

# **SALT LAKE COUNTY**

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## **Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday, April 21, 2020**

**2:00 PM**

**Room N2-800**

## **Committee of the Whole**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**Present** Council Member Shireen Ghorbani  
Council Chair Max Burdick

**Call In** Council Member Richard Snelgrove  
Council Member Jim Bradley  
Council Member Arlyn Bradshaw  
Council Member Michael Jensen  
Council Member Aimee Winder Newton  
Council Member Ann Granato  
Council Member Steve DeBry

**2. CITIZEN PUBLIC INPUT**

Comments are limited to 3 minutes unless otherwise approved by the Council. To comment by phone, please call (385-468-7480) by the beginning of the meeting.

**3. DISCUSSION ITEMS:****3.1 Proposed Hire Report**[20-0399](#)

**Attachments:** [Proposed Hire Report 4-15-2020 Hiring Freeze](#)

**Mr. Brad Kendrick**, Budget and Policy Analyst, Council Office, stated there is one request for an exception to the hiring freeze. However, there is a disconnect with the Human Resources Division regarding the hiring freeze so a new process is needed. This process should be in place by next week.

A motion was made by Council Member Bradshaw, seconded by Council Member DeBry, that this agenda item be approved and forwarded to the 4:00 p.m. Council meeting for ratification. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Council Member Ghorbani, Council Member Snelgrove, Council Member Bradley, Council Member Bradshaw, Council Member Jensen, Council Member Winder Newton, Council Member Granato, Council Member DeBry, and Council Chair Burdick

**Non-Voting:**

**3.2 Budget Adjustment: Flood Control's Request to Transfer \$33,000 between Capital Projects and \$36,364 between Appropriations for the Bingham Creek Improvements Capital Project**[20-0396](#)

**Attachments:** [461000IA01 Flood Control Bingham Creek Capital Project](#)

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**Aye:** Council Member Ghorbani, Council Member Snelgrove, Council Member Bradley, Council Member Bradshaw, Council Member Jensen, Council Member Winder Newton, Council Member Granato, Council Member DeBry, and Council Chair Burdick

**Non-Voting:**

- 3.3 Budget Adjustment: Solid Waste Management's Request for \$12,000 Appropriation Unit Shift (Operations to Capital) for the Purchase of New Servers** [20-0397](#)

**Attachments:** [475000IA02 Landfill and Transfer Station New Servers](#)

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**Non-Voting:**

- 3.4 Budget Adjustment: UPACA's Request to Use \$212,135 in Restricted Funds for Legal Fees** [20-0400](#)

**Attachments:** [340000IA02 UPACA Legal Fees](#)

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**Non-Voting:**

- 3.5 Budget Adjustment: Eccles Theater's Request to Eliminate \$41,747 in Restaurant Rent & Commission Revenue and Offset with Operations Subsidy from the Salt Lake City Redevelopment Agency (Budget Neutral) [20-0401](#)**

**Attachments:** [340000IA03 Eccles Theater Restaurant Commissions](#)

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**Aye:** Council Member Ghorbani, Council Member Snelgrove, Council Member Bradley, Council Member Bradshaw, Council Member Jensen, Council Member Winder Newton, Council Member Granato, Council Member DeBry, and Council Chair Burdick

**Non-Voting:**

- 3.6 Budget Adjustment: Solid Waste Management's Request to Purchase new Case Loader Solid Rubber Tires using \$49,962 from Restricted Equipment Replacement Account [20-0402](#)**

**Attachments:** [475000IA04 Solid Waste Rubber Tires](#)

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**Aye:** Council Member Ghorbani, Council Member Snelgrove, Council Member Bradley, Council Member Bradshaw, Council Member Jensen, Council Member Winder Newton, Council Member Granato, Council Member DeBry, and Council Chair Burdick

**Non-Voting:**

### 3.7 COVID-19 and Earthquake Emergency Response Updates

[20-0405](#)

**The Council may Take Action, Including Votes, on any Necessary Legislative Matters Related to the Ongoing States of Emergency**

**Attachments:** [Staff Report](#)

Presenters: Mayor Jenny Wilson; Jill Miller, Associate Deputy Mayor; Clint Mecham, Salt Lake County Emergency Manager; Gary Edwards, Health Department Director; Rory Payne, Facilities Director (Approx. 20 mins.)

