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REGULAR MEETING OF THE WESTSIDE CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

Thursday, November 19, 2009

Hosted By: City of Beverly Hills

Location: Beverly Hills Library Auditorium
444 North Rexford Dr., 2nd Floor
Beverly Hills, CA 90210

11:45 AM Lunch

12:15 PM Business Meeting

Parking : Adjacent to the Library

MEETING NOTES

IN ATTENDANCE:

- Beverly Hills:** Mayor Nancy Krasne; Council Member William Brien. Staff: Katie Lichtig, Cheryl Friedling, Aaron Kunz, Nancy Hunt-Coffey
- Culver City:** COG Chair and Council Member Scott Malsin; Council Member Micheál O'Leary. Staff: Mark Scott, Diana Chang
- Santa Monica:** Council Member Kevin McKeown. Staff: Kate Vernez, Susan Munves
- City of LA:** COG Vice-Chair and Council Member Bill Rosendahl (CD11). Staff: Norm Kulla (CD11), John Wickham (CLA), Miriam Jaffe
- County of LA:** Staff: Flora Gil Krisiloff (SD3)
- West Hollywood:** Mayor Abbe Land. Staff: Paul Aravallo, Joan English, Christof Schroeder, Lisa Belsanti
- WSCCOG:** Gordon Anderson (Executive Director)
Michael Jenkins (Counsel to the COG)
- Other Attendees:** Santa Monica Mayor Pro Tempore and Metro Board Member Pam O'Connor, Mike Bohlke (Deputy to Metro Board Member Pam O'Connor), Jody Litvak (Metro), Susan DeSantis (SCAG), Juan Camacho (Senator Boxer), Beverly Voran (PB)

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Malsin called the meeting to order at 12:15p.m.

2. WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS AND IDENTIFICATION OF VOTING MEMBERS

Chair Malsin welcomed everyone to the COG meeting. Prior to introductions, Mayor Nancy Krasne welcomed the COG members and meeting participants to the City of Beverly Hills and the Beverly Hills Public Library, noting that the Library has received a five star rating. Later in the meeting, Nancy Hunt-Coffey, Library Director provided information on the Beverly Hills Public Library.

Following Mayor Krasne's welcome, self-introductions were conducted and the voting members of the COG where identified.

3. CLOSED SESSION Re: Executive Director Recruitment

The COG Governing Board then recessed to Closed Session to discuss the Executive Director Recruitment, along with COG Counsel, the recruitment committee and appropriate staff.

4. REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION

A. Recommendation on Appointment of Executive Director

The COG Governing Board returned from Closed Session and reconvened the meeting at 12:39p.m.

COG Chair Malsin indicated that the COG was prepared to consider a motion to adopt the staff recommendation regarding the Executive Director. COG Counsel indicated that the COG Governing Board had reviewed a contract with Laurie Newman for Executive Director services, compensation at a rate of \$7,500/month plus reimbursement of approved expense, for a term of one year beginning January 1, 2010, and because this was the last meeting of the COG, authorizing the COG Chair to execute the contract effective January 1, 2010.

The motion was made by Council Member McKeown and seconded by Council Member Brian and considered by Roll Call vote:

- Yes - City of Culver City*
- Yes - City of Santa Monica*
- Yes - City of West Hollywood*
- Yes - City of Los Angeles*
- Yes - City of Beverly Hills*

The COG Chair and other members of the COG express their thanks for the work that had been done over the past year by Gordon Anderson as Interim Executive Director.

Gordon Anderson expressed his appreciation of working for the COG over the past year.

5. APPROVAL OF JULY 16, 2009 MEETING NOTES

The meeting notes were approved by consensus without modification.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Executive Director's Report

1) COG Advocacy efforts

- a. LRTP and Federal New Starts Package
- b. Status COG Opposition to Southern California Edison Company's Proposal Regarding Customer Option to Place Distribution System Equipment Underground

Gordon Anderson and COG Chair Malsin discussed the successful efforts of the COG advocating for the LRTP and Federal New Starts Package before the Metro Board and opposing the Southern California Edison Company's request that would preempt local control on the placement of certain equipment. It was further acknowledged that many elected officials of the COG jurisdictions had participated in these efforts.

