

MINUTES
Wasatch Front Regional Council
October 26, 2023

A meeting was held on Thursday, October 26, 2023, at the WFRC Offices, 41 N Rio Grande Street, Salt Lake City and via Zoom.

The following were present:

WFRC COUNCIL MEMBERS - 2023		
BOX ELDER COUNTY	Yes/No	Alternates / Others in attendance:
Member - Lee Perry	yes	Monica Zoltanski, Sandy City Mayor
Alternate - Dennis Bott	no	Karen Lang, West Valley City Mayor
DAVIS COUNTY MEMBERS		Michelle Larsen, UTA
Brandon Stanger	yes	Lisa Hartman, SLCo
Mark Shepherd	yes	Helen Peters, SLCo
Joy Petro	yes	AJ Yates
Bob Stevenson	yes	Aspen Hawks
MORGAN COUNTY		Bret Millburn, Draper City
Member - Mike Newton	no	Kimberly Bell, Sandy City
Alternate - Blaine Fackrell	yes	Jon Larsen, SLCo
SALT LAKE COUNTY MEMBERS		Justin Smart
Jenny Wilson	yes	Ryan Leavitt
Erin Mendenhall	no	Steve Van Maren
Dawn Ramsey	yes	Trina Kittleson
Aimee Winder Newton	no	WFRC:
Jeff Silvestrini	yes	Andrew Gruber,
Robert Dahle	yes	Ted Knowlton,
Dirk Burton	no	Jory Johner,
Kristie Overson	yes	Julie Bjornstad,
TOOELE COUNTY		Wayne Bennion,
Member - Scott Wardle	no	Ben Wuthrich,
Alternate - Debbie Winn	yes	Megan Townsend,
WEBER COUNTY MEMBERS		Miranda Jones Cox,
Gage Froerer	yes	Bert Granberg,
Jim Harvey	no	Hugh Van Wagenen,
Robert Dandoy	yes	Bill Hereth,
Mike Caldwell	yes	Josh Reynolds,
UDOT & UTA		Chris Day,
Member - Carlos Braceras, UDOT	yes	Sarah Lawless,
Alternate - Ben Huot, UDOT	yes	Suzie Swim,
Member - Carlton Christensen, UTA Board of Trustees	yes	Marian Florence,
Alternate - Beth Holbrook, UTA Board of Trustees	yes	Christy Dahlberg,
NON-VOTING MEMBERS		Byron Head,
Lorene Kamalu - Utah Association of Counties	yes	Lauren Victor,
Troy Walker - Utah League of Cities and Towns	yes	Marcia White,
Ari Bruening - Envision Utah	yes	Chay Mosqueda,
Wayne Harper - State Senate	no	Jordon Chandler,
Calvin Musselman - State House of Representatives	yes	Rosie Hernandez,
Laura Hanson – State Planning Coordinator	yes	Andrea Pearson

1. Welcome and Consent Agenda [00:00:05]

At 2:06pm, 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. **[00:04:08]**

ACTION: Mayor Ramsey brought attention to the first item on the agenda - the minutes of the August 24, 2023 meeting and Financial statements and check registers for July and August 2023 and Budget/Expenditure Report to date. Mayor Bob Dandoy made a motion to approve all the documents as written and UTA Trustee Carlton Christensen seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the minutes and financial statements were approved unanimously.

2. Chair	Report	[00:05:00]
a. Update and preview - growth policy and legislation		
Mayor Ramsey informed the Council that with the 2024 legislative session approaching, policy discussions are underway, within groups such as the Unified Economic Opportunity Commission and various interim committees. [00:07:30] Mayor Ramsey invited Utah House Representative Calvin Musselman, who also serves on WFRC Council, to provide an update on some of the recommendations and priorities coming out of those discussions that relate to WFRC's work. [00:16:40] Mayor Ramsey then introduced Miranda Jones Cox, Government Affairs Manager at WFRC, who shared more information about additional policy proposals that are currently under consideration.		
b. ACTION: Approve WFRC's Title VI Plan, Public Participation Plan (PPP), and Limited English Proficiency (LEP) Plan		[00:29:28]
Mayor Ramsey turned the time to Andrew Gruber, Executive Director at WFRC, to present the updates to the 2023 Title VI Plan and related documents. [00:30:30] Mr. Gruber introduced Lauren Victor, WFRC Transportation Planner, who presented a brief outline of the updates. [00:32:40] ACTION: Mayor Ramsey entertained a motion to approve WFRC's updated 2023 Title VI Plan, updated Public Participation Plan, and updated Limited English Proficiency Plan as presented. Commissioner Bob Stevenson made a motion, which was seconded by Mayor Mike Caldwell. There was no further discussion and the vote to approve was unanimous.		
3. Public Comment [00:33:04]		
Mayor Ramsey opened the meeting for public comment. Prior to the inviting comments from the public, Mayor Ramsey recognized Ogden City Mayor Mike Caldwell, for 12 years of service to the community and WFRC. Mayor Caldwell will not be running for re-election, so subsequently will no longer be serving on any of WFRC's committees. [00:38:10] Steve Van Maren, Sandy City resident, provided a comment about the ZAP (Zoo, Arts, & Parks) tax. [00:39:54] Salt Lake County Mayor Jenny Wilson commented on the ZAP tax as well. [00:41:00] Mayor Ramsey expressed appreciation for the Utah Transportation Conference (UTC), formerly known as the UDOT Conference, and asked Carlos Braceras, UDOT Executive Director, to make some remarks about the conference. [00:48:35] Andrew Gruber noted that at the UTC Conference, Bill Hereth, WFRC Analytics Engineer, received an award for his work on creating more user-friendly technology which improves decision making in implementing transportation solutions.		
4. Wasatch Front Economic Development District (WFEDD) [00:50:45]		
a. ACTION: Concur on the adoption of the 2023-2028 Regional Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS)		
Mayor Ramsey turned the time to Commissioner Gage Froerer who provided an update on the current CEDS document. The WFEDD recently completed the 2023-2028 Regional Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy or CEDS. This process took seven months to complete with extensive outreach to stakeholders including government officials, private-sector business and economic development organizations, local and state government economic development staff, and public input. The work by WFRC and the WFEDD is meant to complement and support the work done by the cities and counties and other economic development organizations. [00:54:15] Commissioner Froerer introduced Marcia White, WFRC, who, along with Trina Kittleson, Better City, gave a presentation highlighting key points in the CEDS and the impact it will have on implementing the Wasatch Choice Vision. With its strategy of centered development, this approach will promote long-term, sustainable economic development and opportunity in our communities. [01:05:05] ACTION: Commissioner Froerer made a motion that the Wasatch Front Regional Council concur with the WFEDD on the adoption of the 2023-2028		

