

**UTAH LEAGUE OF CITIES & TOWNS
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
50 SOUTH 600 EAST, SUITE 150, SALT LAKE CITY, UT 84102 & VIA ZOOM
MONDAY, JANUARY 7, 2019 @ 9:00 AM**

CONDUCTING: ULCT Board of Directors President, Mayor Jon Pike, St. George

EXECUTIVE BOARD

**Mayor Jon Pike, President, St. George
Council Member Mike Mendenhall, 1st Vice President, Spanish Fork
Mayor Mike Caldwell, 2nd Vice President, Ogden City
Council Member Beth Holbrook, Past President, Bountiful**

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**Mayor, Michelle Kaufusi, Provo
City Council, Dustin White, Roosevelt
Mayor, Dawn Ramsey, South Jordan
Council Member Don Christensen, West Valley
Mayor Andy Beerman, Park City
Council Member Jewel Allen, Grantsville
Council Member Damon Cann, North Logan
Council Member Richard Barnett, Richfield
Council Member Erin Mendenhall, SLC
Council Member Brett Graham, Holladay
Mayor John Christensen, Mayfield Town
Mayor Jim Talbot, Farmington
City Manager, City Managers Association Rep, Gary Hill, Bountiful
Mayor, Jeff Silvestrini, Millcreek
Mayor, Len Arave, North Salt Lake
Mayor, Emily Niehaus, Moab
Council Member, Nicole Martin, Herriman
Mayor, Maile Wilson Edwards, Cedar City**

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS

**ULCT Legal Counsel, David Church
City Recorder, S. Annette Spendlove, UMCA**

ULCT STAFF

**Cameron Diehl, Executive Director
Rachel Otto, Director of Government Relations
Nick Jarvis, Chief Operating Officer
Roger Tew, Senior Policy Analyst
Meg Ryan, Manager – Land Use Academy of Utah
Brandon Sith, Legislative Research Analyst
Susan Wood, Director of Communications and Training
Karson Eilers, Legislative Research Analyst
Abby Bolic, Operations Coordinator**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jon Pike, via Zoom, at 9:09 am.

Conflict of Interest Disclosure – Mayor Jon Pike, ULCT President 9:05 AM

ACTION: Disclosure of any potential conflict of interest with agenda items

HANDOUT: None

There weren't any Conflict of interest disclosed.

Mayor Pike reflected for a moment on the loss of Provo's Officer Shinner. Mayor Kaufusi voiced his appreciation for the reflection as well as the offers of condolences.

Mr. Diehl reviewed a number of housekeeping items. He reported since the last meeting, the AV issues have been resolved.

The Staff have spent several hours discussing communication improvements. The ideas will be discussed later in the meeting.

He reported a meeting with President Adams Speaker Wilson and the rest of the House Team on Wednesday, January 23, after 1 pm.

Mr. Diehl also spoke about an article in Sunday's Tribune. He reported a Representative of Ivory Homes discussed how to deal with grown. He encouraged all to read the article.

ULCT Board & Commission Reports & Appointments – Mayor Jon Pike, ULCT President 9:08 AM

ACTION: Receive reports from ULCT representatives to Boards & Commissions

HANDOUT: None

Mr. Diehl reported Brandon Smith is no longer with the League. He has taken employment elsewhere.

Review & Approval of Check Registers – Nick Jarvis, Chief Operating Officer 9:10 AM

ACTION: Review & Approval of November Check Register

HANDOUTS: November 2018 Check Register (Attachment "A")

Mr. Jarvis reviewed the November check register. He indicated there were 9 voided checks which correlated with a number of checks being returned. He reported the payment checks were issued without sufficient fund being available in this particular account. The sufficient amount of money was transferred from the PTIF account to cover the draft charges as well. Mr. Jarvis has now been included on the contact list at the bank so he will be contacted if there is ever an issue.

Mr. White moved to approve the Check Register. Mr. Silvestrini seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Annual Convention Recommendation – Cameron Diehl, Executive Director 9:20 AM

ACTION: Review and approval of Annual Convention location and date

HANDOUT: Memo on Annual Convention (See attachment "B")

A discussion was held as to moving the 2020 Annual Convention to the Salt Palace. It was the consensus of those participating that this would be a good idea. Mr. Diehl indicated the headquarter hotel would be Radisson with the Plaza Hotel being the overflow hotel. He also indicated the hotel costs were comparable to the room rates of the Sheraton as well as sufficient rooms would be block for the event.