**Mayor Jennifer Wilson** updated the Council on the COVID-19 pandemic. She stated the County is seeing progress, which allows it to plan for the next phase to reopen additional businesses. The County is working closely with the State on its reopening plan, so hopefully this will avoid any confusion. To have success with reopening, testing must be available, case tracing, hospital stabilization, and a decline in the number of cases have to all be in place.

**Mr. Gary Edwards**, Director, Salt Lake County Health Department, updated the Council on the COVID-19 pandemic. He stated over 33,000 residents of Salt Lake County have been tested for the virus. The highest group for positive cases falls within the 30- to 40-year-old range; however, this is down from a high of 48 percent to 40 percent of the total cases. The 20-year-old and under range only has 7 percent of the overall cases. Hospital rates increase with age, with the 65- to 85- plus-year-olds having the highest hospitalization rates. Cases have been found at the jail and the men's resource center. Data, which has not been verified, shows that the suicide

rate is down from this time last year, number of cases of child abuse and neglect has decreased, and there is a significant drop in the number of youths coming to the receiving centers or crisis centers. However, there is a 33 percent increase in the number of domestic violence calls.

**Mr. David Schuld**, Hagerty Consulting and Intelligent Section Chief for COVID-19, stated his job is to look at real data and analyze it so Uniform Command can make decisions based on that data. Even though there is a higher percentage of individuals being tested, rates of COVID-19 are not increasing. This is still a fluid situation and plans are in place to respond quickly to any increase of the virus.

**Council Member Burdick** asked if there was any data on false negative testing.

**Mr. Edwards** stated the test that is being used in Utah is in the 99-plus-percent range for accuracy.

**Council Member Ghorbani** asked if there was any antibody testing being done.

**Mr. Edwards** stated there are a lot of labs working on it, but no trial tests have been granted emergency use authorization by the Food Drug Administration (FDA), so the tests are not recommended for use by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC).

**Mr. Clint Mecham**, Salt Lake County Emergency Manager, updated the Council on the 5.7 earthquake that occurred on March 18, 2020. He stated there has been over 1,400 aftershocks, with two bigger 4.2 aftershocks occurring last week. The aftershocks damaged additional buildings, including Fire Station 102 in Magna. This fire station has been temporarily closed due to concerns over the viability of the structure. Engineers are looking into the structure. Damage assessments will wrap up on April 22, 2020, so the State can forward that assessment to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). These assessments will provide an overall picture of structure damage and total dollar lost, which will help the State to determine if a Major Disaster Declaration is needed.

**Attachments:** [Staff Report](#)

Presenter: Kara Trevino, Council Legislative Director (Approx. 20 mins.)

**Ms. Kara Trevino**, Intergovernmental Relations Manager, Council Office, stated the Legislature called themselves into a special session to discuss bills that were needed for the budget and other issues within the State. The following bills were passed:

-SJR 301 Joint Resolution

This resolution allows the State to accept federal funds in response to COVID-19. The Legislature is working on how those funds will be distributed. The U.S. Treasury is providing guidance on how the money can be used.

-HJR 301 Urging Fiscal Responsibility

**Ms. Trevino** stated this resolution urges counties to practice fiscal responsibility. Salt Lake County has already taken action to deal with this.

-H.B. 3006 Election Amendments

**Ms. Trevino** stated the primary election is scheduled for June 30, 2020, but this bill allows counties to do the primary elections by mail. It provides the counties to be a mobile voting county, which means on election day voters can drive up and drop off their ballot.

-H.B. 3007 COVID-19 Workers' Compensation Amendments for First Responders

**Ms. Trevino** stated this bill allows first responders who get COVID-19 to be eligible for Workers' Compensation. It is hoped that the CARE Act would help with the cost of this.

