136 the legislative body provided for funding for transit right of way through the corridor preservation fund. The next round of applications will be in November for about \$1.5 mil. Please contact Ms. Peters if you are interested in applying for corridor preservation.

\*Mayor Dahle moved to approve the corridor preservation recommendations as proposed by the COG Public Works Committee. Mayor Ramsey seconded the motion, and all voted in favor of approval.

### **4 – Appointment of three COG members to the Transit District Local Advisory Board**

Wilf Sommerkorn gave some background about the UTA Local Advisory Board. SB 136 revamped the governance of the UTA and calls for a nine-member Local Citizens Advisory Board on which 3 members from Salt Lake County will sit. These members are to be appointed by the COG. Matt Sibul of the Utah Transit Authority described some of the responsibilities of the new board, which include; set compensation package of new executive board, advise on budget and strategic plan, review and approval process of UTA board transit project development plans, review and approve interlocal agreements and transit-oriented development projects, along with other duties. The advisory board will meet at least quarterly, but will probably meet monthly in the beginning. The UTA would like the names of the COG appointed committee members to be approved at this meeting because the COG will not be meeting again until after the advisory board is set to begin its duties. Mayor Ramsey asked if there is a stipulated length of term for the advisory

board. Mr. Sommerkorn clarified that the COG previously determined that the appointed members will be elected officials serving on the COG, but that the length of term has not been established. Mr. Sibul indicated that there is nothing in statute about the length of the term for committee members and other COGs have not set length of terms. Mayor Silvestrini recommended that the COG define the length of term, so that expectations are understood. Mayor Watts and others felt that more than one year of service would make the most sense considering the frequency of the board meetings and the complexity of the responsibilities. Council Member Jensen suggested that the board members be considered based on regional representation.

Mayor Silvestrini made a motion that the representatives appointed by the COG to the Transit District Local Advisory Board be elected officials and that they serve indefinite terms subject to annual review by the COG. Mayor Watts seconded the motion. Discussion on the motion followed. Mayor Bigelow suggested that having a term limit facilitates multiple cities having the opportunity to participate on the board. Mayor Silvestrini feels that for the time being it makes sense that we leave the term limits undefined until the nature of the work is better understood. Mayor Staggs suggested that the motion be amended to include regional representation as a requirement for COG appointments to the Advisory Board. Mayor Watts pointed out that the requirement for regional representation was already voted on and approved in the May COG meeting. Mayor Silvestrini agreed to add a regional representation requirement to his motion. Council Member Jensen asked that the motion be amended to allow for the first term to extend until January of 2020, rather than coming up for review in January of 2019. Mayor Silvestrini agreed.

\*Mayor Silvestrini's amended motion states that the representatives appointed by the COG to the Transit District Local Advisory Board be regionally represented elected officials and that they serve indefinite terms subject to annual review by the COG, with the exception of the first term, which will extend to January of 2020. Mayor Watts' second still stands. All voted in favor of the motion.

Mayor Bigelow moved to appoint three alternates to the representatives appointed by the COG to the Transit District Local Advisory Board. Mayor Timothy seconded the motion. Some discussion occurred about the roles of the alternates, and the correct number of alternates. Matt Sibul indicated that the statute does not address the question of alternates in any form.

\*Mayor Bigelow's amended motion states that the COG will appoint 2 alternates to the representatives appointed by the COG to the Transit District Local Advisory Board. Mayor Timothy seconded the motion, and all voted in favor.

Chair Wilson called for COG members to indicate their interest in serving on the advisory board. Mayor Walker, Mayor Hale, Mayor Watts and Mayor Camp indicated their interest in serving. Mayor Camp volunteered to be an alternate. The remaining three mayors offer some regional representation within the County. Council Member Jensen moved to appoint those listed and asked if Mayor Bigelow would agree to be the second alternate to provide for representation in the northwest area of the County. Mayor Bigelow agreed, but Mayor Ramsey objected to this appointment because his city did not vote on whether to support the legislation creating the advisory board. Council Member Jensen clarified that all committee members would be charged with representing the County as a whole and not just their regional interests.

\*Council Member Jensen's motion was amended to state that Mayor Walker, Mayor Hale, and Mayor Watts be appointed to serve on the Transit District Local Advisory Board, with Mayor Camp and Mayor Peay as alternates. The motion was seconded by Mayor Timothy and all voted in favor with Mayor McAdams abstaining.

