

SALT LAKE COUNTY

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Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, November 2, 2021

10:00 AM

Council Chambers, N1-110

Council Work Session

1. CALL TO ORDER

Present

- Chair Steve DeBry
- Council Member Laurie Stringham
- Council Member Richard Snelgrove
- Council Member Jim Bradley
- Council Member Arlyn Bradshaw
- Council Member Dave Alvord
- Council Member Aimee Winder Newton
- Council Member Ann Granato
- Council Member Dea Theodore

Council Member DeBry asked the Council Members if they would like to hold the Council Work Session meeting in Room N2-800, instead of the Council Chambers. He moved the meeting to the Council Chambers at the request of Mayor Jennifer Wilson, who felt social distancing was easier in a bigger room.

Most Council Members replied they were fine either way.

Council Member DeBry asked if Council Members had any strong feelings one way or the other to please get back with him.

2. DISCUSSION ITEMS:**2.1 Report from Salt Lake County Redistricting Commission**[21-1285](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[Map 1](#)
[Map 2](#)
[Map 3](#)

Presenters: Commission Chair Brian Maxwell and Vice Chair Yándary Chatwin (Approx. 10 mins).

Informational

Commission Member Brian Maxwell, Chair, Salt Lake County Redistricting Commission, presented three proposed redistricting maps for the Council's consideration. The boundaries for map one were established based on major thoroughfares, streets and/or major landmarks. Map two has the least amount of changes with only small shifts to even out the districts. Map three used municipal boundaries as guidelines. None of the proposed

maps move a Council Member out of their district.

Commission Member Yandry Chatwin, Vice Chair, Salt Lake County Redistricting Commission, stated the Commission did find it difficult to follow the ordinance criterion. This criterion restricted the Commission in what it could do.

Council Member DeBry stated the Council will take a week or two and review the maps before this item is placed back on the agenda for adoption of one of the maps.

Commission Member Maxwell stated the Redistricting Commission is now working with the school districts to prepare maps. Work should be finished the middle of November.

2.2 Proposed Hire / Weekly Reclassification Report [21-1279](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[Proposed Hire Report 10-27-2021](#)
[Weekly Reclassification Update for Council 10-27-2021](#)

Presenter: Brad Kendrick, Budget and Policy Analyst, Council Informational

Mr. Brad Kendrick, Budget & Policy Analyst, Council Office, reviewed the new hires and reclassifications.

2.3 Update on Salt Lake County's Coordinated Response to COVID-19 [21-1278](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)

Presenters: Mayor Jenny Wilson; Dr. Angela Dunn, Executive Director, Health Department; and David Schuld, COVID Coordinating Officer (Approx. 15 mins).

Informational

Dr. Angela Dunn, Director, Salt Lake County Health Department, stated Utah is ranked fourth in the nation as far as COVID cases with Salt Lake County leading the way. She then delivered a PowerPoint presentation on the COVID-19 Weekly Update, which included an overview, COVID-19

cases are 22 percent lower than in 2020, ages 18-49 increased most since fall break, there have been 5,492 school-associated cases since school started, the COVID-19 case rate by school district, COVID-19 case rates by school district for all grades, 14-day testing and percent of positivity by school district, hospitalizations are plateauing, Salt Lake County intensive care units (ICUs) are at capacity today, COVID-19 deaths are on the rise since Delta, younger age groups lag behind in vaccinations, the County's southwest corner continues to drive cases, and 70 percent of Salt Lake County residents 12+ years-old are fully vaccinated. The Center for Disease Control is meeting November 2, 2021, regarding the vaccine for children ages 5-11. It is expected the final approval for this vaccine will be given November 3, 2021.

2.4 Parks and Recreation Discussion Regarding Citizen Inquiries

[21-1284](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[Lifeguard letter_Redacted](#)

Sponsor: Chair Steve DeBry (Approx. 10 mins).
Informational

Council Member DeBry stated he has received several citizen complaints concerning the closure of pools at the Salt Lake County Recreation Centers due to the lack of lifeguards. He sent a letter to Martin Jensen, Director, Parks & Recreation Division, in September regarding this issue and has not received a reply. He would like to know what was going on since the Council allocated \$1 million in June to help address this type of problem. This is a serious concern that needs to be taken care of.

Ms. Holly Yocom, Director, Community Services Department, stated once school started many of the students working as lifeguards have returned to school. Her department is experiencing a hard time filling these positions and is looking at some type of incentive or higher pay.

Mayor Jennifer Wilson stated she was not happy with the way this was handled. It was not fair to expect Ms. Yocom to address this issue on the spur of the moment. This is not a budget shortfall; this is about the lack of people able to staff a specific assignment to make sure the pools are safe.

