

SALT LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

January 7, 2016

2 pm

Salt Lake County Government Center

Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ben McAdams and introductions were made.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Leadership Changes

The new leadership slate for 2016 consisting of Herriman Mayor Carmen Freeman as Chairman, Holladay Mayor Rob Dahle as Vice Chairman and County Council Member Jenny Wilson as Treasurer was proposed. A **MOTION** to approve the slate was made by Mayor Tom Dolan. The **MOTION** was seconded by Mayor Derk Timothy. The vote in favor of the **MOTION** was unanimous.

Mayor McAdams then yielded chairmanship of the meeting to Mayor Freeman as the new Chairman.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Timothy made the **MOTION**, seconded by Mayor Dahle, to approve the minutes of October 1, 2015 as written. The vote in favor was unanimous.

CITIZEN COMMENT

There was none.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

COG Budget Adoption—Councilmember Wilson

Councilmember Wilson introduced the proposed fiscal 2017 budget for the COG to the members. Staff member Sam Klemm explained a few of the line items in the budget and the need for a 5% increase inclusive of all costs. Copies of the budget and the individual assessments were distributed to the members. Mayor McAdams commented that under the new township legislation, the six townships and the new Millcreek City should probably begin to participate as members of COG when their status is recognized in 2017. He also said that the County should continue to participate as the metro government.

Councilmember Wilson called for a motion on the draft budget. Mayor Freeman made the **MOTION** in favor of the proposed budget which was seconded by Mayor Wood. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Discussion on the Future of COG and COM

Mayor Freeman expressed the concern that the mayors are attending two COG type meetings a month. The discussion centered on having one meeting a month while continuing both organizations. Mayor Dolan gave a brief history of how there came to be two organizations. Councilmember Wilson expressed the opinion that the overall community benefits from looking at strategic planning issues together. It was agreed that COG will be held quarterly and COM will be scheduled for the rest of the months with the exception of July. It was also agreed that both COM and COG would continue on their original schedules with COM being on the fourth Thursday of the month and COG being on the first Thursday of the month. Note*--This was changed later to have both meetings on the fourth Thursday with lunch served at 11:30 a.m. and the meeting beginning at Noon. A full schedule for 2016 is attached to this document.

There was also some discussion regarding the content of the meetings. It was felt that COM should return to its original format and intent which was more a discussion forum for the mayors. The COG, on the other hand, will continue to be more structured.

Lastly, Mayor Freeman recommended that COG member Sam Klemm continue as staff for both organizations. The foregoing was agreed to by **MOTION** from Mayor Dolan and seconded by Mayor Johnson. The vote in favor the **MOTION** was unanimous.

COG Committee Assignments Discussion and Vote

Mayor Freeman invited Wasatch Front Regional Council (WFRC) Executive Director Andrew Gruber to address the COG regarding board appointments from COG to WFRC. Director Gruber recognized Mayor Dolan as the current Chairman of WFRC. Mayor Dolan noted that Salt Lake City as the capitol city had always had a representative on the WFRC Board and recommended that that tradition continue. He made a **MOTION** that Mayor Biskupski fill the vacancy created by the departure of Mayor Becker. Mayor Applegarth seconded the motion. The vote in favor was unanimous.

In addition to the vacancy noted above, Director Gruber noted several other vacancies on various WFRC committees including:

- A member on the Economic Development Committee
- Two alternates on the Regional Growth Committee
- An alternate on Air Quality Committee
- A member of the Active Transportation Committee
- An alternate on Trans Com

After some discussion, it was agreed that Mayor Timothy would serve as the alternate to Trans Com, Stewart Clayson would be appointed to the Economic Development Committee, Mayor Alvord would be an alternate to the Air Quality Committee, Mayor Applegarth would be a member of the Active Transportation Committee and Mayors Wood and Biskupski would be alternates to the Regional Growth Committee.

Mayor Seghini made a **MOTION** to approve the above appointments which was seconded by Mayor Applegarth. The **MOTION** passed unanimously.

