

Amended
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE JOINT MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
GATEWAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
AND THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Gateway Cities Council of Governments
16401 Paramount Boulevard
Paramount, California
June 28, 2006

President Nordbak called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.

PRESENT: President Greg Nordbak, City of Whittier
First Vice President Larry R. Nelson, City of Artesia
Immediate Past President Edward H. J. Wilson, City of Signal Hill
Member John Pratt, City of Bellflower
Member Paul Bowlen, City of Cerritos
Member Lillie Dobson, City of Compton
Member Anne Bayer, City of Downey
Member Stan Carroll, City of La Habra Heights
Member Frank Colonna, City of Long Beach
Member Bonnie Lowenthal, City of Long Beach
Member Fernando Pedroza, City of Lynwood
Member Felipe Aguirre, City of Maywood
Member Gordon Stefenhagen, City of Norwalk
Member Gene Daniels, City of Paramount
Member Ron Beilke, City of Pico Rivera
Member Betty Putnam, City of Santa Fe Springs
Member Gil Hurtado, City of South Gate

ABSENT: Second Vice President Elba Guerrero, City of Huntington Park
Member Bob Kennedy, City of Avalon
Member George Mirabal, City of Bell
Member Mario Beltran, City of Bell Gardens
Member Nancy Ramos, City of Commerce
Member Frank Gurule, City of Cudahy
Member Leonard Chaidez, City of Hawaiian Gardens
Member Pete Dames, City of La Mirada
Member Diane DuBois, City of Lakewood
Member Jeff Siccama, City of Montebello
Member William Davis, City of Vernon
Member Don Knabe, Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors

ALSO PRESENT: City Managers Steering Committee Chair Ken Farfsing, Signal Hill City Manager; Raymond Chavez, City of Pico Rivera; Connie Sziebl, Field Representative for Supervisor Don Knabe, Darin Chidsey, Member Relations Officer, SCAG; GCCOG Executive Director Richard Powers; GCCOG Deputy Executive Director Jack Joseph; GCCOG Assistant General Counsel Thomas Duarte; Program Development Director Deborah Chankin.

Roll was taken through self-introductions.

Member Pratt led the pledge of allegiance.

There were no amendments to the agenda.

No one wished to speak during public comments.

It was moved by First Vice President Nelson, seconded by Member Daniels, to approve the consent calendar as presented. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Deputy Executive Director presented the proposed Fiscal Year 2006-07 Budget. He said that the budget was balanced, but that funds that had been awarded in federal earmarks had not yet been incorporated into the budget. He said that they were shown on a separate page, but would be presented to the Board for amendment into the budget when these funds became accessible. In addition, because of uncertainty as to the timing and the amount of funding for the Clean Air Program to be received under the proposed San Pedro Bay Ports Clean Air Action Plan, only carryover funding from the existing Port of Los Angeles and MSRC programs is included in the budget.

Immediate Past President Wilson said that, even though the federal earmarks had not yet been received, it would be appropriate to include them in the operational budget rather than on a separate page since the earmarks have been approved and will become accessible during the year. Member Lowenthal said that she concurred with Immediate Past President Wilson's recommendation.

It was moved by Immediate Past President Wilson, seconded by Member Lowenthal, to approve the Fiscal Year 2006-07 Budget as presented with the amendment that the additional funding anticipated for the coming fiscal year be incorporated into the operational budget and to waive further reading and adopt the resolution:

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE GATEWAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE 2006-2007 ANNUAL BUDGET OF THE GATEWAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS.

The motion was approved unanimously.

President Nordbak announced that now was the time to hold the annual election of officers and asked the Assistant General Council to conduct the election.

Member Stefenhagen nominated First Vice President Nelson for the position of President. There were no other nominations. It was moved by Member Bayer, seconded by President Nordbak, to close the nominations and elect First Vice President Nelson as President of the Board of Directors for 2006-07. The motion was approved unanimously.

President Nordbak announced that Second Vice President Guerrero was unable to attend tonight's meeting because of a family engagement, but that she was interested in the position of First Vice President. Member Pedroza nominated Second Vice President Guerrero for the position of First Vice President. There were no other nominations. It was the consensus of the Board of Directors to close the nominations and elect Second Vice President Guerrero as First Vice President of the Board of Directors for 2006-07.