Mr. Martin Jensen, Director, Parks & Recreation Division, stated his

office has been actively seeking FTEs to fill these positions. It has attended job fairs and talked with high school and college students. The pools will not be fully opened until it is safe to do so.

2.5 BUDGET WORKSHOP:

[21-1290](#)

ARPA Process

Other Budget Related Items

Presenter: Dave Delquadro, Fiscal Manager, Council

- American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)

Mr. David Delquadro, Chief Fiscal Manager, Council Office, proposed the Council consider ARPA funding separately from the budget. He then distributed a spreadsheet showing the different ARPA requests within the budget and explained how it was laid out. He asked Mayor Jennifer Wilson to explain the methodology she used to distribute these funds.

Mayor Jennifer Wilson stated the requests were made by individual departments and/or elected offices. The requests were then reviewed by the District Attorney's Office to make sure they met the legal requirements. Even with the fifty-six requests within the budget, there are still funds available for other needs.

Council Member Newton stated it would be useful to have these requests put in categories so each can be reviewed as a group. It would be very hard for her to approve any requests for full-time employees (FTE) using these funds. The funds should be used for one time requests and not ongoing.

Mayor Jennifer Wilson stated there are requests within the budget that use the ARPA funds that will need to be approved during this budget cycle, which do include some FTE requests. Other requests can wait until the new year.

Mr. Darrin Casper, Deputy Mayor of Finance and Administration, stated the \$19 million allocated for health emergency should be appropriated during this budget cycle as well as the \$6 million for housing and \$1 million for the surplus canal. He will come up with an exact list of what needs to be approved during the budget.

A motion was made by Council Member DeBry, seconded by Council Member Stringham, to forward all requests using ARPA funds to the first meeting in January, with the exception of funds the Mayor deems necessary for this budget cycle.

[Meeting was recessed at 11:46 PM and was reconvened at 1:00 PM.]

2.6 BUDGET WORKSHOPS:

[21-1280](#)

- Administrative Services
- Capital Projects
- Community Services
- Other Budget Related Items

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[2022 DAS Budget Proposal](#)
[CS 2022 Fall Budget Presentation 211029](#)

Presenter: Dave Delquadro, Fiscal Manager, Council
Informational

- *Administrative Services Department*

Ms. Megan Hillyard, Director, Administrative Services Department, delivered a PowerPoint presentation for the Administrative Services 2022 Budget proposal reviewing the seven divisions within the Administrative Services budget, a 2022 new requests summary, and the budget and new requests for Contracts & Procurement, Records Management & Archives, Real Estate, Addressing Services, Government Center Operations, Facilities Services, Facilities Management, Information Technology, the Technology Improvement Plan (TIP), Telecommunication, the Office of Data & Innovation, as well as Administrative Services American Rescue Act Plan (ARPA) requests.

Council Member Alvord asked if it was a statutory requirement for the County to maintain its own data center.

Mr. Mitchell Park, Legal Counsel, Council Office, stated he was not aware

of a statutory requirement to do that.

Mr. Zach Posner, Chief Information Officer, stated IT uses the Cloud approach rather than using the Data Center when it is effective and pragmatic. However, it is more efficient to use the Data Center rather than the Cloud for some of its existing systems, like PeopleSoft.

Council Member DeBry stated he wanted Data & Innovations' Smart Government and Efficiency Fund request of \$1.6 million on the list to be discussed later. He needed more justification of the costs.

A motion was made by Council Member Bradshaw, seconded by Council Member Winder Newton, to approve the Administrative Services budget as proposed, except the seven requests for ARPA funds and the Office of Data & Innovation's Smart Government and Efficiency Fund project. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Ms. Hillyard continued the PowerPoint presentation reviewing the 2022 technology projects reviewing by the Technology Advisory Board (TAB).

Mr. Rory Payne, Director, Facilities Management, continued the presentation reviewing the Capital projects proposal from Fund 450.

Council Member DeBry asked that the Oxbow Jail control room and the Jordan River Trail remediation water hazards projects be put on the list of projects to be considered for ARPA funds, with the caveat that he was for both projects.

Mayor Wilson stated that would decrease capital investments compared to previous years.

Mr. David Delquadro, Chief Financial Manager, Council Office, stated he thought it was best to use ARPA funds for the Oxbow Jail to keep the expenditures and tracking clean, as opposed to using General Fund money for the project design because of concern with the amount of under expend. If the \$650,000 is not used for the Oxbow Jail, then it would be available for reserves to backstop the rest of the projects that would move forward under the normal capital improvement project list.

Council Member Newton stated the Jordan River Trail and South Jordan Recreation Center are listed both as fund transfers from the General Fund and Fund 450.