Regional Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy. Commissioner Stevenson seconded the motion and the affirmative vote was unanimous.

5. Regional Growth Committee (RGC) [01:06:23]

a. Utah's Unified Transportation Plan 2023-2029

Mayor Ramsey directed the meeting to Mayor Bob Dandoy, Chair of RGC, for an update on RGC. Mayor Dandoy encouraged the group to attend the upcoming Wasatch Choice Vision Workshops that will be held throughout the valley over the next few weeks. These meetings are hosted jointly by WFRC, UDOT, and UTA, and will focus on implementation of the Wasatch Choice Vision. There will be discussion on parks and public spaces, water, housing and active transportation, particularly feedback to inform UDOT's development of the Utah Trail Network, along with the specific results for each workshop area that have come from the Guiding our Growth public process. **[01:09:25]** Mayor Dandoy then introduced Jory Johner, WFRC, who provided an overview of the progress and process of Utah's Unified Transportation Plan.

6. Transportation Coordinating Committee (Trans Com) [01:24:43]

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

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

Mr Wuthrich reported that since the last meeting of Wasatch Front Regional Council, WFRC received requests to modify the current 2024-2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), and briefly described each modification. **[01:37:05]** **ACTION:** Mayor Shepherd made a motion to approve the modifications as discussed. Mayor Joy Petro seconded the motion and the affirmative vote was unanimous.

7. Budget Committee [01:37:35]

Mayor Ramsey then brought the group's attention to Mayor Mike Caldwell, WFRC Budget Committee Chair, for the WFRC Budget Committee report.

a. ACTION: Accept the FY23 WFRC Audit Report

Mayor Caldwell reported that the Council's financial statements for FY23 received an unqualified opinion with no findings or questioned costs. A copy of the audit report was included in the meeting material previously provided. A summary of the audit results can be found on page 47 of the report. The WFRC Budget Committee met to review the audit. Marian Florence, WFRC, and our independent auditors from Larson Certified Public Accountants, are here, to answer questions. **[01:38:55]** **ACTION:** Mayor Caldwell made a motion that the Council accept the FY23 audit report. Commissioner Lee Perry seconded the motion and the affirmative vote was unanimous.

b. PUBLIC HEARING and ACTION: Approve Fiscal Year 24 WFRC Budget amendments

[01:39:55] Mayor Caldwell made a motion to open a public hearing regarding approving amendments to the WFRC FY24 Budget. Commissioner Bob Stevenson seconded the motion. The affirmative vote was unanimous. **[01:40:20]** Mayor Caldwell stated that each year in October WFRC amends its budget to reflect the final financials from the previous year, and to include projects that were budgeted in the previous year but were not completed prior to the end of that year and are carried forward to the current fiscal year. This is a routine action, which reflects that many of WFRC's projects are multi-year in nature.

[01:41:14] Mayor Ramsey asked if there were any comments from the public in attendance. Steve Van Maren, Sandy City resident, provided a comment/question about the projects where the funding was underspent. **[01:42:07]** Mayor Ramsey invited Marian Florence, WFRC Chief Financial Officer, to review the FY24 WFRC Budget amendments. Andrew Gruber, WFRC Executive Director, acknowledged that WFRC staff is available to answer questions and be transparent regarding WFRC's budget at any time. **[01:45:15]** Mayor Ramsey acknowledged Mayor Caldwell's motion to close the public hearing. Mayor Dirk Burton, seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative. **[01:45:36]** **ACTION:** Mayor Caldwell made a motion that the Council approve the FY24

Budget amendments as presented, which was seconded by Commissioner Bob Stevenson. The affirmative vote was unanimous.

8. Reports

a. Active Transportation Committee (ATC) update [01:46:06] Mayor Troy Walker gave an update for the Active Transportation Committee (ATC). He stated that three major biking and walking projects had recent ribbon cutting events, and reiterated the importance of attending the transportation workshops to learn more about and give input on the Utah Trail Network.

b. Executive Director's update [01:48:16] Andrew Gruber, WFRC, recognized Hugh Van Wagenen for five years of employment with WFRC.

9. Other Business and Adjournment [01:50:05]

Mayor Ramsey noted the upcoming events on the agenda. The next meeting of the WFRC Council will be held on January 25, 2024. Mayor Ramsey also noted that the plan for Council meetings in 2024 is to change the start time from 2:00pm to 1:30pm. This would better align with the FrontRunner schedule and make it more feasible for people to use - the station is just a few hundred yards away. This would also enable people who drive to leave earlier, and better avoid traffic. **[01:52:16]** Mayor Mike Caldwell made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Mayor Mark Shepherd. The motion was approved unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 3:59pm.

A recording of this meeting, as well as meeting packet materials, may be found on the WFRC website at www.wfrc.org