First Vice President Nelson nominated Member Pratt for the position of Second Vice President. There were no other nominations. It was the consensus of the Board of Directors to close the nominations and elect Member Pratt as Second Vice President of the Board of Directors for 2006-07.

First Vice President Nelson nominated President Nordbak for the position of Immediate Past President. There were no other nominations. It was the consensus of the Board of Directors to close nominations and elect President Nordbak as Immediate Past President of the Board of Directors for 2006-07.

The Assistant General Counsel said that it was now time for nominations for cities to fill the remaining seats on the Executive Committee. Member Colonna nominated the City of Long Beach. Member Bowlen nominated the City of Cerritos. Member Daniels nominated the City of Paramount. Member Stefenhagen nominated the City of Norwalk. Member Aguirre nominated the City of Lynwood. Member Bayer nominated the City of Downey. Member Hurtado nominated the City of South Gate. Immediate Past President Wilson nominated the City of Signal Hill. There were no other nominations. The Assistant General Counsel said that eight nominations had been received for the eight open seats on the Executive Committee. It was moved by President Nordbak, seconded by Member Colonna, to elect the cities of Cerritos, Downey, Long Beach, Lynwood, Norwalk, Paramount, Signal Hill, and South Gate to the Executive Committee for 2006-07. The motion was approved unanimously.

Member Colonna reported that there had been no meeting of the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy Board this month. He said that there had been significant progress made toward the purchase of the Bryant property in the Los Cerritos wetlands. It was moved by Member Colonna, seconded by Member Lowenthal, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

There was no report from the I-5 Joint Powers Authority.

The Executive Director presented a report from the I-710 Project Committee. He said that the four-party MOU for the EIR/EIS stage of the I-710 project was moving forward. It was the consensus of the Board of Directors to receive and file the report.

Member Stefenhagen presented a report from the SR-91/I-605 Corridor Cities Committee. He said that the Committee had met on June 19 and heard reports on three different alternative technologies for the movement of freight out of the ports. He said that the Committee would be hearing a presentation from one more group.

Member Stefenhagen asked the Executive Director to talk about the Needs Assessment Study for the 91/605 corridor. The Executive Director said that the 91/605 project is not yet ready for the federal major corridor study process. He said the State transportation bond measure which will be on the November ballot may have some funding for the 91/605 project. He said that a funding request is being advanced through the MTA process. He said that consultant engineer Jerry Wood is also exploring other options. It was the consensus of the Board of Directors to receive and file the report.

There was no report from the Transportation Committee.

There was no report on the Orangeline Maglev.

There was no report from the Housing Committee.

There was no report from the League of California Cities Executive and Legislative committees.

Member Ramos arrived at the meeting at 6:33 p.m.

The Executive Director distributed a status report on the Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) process to the Board. He said that a proposed revised RHNA process would be on the July 6 agendas for the SCAG Community, Economic, and Human Development (CEHD) Committee and SCAG Regional Council. He said that cities need to note that the beginning of the new RHNA cycle is upon them. He said that state legislation would be needed to implement the revised RHNA process and that a copy of the enabling legislation is included in the material he passed out.

Member Putnam left the meeting at 6:35 p.m.

Member Bowlen, Chair of the SCAG CEHD Committee, asked Darin Chidsey of SCAG to address the Board on the subject of the RHNA proposal. Mr. Chidsey said that the information on the revised RHNA legislation had just come out. He concurred with the Executive Director's summary of the issue. It was moved by First Vice President Nelson, seconded by Member Pratt, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

President Nordbak presented a proclamation to Member Colonna, who will be leaving the Long Beach City Council and the COG Board of Directors in mid-July, commending Member Colonna for his years of service to the COG as President and member of the Board of Directors. President Nordbak said that he had signed a letter to the Governor asking that he appoint Member Colonna to the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy as the Governor's appointee. Member Colonna expressed how privileged he has been to work with the Board of Directors over the past several years.

Member Daniels thanked President Nordbak for his leadership over the past year.

President Nordbak said that the discussion regarding a meeting date for September would be deferred to the August meeting.

There were no matters from staff.

Adjournment: The meeting of the Board of Directors was adjourned by consensus at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Powers, Secretary