2) Status of Recommendation to join

- a. the Los Angeles Regional Collaborative for Climate Action & Sustainability (L.A. Collaborative), and
- b. Climate Communities.

The reminder of the Executive Director's report was accepted.

B. Resolution Amending the Conflict of Interest Code Adding the Treasurer to the Position Disclosure List

The resolution was adopted by consensus.

C. Treasurer's Financial Reports

- 1) July 2009
- 2) August 2009
- 3) September 2009
- 4) October 2009

The remainder of the Consent Calendar was approved by consensus.

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. Recommendation to Participate in Collaborative Process with Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) to Prepare Sustainable Community Strategy (SCS) as Required by SB 375

The recommendation that the COG Governing Board authorize participation by the WSCCOG in the Collaborative Process with SCAG to develop the Sustainable Community Strategy and directing staff to return at the next meeting COG Governing Board meeting with recommendations on the roles and responsibilities that the WSCCOG should undertake was moved by Chair Malsin and seconded by Council Member McKeown. The motion was considered by Roll Call vote:

- Yes - City of Culver City*
- Yes - City of Santa Monica*
- Yes - City of West Hollywood*

Yes - City of Los Angeles

Yes - City of Beverly Hills

LA Council Member Rosendahl indicated that even though the City of Los Angeles will conduct its own process, he will continue to assist in the City of Los Angeles and the COG working together in this effort.

Metro Board Member and Mayor Pro Tempore O'Connor indicated her commitment to insure that Metro continue to work with the COG on this effort, as well.

8. REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

A. October Meeting Notes, Report and Recommendations from the COG Homeless Issues Committee and Related Items

- 1) Recommendation that the Homeless Workshop focusing on veteran issues be held to the first of 2010.**
- 2) Recommendation to review and approve the Homeless Issues Committee Work Program for 2010-2012.**

The Homeless Issues Committee recommendations were approved by consensus.

B. August and October Notes, Report and Recommendations from the COG Sustainability Committee and Related Items

- 1) Recommendation from the Sustainability Committee that the COG governing board:
 - a. Support Los Angeles County's AB 811 Municipal Green Building Financing Program, and**
 - b. Encourage COG member jurisdictions to adopt a resolution in support of Los Angeles County's AB 811 Municipal Green Building Financing****
- 2) Recommendation that the COG affirms its support of the Ahwanee Principles.**
- 3) Recommendation to review and approve the Sustainability Committee Work Program for 2010-2012.**

The Sustainability Committee recommendations were approved by consensus.

C. August and October Meeting Notes, Report and Recommendations from the COG Transportation Committee and Related Items

- 1) Recommendation to review and approve the Transportation Committee Work Program for 2010 -2012.**

The Transportation Committee recommendations were approved by consensus.

D. MTA Southwest Cities Corridor and Westside Central Service Sector Report

See attached report provided by Metro Board Member and Mayor Pro Tempore Pam O'Connor.

E. League of California Cities Updates

The Executive Director indicated that the League representative was unable to attend the COG meeting, sent the following update:

“As we all know, the state of California has taken and borrowed money from city coffers time and again. In 2004 and 2006, voters instituted protections of local revenues (property tax and gas tax, respectively). Cities now realize that these protections were not strong enough. Last year the state took about \$5 billion in local government funds. In October the League filed a ballot measure to protect these funds once and for all. The Attorney General is currently reviewing the language and developing the title and summary that will be on the ballot. When we receive those back, we will begin gathering signatures to qualify this measure for the November 2010 ballot. By April, we will need to turn in about 1.3 million signatures. Please join our effort and help us collect signatures. There is more info at www.savelocalservices.com Or email Teresa at tacosta@cacities.org Thank you!”

