

**UTAH LEAGUE OF CITIES & TOWNS
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
ZIONS BANK, CAPITOL VIEW ROOM 18th Floor
100 South Main
Salt Lake City, Utah 84041
Monday, January 12, 2015
1:30pm**

CONDUCTING: Mayor John Curtis

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Kenneth Bullock	Executive Director
David Church	General Council
Cameron Diehl	Director of Legislative Affairs
Jodi Hoffman	Land Use Analyst
Nick Jarvis	Dir. of Research & Technology
Brandon Smith	Legislative Research Analyst

Doug McDonald
Krysten Olson
Michelle Reilly

Meg Ryan
Roger Tew
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Introduction of new Board Members & Staff

President, Mayor John Curtis asked that we go around the table and introduce ourselves with a little more than just name and title for those who are new to the board.

Review & Approval of Minutes of September 9, 2014

Second Vice President, Mayor Steve Hiatt motioned to approve the minutes of September 9, 2014. Board Member, Mayor Dave Sakrison seconded the motion. All voting aye

Motion passed

Minutes approved

December Financial Statement

Treasurer, Mayor JoAnn Seghini reviewed the financial report membership dues, stating that 8 cities are outstanding dues for a total of \$2467.56. Mayor Seghini asked if staff has been in contact with these cities. Michelle Reilly replied that notices were sent out last week and they have tried to contact them with no answer. Many of these cities are not full time offices, making it difficult to reach only an answering machine and some do not have email. Mayor Seghini reviewed the remainder of the financial report. (see attached) Board Member Eyre asked about the sponsorship from Zions Bank and what the League contributes. Michelle Reilly explained that Zions Bank donates a very generous amount for entertainment at the League Conference, but it doesn't cover the full budget for our consultants and honorariums. It is about 50% of what we budget for speakers and honorariums. Board Member Eyre asked about the UTOPIA amount in the budget. Michelle Reilly explained that is a donation from UTOPIA to the League therefore it is revenue.

Treasurer, Mayor Seghini moved to approve the budget report. Board Member Margie Anderson seconded the motion. All voting aye.

Motion passed.

Treasurer, Mayor Seghini thanked Michelle Reilly for being so good at what she does for the League

Transportation Discussion/Update on Resolution Status

League Staff Member, Cameron Diehl reviewed the status of the Resolution for Transportation. We have a proposal from House Leadership, a concept from Senate Leadership, the Governor's Office who is deferring to the Legislative Branch, fellow Organizations, and the League proposal. The two big issues, who are going to impose a local option if there is a local option and how will that local option, going to be allocated between cities, counties, and transit districts. In the case of St George, Park City, Vernal, Logan, and the cities that have Transit Entities and how are they addressed in that local option. The second issue is the Motor Fuel Tax and is there going to be an increase in the Motor Fuel Tax. Ken Bullock is not here currently because he is meeting with Senate Adams at the Capitol about what that allocation formula can look like and what the senate is considering. We are trying to make sure that you as the Board are aware of every development that is happening so that you in turn can give League Staff your priorities as we get into the session.

First Vice President, Council Member, Lynn Pace stated that the League has driven this transportation bill and we owe a great deal to the League staff for pushing the dialogue forward. Convinced that everyone out there is talking about not if, but how. Sensitive issues we will need to deal with are one, the difference between the gas tax and the local option is the flexibility. If it is a fuel tax so, constitutionally, it is limited to the roads. If it is a local option sales tax it can be used for roads, trails, transit, etc. The proposal we are voting on is the one passed in September and that is the one the staff is promoting. The Leagues proposal was promoting maximum dollar amount with maximum control. A quarter percent for cities imposed by cities. The dialogue out there is, are we going to get the total amount and is it going to be controlled by cities or is it going to be controlled by counties. The question is where and what are we willing to compromise. Where will the money come from and how will it be distributed. If any of the groups Cameron discussed get hardened in their decision we risk losing it all. The question from strategic point of view, is when do we compromise and on what elements. Once the session starts, we will need to give direction to staff if they come back to the LPC, League Board, or both. Staff is very sensitive in moving forward without the direction of the League Board, LPC, or both.

Roger Tew, League Staff raised one aspect to put into perspective that there is a tenancy sometimes to talk about this as one big pot of money and you can just divide it up and we must at least understand the state constitutional limitations before we ignore them. There is this reality that the legislature authorizes tax increases. The decision to impose a tax or trigger it is the State, County, or City. The entity that imposes it owns the money. We do not allow vertical revenue sharing in this state. Roger explained how this is used because he is worried about what needs to be discussed.

President, Mayor John Curtis stated that with this being said he is worried that the county could unduly influence the use of funds.