Mr. Beerman moved to approve the Annual Convention recommendation. Mr. Barnett seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Local Officials' Day at the Legislature – Susan Wood, Director of Communications 9:35 AM

ACTION: For information only

HANDOUT: Local Officials' Day Tentative Agenda (see attachment "C")

Ms. Wood reported that hands down the very best speakers are scheduled for the Local Officials Day Event. She reported the cost of the event is comparable to past events. The registration fee will allow the youth council attendees a free admission to the 2019 Tech Summit at the Salt Palace beginning January 31st.

The event format will be changed to include breakout sessions which will be held at the Capital. It was also mentioned Governor Herbert is making time to attend although the State of the Utah Address is that evening.

ULCT Communication Plan & Update – Cameron Diehl, Executive Director & Susan Wood, Director of Communications 9:50 AM

- Board to Members
- ULCT Advocacy & Outreach

ACTION: For information & feedback

HANDOUT: Myth Busters Video

Mayor Jenney Rees Video

Mr. Diehl reported they at ULCT is working on providing better communication. It was proposed by Ms. Wood that each board member submit an article with regard to certain subjects. These articles would in turn be to the membership. Ms. Mendenhall will submit the first article pertaining to preparing for the future.

Those in attendance indicated they had watched the informational video made by Mayor Jenny Rees. It was suggested having each mayor make a 1-minute video outlining what is going on in their city's or towns. The hope is to have all video's collected and ready for review before the legislative session begins. Ms. Wood will be spearheaded this project.

Amicus Brief Subgroup – Cameron Diehl, Executive Director 10:15 AM

ACTION: Review and approval of subgroup process

HANDOUT: Memo on Amicus Brief Subgroup Process (see attachment "D")

Mr. Diehl reported he had reviewed the services offer by other leagues throughout the states. Some leagues offer amicus briefs to provide advocacy at the judicial level.

Those attending were in favor or developing an Amicus subgroup, which would include Mr. Diehl, David Church, Rachel Otto, and Mr. Tew who are all attorneys. It was suggested Mr. Silvestrini, Ms. Wilson-Edwards, and Mr. John Christensen serve on the subgroup also. Each amicus request will be considered individually and must have a 66% or greater support of the subgroup in order to approve the request.

Mr. Silvestrini voiced his support of the Amicus subgroup. Mr. Tew reminded everyone that the League will not be the attorneys representing the City's/Towns making the request.

Mr. Church suggest those requesting the support of the League should be prepared to bear the cost.

Mr. Bailey moved to approve the memo suggestions. Mr. Marshall seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Key Legislative Issues – Rachel Otto, Director of Government Relations & Cameron Diehl, Executive Director 10:25 AM

- Referendum
- Sales Tax
- Others

ACTION: For information & feedback

HANDOUT: Memo on Referendum (see attachment “E”)

Mr. Diehl reported 4 audiences that need to be considered when discussing initiatives and referendums.

- General public
- The Property Rights Coalition
- The Utah State Legislature
- ULCT Membership as a whole

During the discussion it was suggested making the process clearer while not making the process stricter. A lengthy discussion was held with regard to HB225 introduced last Legislative Session. Those in attendance were in agreement to introduce similar language this session. It was reiterated that the goal is to clarify and make the process user friendly.

Mr. Diehl talked about the sales tax split. He indicated there were some who would like the 50/50 split changed to 100%. Mr. Bradshaw reported if the \$73 million dollar's available in 2017 were to shift, 22% of the impacted cities would have been in rural Utah. The overall statistics are available to those who would like to review them but those reviewing them were asked to keep the confidential.

Mr. Tew indicated there would be ‘winners and losers’ in a shift unless additional money is available. A change in the formula would be devastating to some.

Closed Session (if needed) As per Utah Code 52-4-205 11:00 AM

ACTION: Vote required to enter closed session (as per Utah Code 52-4-204)

HANDOUT: None

There wasn't a need to hold a closed session.

Other Business

ACTION: For Information Only

HANDOUT: None

There wasn't any other business to discuss.

Adjourn

At 11:10 am Ms. Kaufusi moved to adjourn. Ms. Wilson-Edwards Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.