

**MINUTES OF THE UTAH LEAGUE OF CITIES & TOWNS**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
ZIONS BANK BUILDING, CAPITOL VIEW ROOM (18<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR)  
1 SOUTH MAIN STREET, SALT LAKE CITY, UT 84133  
**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2016**  
**4:00 PM**

**CONDUCTING:** ULCT Board of Directors President, Council Member Lynn Pace, Holladay.

**EXECUTIVE BOARD**

Council Member Lynn Pace, President, City of Holladay  
Mayor Steve Hiatt, 1st Vice President, Kaysville  
Council Member Beth Holbrook, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Bountiful  
Mayor JoAnn Seghini, Treasurer, Midvale  
Mayor John Curtis, Immediate Past President, Provo

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Council Member Margie Anderson, Ephraim City  
Mayor Dean Baker, Naples  
Council Member Andy Beerman, Park City  
Mayor Bryan Cox, Hyde Park City  
Mayor Ted Eyre, Murray City  
Mayor Carmen Freeman, Herriman  
Mayor Jon Pike, City of St. George  
Mayor Dave Sakrison, Moab

**EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS**

JJ Allen, Clearfield, UCMA  
David Church, Legal Counsel  
Leigh Ann Warnock, UMCA

**ULCT STAFF**

Kenneth Bullock, Executive Director  
Cameron Diehl, Director of Legislative Affairs  
Susan Wood, Director of Communications and Training  
Brandon Smith, Legislative Research Analyst  
Meg Ryan, Planning Consultant  
Nick Jarvis, Director of Research and Technology  
Krysten Olson, Executive Assistant  
Roger Tew, Senior Policy Analyst  
Jodi Hoffman, Land Use Attorney

## **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

President Lynn Pace opened the meeting at 4:15 p.m. and called for introductions of those present.

## **REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Board reviewed the minutes of the June 24, 2016 ULCT Board Meeting.

*Board Member Ted Eyre moved to approve the minutes of the June 24, 2016 ULCT Board Meeting. Board Member Carmen Freeman seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.*

## **CONFERENCE UPDATE**

It was reported by Susan Wood that there will be 100 presenters at the conference. All of the conveners are in place except three. There will be three mobile tours offered this year, the Eccles Theater tour, a green bike tour through downtown and a Public Safety instructional tour.

Krysten Olson commented there is an Auxiliary Program on the back of the at-a-glance agenda. There will be a spouse program, and she is excited about the homeless shelter kits. Women, baby and children's items are needed. Abby Cox will also be speaking about her experiences and will be collecting books for the shelter. Smith's has made a substantial donation that will cover most of this program.

Nick Jarvis reviewed the new conference app. The at-a-glance is all the paper that will be printed this year. He recommended everyone download the app and set up their schedules in advance. He pointed out there is a feature allowing attendees to rate the workshops. The app will include board materials, and there are links available. This is the first year an app has been used for the conference. The League is seeking feedback from the Board for future development.

Beth Holbrook is chairing the Nominations Committee and will be hosting interviews for new Board members. A number of board members whose terms have expired have applied. There are a lot of candidates this year. There is still a need for representation from Board areas 1 and 7. The nominations committee is in place.

During the Business Meeting the gas tax will be reviewed, and the gubernatorial debate has been canceled due to scheduling conflicts with the Governor despite considerable notice. Feedback has been solicited from both candidates and there will be a handout available reflecting their views. The State Auditor will speak and provide a legislative review of what to expect outside of the gas tax issue.

Lynn Pace extended thanks to those who will be leaving the Board at this time.

## **BOARD REVIEW AND CONFIRMATION OF ULCT APPOINTMENTS**

President Lynn Pace reminded the Board that things have been restructured so that Ken Bullock and staff will make appointments and come back to the Board for approval. Some are recurring appointments,

## **REPORT FROM EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

President Lynn Pace reported that the Bylaws Committee is authorized to troubleshoot or deal with things that come up between Board meetings. At the June meeting an expenditure for an additional audit was authorized. Staff have been exploring that process and talking to an outside source. That process has not yet been completed, but there was concern about whether League policies were adequate to provide guidance and protection.

Mayor Hiatt, who will be the President after this conference, has scheduled a Board Meeting for October and there will be more information regarding this issue at that time.