After discussion, Councilmember Wilson made a **MOTION** that Mayor Biskupski be appointed to the Tourism, Recreation, Cultural and Convention Board. The **MOTION** was seconded by Mayor Applegarth. The vote in favor was unanimous.

A complete list of board appointments is attached to this document.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Chairman Freeman invited Valley Emergency Communications Center (VECC) Director John Morgan to address the COG on the status of the consolidation of emergency dispatch software. Mr. Morgan gave a power point presentation on the issue and noted that the selection committee agreed on two finalist vendors, neither of which are current providers for VECC or Salt Lake City. The two finalists were Tri-Tech and Intergraph. Ultimately, the committee chose Tri-Tech. The committee is currently doing due diligence in the form of background checks and contract negotiations are ongoing.

The new emergency dispatch software will offer considerable advantages over the current systems including new capabilities for mobile data terminals, records management, web access, tracking of units in the field, the ability to hand off dispatch from one center to another, etc.

The selection committee had 600 different specifications, all of which were reviewed by subgroups of the committee.

Sandy City Councilmember Nicholl asked if police and fire commanders have the ability to see where each other's units are located. Answer: This is not normally done although that option is available if desired.

Total implementation time will be 18 to 20 months after a contract is signed.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE—CONTINUED

Legislative Update

Mayor Freeman invited Cameron Diehl from the Utah League of Cities and Towns to update the members of COG on the upcoming legislative session. Mr. Cameron noted that the League is tracking 256 bills that may affect local government including:

Criminal Justice

There are two bills on body worn police cameras. Questions include data retention levels and whether POST should adopt rules for use or they should be written into law by the Legislature.

Indigent Defense

Judges need better training and the Legislature is going to have to come up with more money for a better defense. Mr. Cameron noted that ultimately, indigent defense is a State responsibility.

Public Safety

There will be multiple bills on public safety retirement this session. This may be part of the solution to the problem of police officer recruitment and retention.

There is a consensus bill on wildland fire suppression and the allocation of costs therefrom. The League has worked with the State and city representatives to come up with a bill that all can agree to. The bill will be carried by Senator Vickers.

Land Use

There are already multiple bills attacking local land use authority. One bill would eliminate a city's ability to regulate beekeeping, for example. Also, the Libertas Institute is pushing a constitutional amendment that would pre-empt local zoning laws.

Mr. Cameron also invited the COG members to participate in the Local Official's Day at the Capitol on January 27, 2016.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was a brief discussion as to who could be invited to the Conference of Mayors meetings. It was agreed that the members could bring one senior staff member.

Councilmember Wilson made an announcement of a memorial for former Salt Lake County Commissioner and Councilmember Randy Horiuchi.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Wilson made the **MOTION** to adjourn. Mayor Dolan seconded the **MOTION**. The vote in favor was unanimous.

COG MEMBERS PRESENT

Bluffdale	Mayor Timothy	Sandy	Councilmember Nicholl
South Salt Lake	Mayor Wood	Salt Lake City	Mayor Biskupski
Sandy	Mayor Dolan	S.L. County	Mayor McAdams
South Jordan	Mayor Alvord	S.L. County	Councilmember Wilson
Holladay	Mayor Dahle	Taylorsville	Mayor Johnson
West Jordan	Councilmember Rice	West Valley City	Mayor Bigelow
Riverton	Mayor Applegarth	Herriman	Mayor Freeman
Staff	Sam Klemm		

OTHER PERSONS PRESENT

Andrew Gruber	WFRC	John Hiskey	Sandy City
Lynn Pace	Salt Lake City	Kimi Barnett	County Mayor's Office
John Park	Cottonwood Heights	Carlton Christensen	County Mayor's Office
Cameron Diehl	ULCT	Rita Lund	S.L. County
John Guldner	Alta City	Scott Freitag	S.L.C. 911 Office
John Morgan	VECC	Jan Wells	Murray City
Janet Towers	Murray City	Gary Whatcott	South Jordan City