Mr. Brad Kendrick, Budget & Policy Analyst, Council Office, stated he put a note in there because the project is happening under both.

Council Member Alvord asked what the balance would be on the \$112 million from the first tranch of ARPA funds if the Mayor's proposed budget is approved.

Mr. Darrin Casper, Deputy Mayor of Finance & Administration, stated the Mayor's Office is proposing using \$68 million, so there would be about \$45 million on the table.

A motion was made by Council Member Winder Newton, seconded by Council Member Granato, to support the capital projects list except the Oxbow Jail control room and the Jordan River Trail remediation water hazards projects, which will be on the list for future consideration. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

- Community Services

Ms. Holly Yocom, Director, Community Services Department, delivered a PowerPoint presentation for the Community Services 2022 Budget proposal reviewing the operational funding sources, a snapshot of the department's budget, and the budget and new requests for Zoo, Arts and Parks (ZAP), Library Services, the Equestrian Park, Clark Planetarium, Recreation, Parks, Open Space, Golf, Arts & Culture, and the Eccles Theater.

Council Member DeBry asked that the Accountant position in the Recreation budget be put on the list for further review. He did not think that made sense.

Council Member Theodore asked for a breakdown of the living wage adjustment proposal, so she could see how much of an increase each position would get.

Ms. Yocom stated the County is having a hard time filling key positions, such as lifeguards. This would bring all temporary wages up, but it would not get them to \$15 an hour.

Ms. Erin Litvack, Deputy Mayor of County Services, stated over the weekend, Costco announced \$17 an hour positions, and other groups across the board are increasing wages. So, it is not just about competing against lifeguard to lifeguard wages, but often the higher wage in other areas.

Council Member Newton stated she would like the Building Operations Manager position in the Recreation budget to be on the list as well.

Council Member DeBry asked why the toll booth in Millcreek Canyon was not the Forest Service's responsibility.

Mr. Martin Jensen, Director, Parks & Recreation Division, stated the County collects the money on behalf of the Forest Service and makes improvements in the canyon. It is actually the Forest Service's money.

Council Member Newton stated she would like to add Park's Transportation Choice Fund requests to the list. She wanted to see the entire Transportation Choice Fund project requests to look at them holistically, rather than cherry picking projects.

Ms. Catherine Kanter, Deputy Mayor of Regional Operations, stated the process for funds for this year is being treated different than in prior years. She would spend time on that in the Office of Regional Development's presentation.

Council Member Newton asked that the open space land acquisition be added to the list of considerations for ARPA funds.

Ms. Yocom stated the District Attorney's Office is looking into whether that is eligible for ARPA funds.

Council Member DeBry proposed the following legislative intent on the Riverbend Golf Course:

"It is the intent of the Council to appropriate funding to find a new dependable and cost-effective water source for the Riverbend Golf Course. Parks and Recreation will evaluate and analyze alternative approaches, present a proposal to this Council, and secure a vote of approval before funds can be spent."

Mr. Mitchell Park, Legal Counsel, Council Office stated it was his understanding legislative intent was legislative intent of the Council, so a vote would be appropriate on that.

A motion was made by Council Member DeBry, seconded by Council Member Bradley, to approve the legislative intent. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Alvord asked to what degree the Golf Fund was subsidized by taxpayer dollars.

Mr. Darrin Casper, Deputy Mayor of Finance & Administration stated the County usually just subsidizes major capital projects or acquisitions. Operations are paid for from the Enterprise Fund.

Council Member DeBry asked to put the Meadow Brook Golf Course drill well on the list. Community Services asked for an additional \$675,000 on October 12th, at which time, it said the remainder would be covered by under expend in its budget. Now, it is asking for more funds. The numbers do not add up. Also, the contract has a not to exceed \$1.6 million amount.

Council Member Newton stated she would like Arts & Culture's art acquisition increase on the list, as well as the Technical Director position.

A motion was made by Council Member Bradshaw, seconded by Council Member Snelgrove, to approve the Community Services budget as proposed, with the exception of the items for future consideration. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

3. CONSENT ITEMS:

4. ITEMS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS

4.1. Internal Business

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

5.1 Approval of October 19, 2021 Council Work Session Minutes

[21-1263](#)

Attachments: [101921 - CWS](#)

A motion was made by Council Member Bradshaw, seconded by Council Member Stringham, that this agenda item be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

ADJOURN 3:45 PM for Board of Equalization

The meeting was adjourned at 3:55 PM.

SHERRIE SWENSEN, COUNTY CLERK

By _____
DEPUTY CLERK

By _____
CHAIR, SALT LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL