

## LPC Minutes

Zions Bank Building

6/13/2016

Lynn Pace, Council Member from Holladay City, opened the meeting and welcomed the group. Motion to adopt minutes from last meeting. Motioned, second on the motion and approved by the body.

Ken Bulloch on economic overview program. League is a partner with the Kem C. Gardener Policy Institute of the University of Utah. The League has partnered with them on economic development studies (Robert Spendlove: economist).

Robert Spendlove: Zions Bank economic snapshot passed around for handout.

1<sup>st</sup> slide: What are we dealing with (economic headwinds). –National/international uncertainty, consumer spending/confidence remains low, energy price roller coaster and unstable inflation outlook.

National job growth: recovered 13.5 million jobs after the recession. Monthly job growth is deteriorating. This is the reason feds won't be raising rates. Unemployment rates are dropping (below 5%). Several of these people are underemployed though. Long term unemployment remains high. Why has the unemployment rate dropped below 5% then? People have given up on the labor force, labor force participation rate is the lowest it's been in over 35 years. The job market isn't producing the way it should be. US yearly wage growth slowly going up. Consumption drives growth but the numbers still aren't where they should be. Consumer confidence stalling; growth in consumer spending under par (feds want this number to be at 2%) we are below that level. Inflation remains under target; people start holding back on buying). Oil prices hit lowest point in over a decade (\$26 a barrel). Saudi Arabia (2014) didn't want oil above \$100 so they flooded the market with cheap oil. 2<sup>nd</sup> dip in oil was China based. US total rig count is down 80%. Brexit: Euro compared to US dollar, they can't recover and are still low. They will be voting to leave or stay next week. US dollar compared to Chinese Yuan: Aug 2015 China devalues the yuan by largest amount in 20 years. The Fed is under pressure because of a handful of countries with negative interest rates. Fed funds rate longer run projections are slowly going down.

2<sup>nd</sup> slide: Economic Tailwinds-Utah has a diversified economy, strong population growth in the Intermountain West, job growth among the best in the country, Wasatch Front inflation is strong and consumer confidence is high in Utah.

Utah is doing great and our economy is on fire. Sixth fastest growing in US. Utah population and components of change, we saw 16,000 people move into the state because our economy is strong. We have hot 3 million people. Utah employment growth 4<sup>th</sup> in the nation, total employment at new highs. Utah county is the largest. Utah unemployment is the 9<sup>th</sup> lowest. Utah personal income growth 3<sup>rd</sup> highest. Consumer price index of Utah is below the federal numbers. Utah median home sale price reaching pre-recession highs. Foreclosures are below fed levels. Strong growth in multifamily construction and single family construction. Utah value of new construction is increasing-we might be overbuilding (too spendy).

Mike Mower and Abbie Albrecht: 2013 Gov. launched business friendly community (30 cities) and we are doing it again and hoping for even more cities to participate. The League will announce the winners at our Annual Conference in September. There is a process to become one of these cities (surveys, etc.) and the SLC Chamber will take care of promoting the cities who go through this process. Ask business what regulations are needed or are working for you. Mike Mower talked about his kids shaved ice shack his family bought and owning a small business in Utah. It's good to do these regulations to make it easier for small businesses. Online forms have made things easier and business friendly. Utah took top spot as the most business friendly state. Local businesses give the best responses for making better regulations and making those regulations fair.

Homelessness update with Kane Loader of Midvale: homeless shelter there since 1998, made into a temporary shelter. By 2005 families could use the shelter, not just single men (this caused problems). Midvale built a new shelter for families only and opened as a full time shelter. The city believes the shelter is in the wrong location. Midvale talked to a handful of legislators to discuss what could be done. Midvale requested a police officer at the shelter, they agreed to fund the officer, Midvale also got funding to rebuild the road going to the shelter. The shelter houses kids from all over the county, 19 buses a day to take them to different schools. Midvale also talked to the legislators about programming funding: new playground, resource officer and programs for the kids. Midvale wants a safe place for these families. Road Home and Midvale meet on a monthly basis; Road Home is a great partner for them. Midvale is in a good spot right now, as long as we all continue to work together.

Cameron Diehl with the League: collaboration with state and local government is very important. Recap of session and the bills that effected cities and towns. Leg book overview, this is found on ulct.org. The wrap up books for the last 15 years are online also.

Indigent Defense Comm. with Roger Tew: Ryan Loose of South Jordan and Nicole Cottle of West Valley have been called to the commission. The goal is to find what's there with the study, what is the work load really at, etc. There are issues, it's just learning what those issues are. Utah is the only state where it is entirely up to local government.

Cameron Diehl: Legislative Interim: no front runner in bills for us. Drones discussion, government immunity discussion, group homes, homelessness, justice courts, justice reinvestment initiative, line of duty benefits (health insurance for spouse-thanks to Barry Edwards of NSL for his help), dated this back to 2005 for officers fallen in the line of duty, medicinal marijuana, outside employment for police officers, short term rentals, special service districts, Utah Communications Authority, water conservation and water infrastructure.

Jodi with the League: LUTF is dealing with impact fees act. Meeting with drafting team every Monday, group of up to 8 people. Talking about stricter requirements visions in LUDMA and how to embrace rules of interpretation what common laws require of us. Make certain the rules are clear, burden on us to get the codes clear. LUTF will only meet about 3 times this summer. Listed those working with LUTF and LUDMA (the warriors). Preserve Land Use Authority if we tighten ourselves up.

Cameron Diehl: Wildland Fire bill. The bill that passed won't apply until January 2017, preparations this summer for January. Utah County issue (Provo and Orem): BRT (bus rapid transit) UTA ran, Orem and Provo residents don't agree with it and started collecting signatures to curb the decision made by the councils. The council has tried to educate what these signatures would mean. They can only educate, not advocate. Is it a valid proposition when the signatures application is filed or when the signatures are certified then filed (county, cities and signature providers)? The League will assist these cities in appealing this. Municipal Clerks Association brought this to our attention: any change to muni government those conversations start with us. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> class cities, your city recorder must be reappointed every 2 years by the Mayor. The concerns raised are many clerks have been caught between the council and mayor with political casualties. The proposal is that would go away, a mayor can fire a recorder/clerk at any time, that won't change. We will bring back the language. Sub groups for short term rentals (20 cities) and election code (clerks muni code and It. gov.). August 15<sup>th</sup> next LPC. If you have resolutions to bring to us before Annual conference please do that now.

Motion to adjourn and second to motion, meeting adjourned.