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**MINUTES**  
**Wasatch Front Regional Council**  
January 25, 2024

WFRC Council meeting was held at WFRC Offices, 41 N Rio Grande Street, Salt Lake City and via Zoom. The following were present:

<b>WFRC COUNCIL MEMBERS - 2024</b>		
<b>BOX ELDER COUNTY</b>	<b>Yes/No</b>	<b>Alternates / Others in attendance:</b>
Member - Lee Perry	yes	Monica Zoltanski, Sandy City Mayor
Alternate - Dennis Bott	no	Natalie Hall, Bluffdale Mayor
<b>DAVIS COUNTY MEMBERS</b>		Michelle Larsen, UTA
Brandon Stanger	yes	Shule Bishop, UTA
Mark Shepherd	yes	Dina Blaes, SLCo
Joy Petro	yes	Emily Paskett, SLC
Bob Stevenson	yes	Heather McLaughlin-Kolb, SLC
<b>MORGAN COUNTY</b>		Ken Phippen, Farr West Mayor
Member - Mike Newton	yes	Braden Mitchell, Riverdale Mayor
Alternate - Robert McConnell	no	Bret Millburn, Draper City
<b>SALT LAKE COUNTY MEMBERS</b>		Tamara Tran, Kaysville Mayor
Jenny Wilson	no	Eric Barney, Magna Mayor
Erin Mendenhall	no	Lorin Palmer, Herriman Mayor
Dawn Ramsey	yes	Mike Weichers, Cottonwood Heights Mayor
Aimee Winder Newton	yes	Howard Madsen, Sunset Mayor
Jeff Silvestrini	yes	Blaine Fackrell, Morgan County
Robert Dahle	yes	Dan Dugan, Salt Lake City Council
Dirk Burton	yes	Karen Lang, West Valley City Mayor
Kristie Overson	yes	Sheri Bingham, Hooper Mayor
<b>TOOELE COUNTY</b>		Ivan Marrero, FHWA
Member - Scott Wardle	yes	Rex Harris, FHWA
Alternate - Debbie Winn	yes	Andrew Roberts, Salt Lake County
<b>WEBER COUNTY MEMBERS</b>		Nando Meli, Stockton Town Mayor
Gage Froerer	yes	Alexander Johnson, Congressman Owens
Jim Harvey	yes	Jon Larsen, SLC Transportation
Robert Dandoy	yes	Bryce Bird, UDAQ
Ben Nadolski	yes	Nick Norris, SLC Planning
<b>UDOT &amp; UTA</b>		Elden Bingham, citizen
Member - Carlos Bracerias, UDOT	no	<b>WFRC:</b> Andrew Gruber, Miranda Jones Cox,
Alternate - Ben Huot, UDOT	yes	Ted Knowlton, Nate Currey, Kevrine Wells,
Member - Carlton Christensen, UTA Board of Trustees	yes	Tim Watkins, Kip Billings, Madison Aviles,
Alternate - Beth Holbrook, UTA Board of Trustees	yes	Christy Dahlberg, Marian Florence, Matt Ryan,
<b>NON-VOTING MEMBERS</b>		Julie Bjornstad, Wayne Bennion, Ben Wuthrich,
Lorene Kamalu - Utah Association of Counties	yes	Lauren Victor, Hugh Van Wagenen, Byron Head,
Troy Walker - Utah League of Cities and Towns	no	Marcia White, Megan Townsend, Jory Johner,
Ari Bruening - Envision Utah	yes	Chay Mosqueda, Bill Hereth, Bert Granberg,
Wayne Harper - State Senate	no	Sarah Lawless, Chris Day, Josh Reynolds,
Calvin Mussleman - State House of Representatives	no	Rosie Hernandez, Jordon Chandler, Suzie Swim,
Laura Hanson – State Planning Coordinator	yes	Andrea Pearson

**1. Welcome and Consent Agenda [00:00:07]**

At 1:37pm, Council Chair Mayor Dawn Ramsey welcomed the Wasatch Front Regional Council members and guests. Introductions were made around the table, and online via roll call. [00:04:42] Mayor Ben Nadolski was welcomed as a new member to the Council and he introduced himself.

**[00:05:43] ACTION:** Mayor Ramsey brought attention to the first item on the agenda - the minutes of the October 26, 2023 meeting and Financial statements and check registers for September, October, and November 2023 and Budget/Expenditure Report to date. Commissioner Bob Stevenson made a motion to approve all the documents as presented and Councilmember Dan Dugan seconded the motion. The minutes and financial statements were approved unanimously.

