 **MINUTES OF THE CENTRAL WASATCH COMMISSION (“CWC”) BOARD MEETING PUBLIC HEARING HELD MONDAY, JUNE 7, 2021, AT 3:30 P.M. THE MEETING WAS CONDUCTED ELECTRONICALLY WITHOUT A PHYSICAL LOCATION**

**Board Members:** Chair Chris Robinson, Mayor Harris Sondak, Mayor Dan Knopp, Mayor Jenny Wilson, Mayor Erin Mendenhall, Mayor Mike PetersonCouncilor Marci Houseman, Councilor Jim Bradley, Councilor Max Doilney, Ex Officio Member Carlton Christensen

**Excused:** Mayor Jeff Silvestrini

**Staff:** Executive Director Ralph Becker, Deputy Director Blake Perez, Communications Director Lindsey Nielsen, Office Administrator Kaye Mickelson, CWC Legal Counsel Shane Topham

**Others:**  Annalee Munsey, Robert Sampson, Chase Lamborn, Laura Briefer, Kody Fox, Steve Van Maren, Dave Fields, Abi Holt, Cactuscarlito, Pat Shea, Barbara Cameron, Carl Fisher, Jguldner, Jordan Smith, Catherine Kanter

**OPEN PUBLIC HEARING FOR BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 2021/2022**

1. **Commissioner Christopher F. Robinson will Open the Public Hearing as Chair of the Board (the “Board”) of the Central Wasatch Commission (“CWC”).**

Chair Chris Robinson called the Public Hearing to order at 3:30 p.m.

The Legislature, pursuant to Section 52-4-207(4), required the Board to make a determination, which was as follows:

‘I, as the Chair of the Board of Commissioners (the “Board”) of the Central Wasatch Commission, hereby determine that conducting Board meetings at any time during the next 30 days at an anchor location presents a substantial risk to the health and safety of those who may be present at the anchor location. The World Health Organization, The President of the United States, The Governor of Utah, and the Salt Lake County Mayor and Health Department, have all recognized that a global pandemic exists related to the new strain of the coronavirus, SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19). Due to the nature of the emergency caused by the global pandemic, I find that conducting a meeting at an anchor location under the current state of public health emergency constitutes a substantial risk to the health and safety of those who may be present at the location. According to information from state epidemiology experts, Utah is currently in an acceleration phase, which has the potential to overwhelm the state’s healthcare system.’

Chair Robinson noted that the determination either needed to be re-written or updated. He asked for a roll call of those present at the Central Wasatch Commission (“CWC”) Public Hearing. Only commissioner not present is Mayor Jeff Silvestrini (excused).

1. **Treasurer/Chair of the Budget/Finance/Audit Committee, Mayor Jeff Silvestrini, will Present CWC Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget for Public Comment. (In the Event of Mayor Silvestrini Being Unavailable, Mayor Harris Sondak, member of the Budget/Finance/Audit Committee will Present.)**

CWC Office Administrator, Kaye Mickelson reported that the CWC Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget was the same one the CWC Board approved on May 3, 2021. It had been brought forward for public comment as part of the Public Hearing process. Chair Robinson believed the CWC Board would take action on the item after the public hearing. Ms. Mickelson confirmed this and explained that Resolution 2021-08 approving the CWC’s Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 was on the agenda for the CWC Board Meeting to follow the Board’s closed session. The Tentative Budget was shared and overviewed.

Chair Robinson reported that the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget included membership contributions, money from the Legislature, other government funds, administrative fees, salaries and benefits, professional services (legal fees and accounting), and operational costs such as supplies, rent, insurance, software, and bank charges. Additionally, the budget included government relations (Lobbyist, Casey Hill), the Environmental Dashboard, CWC Board Retreat, additional bus service, graffiti removal, the Visitor Use Study, short-term projects, and the Mountain Transportation System. Chair Robinson explained that the budget was close to balancing with just $6,600 coming out of reserves. Ms. Mickelson noted that the additional bus service, graffiti removal, and Visitor Use Study all reflected the State appropriations that were received.

Mayor Sondak wondered if there had been further clarification about the Environmental Dashboard costs since the May 26, 2021, Budget/Finance/Audit Committee Meeting. CWC Executive Director, Ralph Becker, explained that CWC staff received a letter from Esri that afternoon outlining the work they would do. That letter arrived three hours before the start of the public hearing and had not yet been reviewed by the University of Utah team. That would need to be done before staff could confirm if an additional budget adjustment was needed. Mr. Becker believed the letter from Esri was consistent with the work they initially agreed to do pro bono. CWC Communications Director, Lindsey Nielsen, added that staff was still working to finalize the details.

Mayor Wilson noted that Salt Lake County worked on a calendar budget year. They were willing to support the CWC Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget and move forward. However, there would need to be Salt Lake County Council approval later in the year for the second half of the membership contribution. Chair Robinson explained that the same was true for Summit County.

**MOTION:** Mayor Wilson moved to open the public hearing for the CWC Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget. Mayor Sondak seconded the motion. The motion passed with the unanimous consent of the Board.

*Steve Van Maren* commented that he did not see anything to object to in the budget. He wondered if it would be possible to see a detailed membership contributions list. Chair Robinson noted that Ms. Nielsen would look for that information.

*Dave Fields* left a comment in the Zoom chat box about the current balance in reserves. CWC Deputy Director, Blake Perez noted that it was located at the bottom of the Tentative Budget. The anticipated reserve as of June 30, 2021, was $967,781.

**CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING FOR BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022**

1. **Chair Christopher F. Robinson will Close the Public Hearing as Chair of the Board (the “Board”) of the Central Wasatch Commission (“CWC”).**

**MOTION:** Mayor Mendenhall moved to close the Public Hearing for the CWC Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget. Mayor Knopp seconded the motion. The motion passed with the unanimous consent of the Board.

Mayor Sondak made note of Mayor Wilson’s comment about membership contributions. The budget for the Town of Alta had not yet been finalized. He explained that there may be other municipalities in the same boat. Chair Robinson believed the budget would always be contingent upon each member going back to their respective governing bodies to have an appropriation approved. If membership fees fell short, adjustments would need to be made. Councilor Bradley felt it would be best to pass the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget and reopen it in the event that adjustments were needed.

Mr. Perez shared a breakdown of the membership contributions. He explained that Column L included the 10% reduction in membership contributions from last year. The Budget/Finance/Audit Committee decided to move forward with Column M instead. That reinstated the full membership contribution amount. Column M was included in the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget. Chair Robinson reported that the membership contributions totaled $705,000.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Mayor Wilson moved to adjourn the Public Hearing. Councilor Bradley seconded the motion. The motion passed with the unanimous consent of the Board.

The Central Wasatch Commission Public Hearing adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

***I hereby certify that the foregoing represents a true, accurate, and complete record of the Central Wasatch Commission Board Meeting Public Comment Period held Monday, June 7, 2021.***

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