## **5 – COG recommendations for members of the County Transportation Advisory Committee**

Wilf Sommerkorn gave a brief explanation of what this committee is and that it was created by SB136 to advise on the criteria for awarding transportation funding (County of the First Class Highway Fund or third quarter). All members of

this committee are to be appointed by the Salt Lake County Mayor and confirmed by the County Council. 7 of the 13 committee members are stipulated to be mayors or city managers recommended by the COG. This committee may also help with fourth quarter funding decisions but this responsibility is not part of the legislation. Mayor McAdams would like the committee members to be regionally represented and able to think broadly about the needs of the whole county and not just concerned about individual needs. Council member Jensen suggested 5 COG members that he feels would do a good job and would represent different geographic areas. Those 5 include Mayors Overson, Bigelow, Staggs, Bradburn, and CM Luke. Mr. Sommerkorn clarified that the 7 recommendations from the COG must be mayors or city managers, therefore, CM Luke would not be eligible for this recommendation, but could potentially be appointed as one of the other 6 members. Mayor McAdams encouraged any interested parties to express interest so that he will have a more diverse group from which to choose. Various COG members presented the names of Mayor Peterson, Mayor Peay, Mayor Silvestrini, Mayor Ramsey, Mayor Riding, and Mayor Walker as candidates. David Litvack from Salt Lake City urged the Mayor to appoint someone from the Salt Lake City Council to the committee as one of the 6 members not recommended by COG.

\*Council Member Jensen made a motion to recommend the following names to Mayor McAdams for consideration as members of the County Transportation Advisory Committee; Mayors Overson, Bigelow, Staggs, Bradburn, Peterson, Peay, Silvestrini, Ramsey, Riding, and Walker. Council Member Nicholl seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

### **6 – County membership on COG**

Chair Wilson reminded the body that the County currently, by statute, has 3 seats in the COG membership (the mayor, and two council members). In past COG meetings there has been some discussion about whether or not that representation is justified or if it should be changed to allow fewer County representatives on the COG. Mayor Bigelow made the point that the unincorporated portion of the County has relatively few residents, and argued that if representation is based on population, the County is over represented. Mayor McAdams and others stated that the purpose of COG is to bring regional representatives together to discuss regional issues. Many of the issues that the County brings before COG are not required statutorily to be considered by COG, but the mayor sees the value in including the cities in regional decision making and consensus building. It was also pointed out that the County government plays a big role in providing services and support across the entire county and not just in the unincorporated areas. No motion for changes to the County representation was made.

### **7 – Legislative Preview**

Cameron Diehl, Executive Director of Utah League of Cities and Towns spoke about upcoming issues in the State Legislature. In the 2019 Session there will be a change in leadership in both the House and the Senate. The new leadership has indicated that there will be a focus on tax alignment and economic development, including a discussion about the 50/50 formula in the local option sales tax. The work of the Transportation Task Force will continue. Rachel Otto of ULTC reviewed issues regarding housing, water, and land use that will likely be addressed in the upcoming session. HB430 from the 2018 session will continue to direct work in housing affordability as new sub committees have formed and will continue to develop over the next five years. Water continues to be a large issue before the legislature. Study groups and subcommittees have been working toward water solutions over the summer and will report back to interim committee in September. ULCT is also working on land use code through coordination of the Land Use Task Force. Mr. Diehl reminded the COG that ULCT Convention will take place in September and will be dedicated to issues regarding population growth and how cities are planning for growth. The League has a goal of combating the perception that cities are obstacles to growth.

### **8 – Presentation: DEA Drug Task Force**

Mayor Silvestrini gave some background about why the COG is or should be focusing on this issue. The DEA is doing great work in all parts of the County, but there is a need for more participation in the funding of the task force. We need to discuss whether we should we consider funding DEA through the County general fund to ensure better support of