**2. Chair Report [00:06:36]**

**a. ACTION: Endorse appointments to WFRC Council and Committees**

Mayor Ramsey, as the WFRC Chair, presented the appointments of WFRC Members to the Regional Growth Committee (RGC), Transportation Coordinating Committee (Trans Com), WFRC Budget Committee, Active Transportation Committee (ATC), Wasatch Front Economic Development District (WFEDD) and Joint Policy Advisory Committee (JPAC). Appointments to WFRC and its Committees are also made by the County Councils of Governments (COGs) and other appointing authorities that partner with WFRC. **ACTION: [00:09:30]** Mayor Jeff Silvestrini made a motion that the members of the Council endorse the appointments to WFRC Council and other Committees as listed. Commissioner Jim Harvey seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

**b. Legislative session report and endorse positions on legislation [00:11:20]**

Mayor Ramsey introduced Miranda Jones Cox, WFRC, who explained the legislation that is pertinent to the region. WFRC members can keep themselves apprised of notable legislation by subscribing to WFRC's [Government Affairs](#) emails which are frequently distributed during the session. Members may also reference WFRC's [bill tracker](#), found on WFRC's website, and/or provide input on these pieces of legislation by attending our weekly policy meetings on Thursday mornings at 8 AM at the Utah State Capitol building. **ACTION: [00:39:44]** Mayor Ramsey asked for a motion to endorse the recommended positions as presented. Commissioner Bob Stevenson made a motion and Mayor Mark Shepherd seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

**3. Public Comment [00:40:57]**

Mayor Ramsey opened the meeting for public comment. There was no public comment.

**4. Transportation Coordinating Committee (Trans Com) [00:41:31]**

Mayor Mark Shepherd, Trans Com Chair, introduced Ben Wuthrich, WFRC, who discussed modifications requested for the TIP.

**a. Board Modifications to the 2024-2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**

Mr. Wuthrich stated that since the last meeting of the Wasatch Front Regional Council (WFRC), WFRC received requests to modify the current 2024-2029 TIP. The modification required action from Trans Com (since WFRC was not meeting) and the Utah Transportation Commission but did not require a new air quality conformity analysis or a 30-day public comment period. The modification is attached to the approved resolution.

**b. ACTION: Board Modifications to the 2024-2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**

**[00:43:30]** Mr Wuthrich continued his report by briefly describing the modification requests to the current 2024-2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), that have been received since the last meeting of Wasatch Front Regional Council. **[01:04:48] ACTION:** Mayor Shepherd made a motion to approve the modifications as discussed. Mayor Jeff Silvestrini seconded the motion and the affirmative vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

**5. Regional Growth Committee (RGC) [01:05:16]**

**a. Station Area Plan Certification Request: 13 Stations in downtown Salt Lake City**

Mayor Ramsey directed the meeting to Mayor Bob Dandoy, Chair of RGC, for an update on RGC. Mayor Dandoy stated that there were important guiding principles and goals discussed in the RGC meeting held last week that will assist us in planning for the future of our region. Mayor Dandoy then introduced Megan Townsend, the Community and Economic Development Director at WFRC. Ms. Townsend gave an overview of the Station Area Plan Technical Assistance that is available, as well

as the requirements under House Bill 462 from 2022. She then explained that downtown Salt Lake City is looking to certify 13 stations:

900 South	Planetarium
600 South	Old Greek Town
Courthouse	Salt Lake Central TRAX
Gallivan Plaza	Salt Lake Central FrontRunner
City Center	North Temple Bridge/Guadeloupe TRAX
Temple Square	North Temple FrontRunner
Arena	

Nick Norris, Salt Lake City Planner Director, highlighted key points for the 13 stations and explained that the goal is to have the work done by the 2034 Winter Olympics, which are slated to be coming to Utah. **[01:24:19]** Mayor Jeff Silvestrini made a motion to recommend the 13 downtown Salt Lake City Station Areas to the Wasatch Front Regional Council for certification. Mayor Brandon Stanger seconded the motion. There was no further discussion, and the motion passed unanimously.

**6. Reports [01:26:43]**

Mayor Ramsey invited Bryce Bird, with the Utah Division of Air Quality, to review current ozone level findings.

**a. Potential Impacts of Federal Ozone Air Quality Standards**

Utah is currently not able to meet requirements of the Federal Clean Air Act related to ozone levels. These requirements are extremely difficult to meet because of high levels of “background” ozone, which comes from outside Utah or from natural sources. This situation poses potential risks for significant highway and transit capacity-increasing projects to proceed. WFRC staff, in collaboration with Mr. Bird, briefed the Council on this issue and discussed ongoing collaborative efforts to address the situation. Materials that can help leaders inform their communities will be sent as follow up to this discussion.

**b. Executive Director’s Report [01:51:45]**

Mayor Ramsey turned the time to Andrew Gruber, WFRC, who introduced four new staff members of WFRC staff. Nate Currey, Communications Manager; Madison Aviles, Local Administrative Advisor, and Tim Watkins and Matt Ryan, both planners in the Community and Economic Development group.

**7. Video: Overview of the Utah Open and Public Meeting Act [01:59:01]**

**8. Other Business and Adjournment [01:57:38]**

Mayor Ramsey stated that the next Council meeting will be held on March 28, 2024, and pointed out the upcoming events on the bottom of the meeting agenda. With no further business, Mayor Ramsey stated that since Utah State law requires that elected officials serving on committees such as those of the Wasatch Front Regional Council receive training regarding the Utah Open and Public Meetings Act, an 8-minute video would now be shown in order to comply with this requirement. **ACTION: [01:58:38]** Mayor Ramsey asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting upon completion of the training video. Councilmember Aimee Winder Newton made a motion to adjourn upon the conclusion of the video, and Commissioner Jim Harvey seconded. The affirmative vote was unanimous. The meeting adjourned at 3:43pm.