## **LONG TERM GOALS & PRIORITIES**

President Lynn Pace wanted to talk about long term goals and priorities before moving on to Past President. He feels the responsibility of the Board is to set a long term vision and shared with the Board where he thinks things are at this point.

1. It has been a long-standing policy that there will be no change in the sales tax distribution formula unless there is new revenue.
2. It is a long-term priority to expand the sales tax base to include sales on the internet. We will do whatever we can in that direction.
3. A flat sales tax long term doesn't work for local government. We need to articulate that those are long term agenda topics we intend to pursue.

Lynn hopes the League will continue the dialogue on those three issues and asked the Board if there were any others. Mayor Jon Pike mentioned perhaps another tax related one could be the restaurant and hotel/motel transient room tax and the portion that goes to local government. Ken Bullock feels it is something that needs to be done but will happen more in the future. It will take time to collect all the data required to really make a difference

Short term rentals were also mentioned as a long-term goal. They could impact local government financially and what can and can't be regulated.

## **OVERVIEW OF LEGISLATIVE ISSUES**

Cameron Diehl reported the short-term rental issue will be a continued discussion. There has been more and more erosion at the local level. We will be talking about the development of land use of the last several years in the Business meeting. He stressed the need to preserve local responsibility and authority. A workshop will offered on that topic Friday after the Business session.

There will be other non-gas tax issues ranging from government immunity to government regulation of drones. There are also several smaller issues that have taken a back seat to the gas tax that will be coming up in the Business Session.

Jodi Hoffman commented on impact fees. There are no restrictions on how that money was spent. Ken Bullock commented we will see a lot more pressure on cities keeping land use ordinances current with state law. Meg Ryan creates many training opportunities for cities to facilitate proper planning. The State is giving citizens more opportunity to question why cities are not current on their ordinances and why they are not following state law.

Roger Tew commented the issue of justice courts is always present. There will be a panel of justice court judges to talk to elected officials about the role of justice courts in the Cities on Friday.

## **ULCT STAFF UPDATE AND FINANCIAL UPDATE**

Ken Bullock reported Michelle Reilly has retired from the League due to health issues. Because of this, things have fallen behind, but staff is working to make sure all policies are current and clear and precise and will continue to work on that. The State Auditor has been brought up to speed and typically the audit is completed by this time, but it is not required until January. Staff will be working with him to proceed.

Board Member Freeman asked about the membership dues collection that has been a topic of discussion in the past. It was reported under \$2,000 for membership has not been paid. There are only 3-4 cities that have not paid, not including Syracuse who is not going to continue membership.

A Board Meeting has been set for October 7<sup>th</sup> in order to follow up promptly to get policies in order for the annual audit.

## **METRO TOWNSHIPS & LEAGUE MEMBERSHIP**

David Church, Legal Counsel for the League, reported legislature has created metro townships in the municipal code. They are similar to cities, but not quite cities. The new townships created are Copperton, Kearns, Magna, White City, and Immigration Canyon. They have limited powers but will have elected officials and will be made part of municipal and county code. It is a topic of discussion as to whether metro townships be allowed to join the ULCT as members, and if so, in what capacity would they participate? Ken Bullock commented the issue puts the League in an awkward position. They are included in title 10 and where is our responsibility to help them?

Perhaps they could be members but not officers, etc. The Counties will not be subsidizing as they once were. The anticipation of the Counties is that they will quickly turn into towns or cities.

It was decided to give them a chance to elect their officials before a decision is made by the League. Because of the way they are structured, the majority of decisions will be made by County officials. The League would like to encourage them to become full-fledged towns and cities rather than a hybrid.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

Board Member Beerman commented he would like to address two matters. 1) He thanked the Board and those leaving the Board for their service and specifically thanked Lynn Pace for his service. 2) He announced that within the last 48 hours, two middle schoolers in Park City have died, likely due to a new synthetic drug called "Pink." He encouraged each Board Member to keep an eye on their communities. Apparently this was a bad batch, but the drug is so new it is not a banned substance yet. It has been coming by mail from Asia and is an opiate which stops respiratory systems.

Margie Anderson commented she has never seen a small staff like the ULCT staff accomplish so much. She expressed her appreciation for what they do.

## **ADJOURN**

*There being no further discussion, Board Member Curtis moved the meeting adjourn. The motion was seconded by Board Member Freeman. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.*