DEA. Chair Wilson added that she and CM Debry created an opioid task force a few years ago to study how drug enforcement is happening in the County. The task force determined that the current funding model for the DEA is not sustainable and needs to be re-thought to find a collective solution. Brian Besser, Agent in Charge for US DEA in Utah, and Commander of Metro Narcotics Task Force, outlined some of the efforts being made in the region to combat drug crime. Mr. Besser provided a handout detailing the DEA's staffing makeup in terms of deputized officers. A map illustrated high number overdose calls along the Wasatch Front. Utah ranks 7<sup>th</sup> worst in nation for opioid overdose. The situation is actually worse than it looks and our DEA counterparts in Washington are beginning to contribute funding to the Utah epidemic. Most government officials and citizens have no idea how serious the problem has become in Utah. The lion share of the problem is along the Wasatch Front and is fueled by 3 things: Utah's voracious appetite for prescription pills, the cartels' multibillion-dollar business, and counterfeit prescription drugs. Mr. Besser made a plea for buy-in from all cities and towns in Utah to fix this problem. Chair Wilson encouraged COG members to work with her, Mayor Dahle, Mayor Silvestrini, and CM Luke to look at new solutions to this problem.

### **9 – Date for November COG meeting**

Chair Wilson confirmed a tentative date of November 29<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 for the November COG meeting which is also the Legislative Review Luncheon. COG members requested that the new leadership of the House and Senate be invited to speak at the luncheon.

### **10 – Other Business**

Wilf Sommerkorn called attention to the flyer that was passed out regarding an event sponsored by Salt Lake County and other organizations addressing parking policy. He encouraged all to attend the lunch seminar event.

The meeting adjourned at 1:42 pm.

### **COG Members Present**

Harris Sondak – Alta	Alan Anderson – West Jordan (for Mayor Riding)
Robert Dahle – Holladay	Dirk Burton – West Jordan
Ben McAdams – Salt Lake County	Jeff Silvestrini – Millcreek
David Watts – Herriman	Jenny Wilson – Salt Lake County
Derk Timothy – Bluffdale	Ron Bigelow – West Valley
Mike Peterson – Cottonwood Heights	Michael Jensen – Salt Lake County
Blair Camp – Murray	Troy Walker – Draper
Kristie Overson - Taylorsville	David Litvack – Salt Lake City (for Mayor Biskupski)
Trent Staggs – Riverton	Dawn Ramsey – South Jordan City
Dan Peay – Magna Township	Kris Nicholl – Sandy City
Charlie Luke – Salt Lake City	Robert Hale – Midvale
Kurt Bradburn – Sandy	

### **Other Participants**

Wilf Sommerkorn  
Jana Ostler  
Helen Peters  
Matt Sibul  
Cameron Diehl  
Rachel Otto  
Brian Besser  
Rob Nielsen

**COG Public Works Committee**  
**Salt Lake County Local Corridor Preservation Fund Recommendations**

**August 2018**

**Public Works Committee Members:**

Mayor Robert Dahle (Holladay), Chair  
Councilmember Michael Jensen (Salt Lake County)  
Mayor Mike Peterson (Cottonwood Heights)  
Mayor Dawn Ramsey (South Jordan)  
Mayor Trent Staggs (Riverton)  
Mayor Derk Timothy (Bluffdale)

**Funding Summary:**

**Funding Requested:** \$2,341,617 (plus \$12,650 requested by Bluffdale because of higher appraisals than amount requested and approved in November 2017 COG Public Works Committee meeting). Total: \$2,354,267.00

**Funding available as of July 31, 2018:** \$2,177,635.55

**Funding Recommended for Approval by COG:**

**Bluffdale:** 1660 West 14600 South (Bills); 1680 West 14600 South (Tolley); \$9,100 (UTA)  
**Total:** \$18,400 + \$12,650 from previous funding in November 2017: \$31,050

**Herriman:** 13100 South 7300 West (Dansie)  
**Total:** \$380,000

**Salt Lake City (Engineering):** 5448 West 700 South (Suburban Land Reserve)  
**Total:** \$611,500

**West Jordan:** 5600 West 8600 South (Peterson Development)  
**Total:** \$666,184

**Total Funding Approved: \$1,688,734.00**

Mayor Peterson made a motion to approve corridor preservation funding. Mayor Ramsey seconded the motion. **Motion Approved.**

**Corridor Preservation Applications Not Funded:**

Bluffdale: 1691 West 14600 South (Mangrum) \$2,484.00

Salt Lake City: 550-600 West 400 South (WRR-Hart) \$333,049.00

West Jordan: 2227 West 7000 South (Allan) \$330,000