Cameron Diehl, League Staff suggested that they are reviewing all the possibilities to see what is fair for all involved and that it is safe guarded for those that need it to be.

Compensation Committee

President, Mayor John Curtis stated that in our last board meeting we voted to put together a compensation committee. Board Member, Council Member Steve Fairbanks was asked to be the Chairman of this committee and he is no longer on the board, but will continue as the Chairman. There has been a discussion about the outside activities of the staff and the desire to have them dedicate more of their time to the League issues. President, Mayor John Curtis stated that we want our staff to be paid fairly and that is the reason for this committee and the research. Part of the compensation in the past was for them to bring in income from other sources. We need to look at this and if we want them to continue this or are we willing to compensate them so they are not doing this. Michelle Reilly, stated that she has met with Council Member Steve Fairbanks, and he has given her a level of research that she will bring to the committee about positions in other cities and other organizations with comparable job descriptions/duties. It was also suggested looking at compensation from other states similar to Utah. The staff is in the process of compiling a list of salaries for each position and has requested that information.

Other Legislative Items

President, Mayor John Curtis asked if there are other Legislative items not listed on the handout. (see attached) Legislation begins

Staff Projects

Susan Wood, League Staff stated that they are working on a 15 minute documentary that you will see at Local Officials Day about transportation. It will discuss that funding transportation will bring certain elements that will change our lives, not only roads, sidewalks, trails, but air quality, economic development, and health. There will also be a 3 minute version for you to take to your cities, legislators, and contingents

Nick Jarvis, League Staff discussed Research & Technology. You've all seen early versions of the 1,000 points of data that we will be presenting at Local Officials Day. We are also sending out surveys and asking City Managers and Public Works Directors what your top five items would be if you were allocated money with the Transportation Funding. Utah Benchmarking project is another research project we have been working on. The U of U is doing most of the data collection. The League will be putting together a cluster analysis by city and groups. Putting together the Fiscal Conditions Survey as in the past. Updating database with the major research with the Transportation Funding because of new laws. Updating computer and server systems and should happen in next few months. Working with Utah State on Video Conferencing for our meetings. 1st Vice President, Council Member Lynn Pace stated that on Video Conferencing he thinks a great idea and would like to get feedback from those using it today what worked and what didn't. If it works he would like to see it expanded. Cameron Diehl, League Staff stated that this was a success and happy to see it happening. Working on expanding with Neil Abercrombie at Utah State for meetings, training, and conferences.

President, Mayor John Curtis would like to see as this matures more ability for us here to see the audience that is out there, a board that shows comments or who is online. David Church, League Staff asked if there anyway for those at these places can login and see. Board Member, Gary Gygi asked that last year during LPC Legislative Sessions, sponsors of bills attended to make presentations and we voted with them in the rooms. In both cases it seemed that the vote was influence by the presence of the Legislator or we offended that Legislator. It was suggested after the meeting that we have an anonymous vote electronically or do not take a vote with Legislator in the room. Mob mentality was discussed and who is entitled to vote in LPC. Staff will be working on this.

Meg Ryan, League Staff reviewed Land Use items. Has been out to Harrisville, Brigham City, and Monroe because working on the Land Use Academy of Utah Website. Has a grant to do this and developing the frame work currently.

Ken Bullock, League Staff stated that he just returned from a meeting with Senator Adams. What are the Transportation needs and what are we doing. The UTA wants a piece of the transportation tax. We need to ask what is it we are looking for will need to be asked as a Board. What are the commitments from the communities? He asked the League wants to help shape the bill or if we want to take what we get.

Local Officials Day at the Legislature

Cameron Diehl, League Staff stated that the City Youth Council's will be debating a bill concerning a citizenship civics test before graduating from High School. Local Official Day is scheduled for January 28, 2015. Expecting 1000 people in attendance.

Other Business

Cameron Diehl, League Staff stated that Midyear Conference is April 8th – 10th in St George

Immediate Past President, Council Member Caitlin Gochnour stated the real importance of having the compensation committee is to make sure we have our staff focused on League issues and not other outside issues. The Legislators are concerned if staff coming to talk about the League or something else. The staff hasn't had good raises.

President, Mayor John Curtis stated the League has an issue but can't give too much information but some without exposing the information. This was brought to his attention three weeks ago. We were being invoiced by an organization that was demanding money. Compliments to staff who has handled this well after meeting with Legislators, Attorneys, and Executive Committee. We have outside Council and we are following their advice. 1st Vice President concurred with President, Mayor John Curtis.

Immediate Past President Caitlin Gochnour moved to adjourn. Board Member Margie Anderson seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 4:53pm

Chairman

Secretary

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