9. RECEIVE/ FILE AND PROVIDE DIRECTION RE: CORRESPONDENCE

- A. Letter from Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce to Metro Board dated July 20, 2009, Re: Support for the Westside Subway Extension in the Long Range Transportation Plan**
- B. Letter from Mayor Nancy Krasne, City of Beverly Hills to Metro Board dated July 14, 2009, [Re: Support for LRTP].**
- C. Correspondence Re: SCE Request to CPUC to Delete Customer Option to Place Distribution System Equipment Underground**
 - 1) Letter from League of California Cities to California Public Utilities Commission, dated September 23, 2009, Re: League Opposition to Resolution E-4241. Southern California Edison (SCD) (I.D. 8841)**
 - 2) Letter from State Senator Curren D. Price to California Public Utilities Commission, dated September 25, 2009, Re: Rule Modifications to Accommodate Southern California Edison Company's (SCE) Initiative to Install Above-Ground Equipment in SCE's Underground Distribution Systems**
 - 3) Letter from State Senator Fran Pavley to California Public Utilities Commission, dated October 1, 2009, Re: Rule Modifications to Accommodate Southern California Edison Company's (SCE) Initiative to Install Above-Ground Equipment in SCE's Underground Distribution Systems**
 - 4) Letters from COG Chair, Council member Scott Malsin, City of Culver City to California Public Utilities Commission Chair Peevey and Commissioners Grueneich, Chong, Bohn and Simon, dated October 7, 2009, Re: Request to Pull from Consent Calendar of October 15, Item 16 [8841]: Southern California Edison Company's Proposal Regarding Customer Option to Place Distribution System Equipment Underground**
 - 5) Letter from Supervisor Yaroslavsky to California Public Utilities Commission, dated October 27, 2009, [Re: Opposing SCE Request**

and Urging SCE to Work with Local Governments to Address Concerns]

- D. Letter from COG Executive Director to California Energy Commission, dated October 30, 2009, [Re: Support for the County of Los Angeles' grant applications to the California Energy Commission under the State Energy Program category #1 – Municipal Financing Program and category #2 - California Comprehensive Residential Building Retrofit Program.**

With the addition of the attached letter from the City and County of San Francisco to the Commissioners of the California Public Utility Commission, dated November 18, 2009, Re: Draft Commission Resolution E-4241, Item 5 on Commission Calendar for November 20, 2009 [re: SCE request which preempts local control on placement of certain utilities], the correspondence was received and filed by consensus.

10. EVENT REMINDER AND OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

It was announced that the City of Beverly Hills had selected a new City Manager, Jeffrey Kolin who will begin on January 25, 2010.

11. FUTURE MEETING LOCATIONS AND AGENDA ITEMS

2010 Meeting Dates and Host City

- A. January 21 – City of West Hollywood**
- B. March 18 – City of Culver City**
- C. May 20 (Annual Meeting) – City of Santa Monica**
- D. July 15 – County of Los Angeles**
- E. September 16 – City of Los Angeles**
(Note, League of Cities Annual Conference 2010 is September 15 – 18, San Diego. The Thursday before is September 9, which is California Admission's Day and the Thursday following is September 23.)
- F. November 18 – City of Beverly Hills**

The meeting dates and host city schedule was approve without modification.

12. Tentatively Scheduled Agenda Items:

None were identified.

13. Items for Other Future Agendas:

- A. Tour of Exposition Light Rail Route**

This Item will remain.

14. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- A. Members of the public may address the Westside Cities Council of Governments on any subject on or off the agenda by raising a hand and being**

recognized by the chair. Speakers shall confine their comments to three minutes per speaker.

There were no comments from the public.

15. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 1:40p.m. to its next meeting: January 21, 2010, to be hosted by the City of West Hollywood.