-S.B. 3004 COVID-19 Health and Economic Response Act

**Ms. Trevino** stated this bill sets up a 10-member commission to give recommendations on how to take the next step in reopening the economy. The commission has been working with Utah Leads Together to come up with recommendations by April 22, 2020. If the Governor does not take the recommendations, then by the end of the month he has to say why he did not.

All these bills passed. The Legislature will be back in session on Thursday, April 23, and Friday, April 24, to take up additional bills, which include:

-H.B. 3009 Local Government Emergency Response

**Ms. Trevino** stated the League of Cities and Towns and Utah Association of Counties worked on this bill. The bill tried to strike a balance between what local leaders and state leaders could do. More coordination and better messaging on health orders is wanted. This bill got put on the sidelines because the Senate came down with its bill. Besides coordination, there are other things the local governments need so it is hopeful this bill will come back up.

-H.B. 3004 Annexation Amendments

**Ms. Trevino** stated this bill deals with an annexation and incorporation in Weber County; it does not impact Salt Lake County.

-H.B. 3005 Pandemic Response and Consultation Act

**Ms. Trevino** stated this bill would require the Governor to provide some notice to the Legislature before he could declare an emergency. This bill is on hold in the Senate.

-S.B. 3007 Contagious Virus Provisions

**Ms. Trevino** stated this bill provides immunity to business owners who might have a contagious person come into their business or property and infect other people. This bill will probably be discussed on Friday, April 24.

**Council Member Ghorbani** asked if the bill defines the responsibility of employers and workers.



**Ms. Trevino** stated it mostly focuses on customers who get COVID-19. The bill's purpose is to provide a measure of comfort to business owners to reopen. The special session must end on April 24; however, the plan is to call a special session every month to deal with the budget.

#### 4. CONSENT ITEMS:

A motion was made by Council Member Bradshaw, seconded by Council Member DeBry, that the consent agenda be approved and forwarded to the 4:00 p.m. Council meeting for ratification. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Council Member Ghorbani, Council Member Snelgrove, Council Member Bradley, Council Member Bradshaw, Council Member Jensen, Council Member Winder Newton, Council Member Granato, Council Member DeBry, and Council Chair Burdick

#### Non-Voting:

- 4.1 **A Resolution of the Salt Lake County Council Approving the Acquisition of a Fee Interest in Certain Real Property From Albert L. Munsell and the Estate of Kay Lynn Munsell as Part of the Surplus Canal Project and the Transfer of the County's Excess Real Estate Interests in Adjacent Property to the Same** [20-0394](#)

**Attachments:** [Staff Report](#)  
[Resolution for Surplus Canal - Munsell AATF](#)  
[Munsell Acquisition File\\_26Mar2020](#)

This consent item was approved and forwarded.

- 4.2 **On the 21 day of April 2020, the Salt Lake County Council Consents to the Appointment of Rudy Martinez, Darcy Dockery, and Alfredo Boscan as Sheriff's Office Employees as Bail Commissioners Pursuant to Utah Code Annotated Section 17-32-1. Bail Commissioners Shall Serve at the Pleasure of the Council or Until They Separate from Their Employment with the Sheriff's Office** [20-0395](#)

**Attachments:** [Staff Report](#)  
[Bail Commissioner Appointment](#)

This consent item was approved and forwarded.

**5. ITEMS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS**

5.1. Internal Business

**6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**6.1 Approval of Committee of the Whole Minutes for March 31, 2020 and April 7, 2020** [20-0393](#)

**Attachments:** [033120 COW Minutes](#)  
[040720 COW Minutes](#)

A motion was made by Council Member Bradshaw, seconded by Council Member DeBry, that this agenda item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Council Member Ghorbani, Council Member Snelgrove, Council Member Bradley, Council Member Bradshaw, Council Member Jensen, Council Member Winder Newton, Council Member Granato, Council Member DeBry, and Council Chair Burdick

**Non-Voting:**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:54 PM.

SHERRIE SWENSEN, COUNTY CLERK

By \_\_\_\_\_  
DEPUTY CLERK

By \_\_\_\_\_  
CHAIR, SALT LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL