

# **SALT LAKE COUNTY**

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## **Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday, March 10, 2020**

**2:04 PM**

**Room N2-800**

## **Committee of the Whole**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

<b>Present</b>	Council Member Shireen Ghorbani Council Member Richard Snelgrove Council Member Jim Bradley Council Member Aimee Winder Newton Council Member Ann Granato Council Member Steve DeBry
<b>Excused</b>	Council Member Michael Jensen Council Chair Max Burdick
<b>Call In</b>	Council Member Arlyn Bradshaw

**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. Those who are present may be asked to speak first.

The following individuals shared their concern about nuclear weapons. They spoke of the grave consequences of even a limited nuclear war and supported the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons. A proposed letter to Utah's Congressional delegation calls upon the federal government to join the Treaty. No Council action was taken on the letter.

**Deb Sawyer**, Utah Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons

**Mike Arnold**

**Doug Stark**

**Kathryn Kruger**

**Susan Dillon**

**3. DISCUSSION ITEMS:****3.1 Proposed Hire Report** [20-0280](#)

**Attachments:** [Proposed Hire Report 3-4-2020](#)

**Mr. Brad Kendrick**, Budget & Policy Analyst, Council Office, reviewed the proposed hires.

**3.2 2019 Budget Adjustment: Public Works' Request for a** [20-0287](#)

**\$150,000 Appropriation Unit Shift (Operations to Depreciation) to Recognize the Depreciation for the 84 Lumber Truck Wash, Fuel Center, and Land Improvements.**

**Attachments:** [440000YE01 Public Works Operations Depreciation](#)

**Mr. Brad Kendrick**, Budget & Policy Analyst, Council Office, reviewed the interim budget adjustment.

A motion was made by Council Member Bradley, seconded by Council Member Ghorbani, that this agenda item be approved and forwarded to the 4:00 PM Council meeting for ratification. The motion carried by a unanimous vote. Council Member DeBry was absent for the vote.

### **3.3 Legislative Update**

[20-0288](#)

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

Presenter: Kara Trevino, Council Legislative Director (Approx. 45 mins.)  
Discussion/Direction

**Ms. Kara Trevino**, Intergovernmental Relations Manager, Council Office, reviewed the following legislative bills:

- 2nd Sub HB 394 Homeless and Transitional Housing Program Amendments
- HB 440 Homeless Services Funding Amendments
- 1st Sub SB 244 Homeless Shelter and Services Sharing Amendments
- SB 165 Emergency Response Plans for Homelessness

**Ms. Trevino** stated HB 394 establishes a “homelessness czar” appointed by the governor. It has passed the House and is in the Senate. It has a delayed implementation date of July 2021.

HB 440 has already passed. The bill requires that proceeds from the sale of The Road Home property be used toward debt or operations for the resource centers.

SB 244 is to establish a case management system that is state-wide, so all data is more uniform and centrally located. Funds have been appropriated for this. This passed the Senate and is in the House.

SB 165 has passed the Senate. It requires local oversight bodies, such as the Council of Governments, to come up with emergency plans. The plans are non-binding. It has passed the Senate and is on the House reading calendar.

**Mayor Jennifer Wilson** stated HB 394 is a work in progress. One concern is the advisory nature of the state coordinating committee. She is slightly opposed or neutral about the bill. HB 440 needs to have money dedicated to it over the next several years. The information system provided for in SB 244 will benefit the state. She did not feel it was necessary to have an additional entity, the Council of Governments (COG), weigh in on the issue as proposed in SB 165.

**Ms. Erin Litvack**, Deputy Mayor of County Services, stated HB 394 allows the County time to go through the Kem Gardner Policy Institute and do the study that is funded in HB 440. She is also supportive of HB 440, but feels that COG is not the right place for emergency planning to be located.

**Ms. Katherine Fife**, Policy & Program Manager, Mayor's Office, stated HB 440 focuses on a long-term strategy for meeting homeless overflow needs into next winter. As for SB 244, stakeholders support data sharing and feel combining a case management system with the current homeless management information system is a good move.

**Mayor Wilson** stated the anchor bill that is needed right now is HB 440.

**Ms. Trevino** stated HB 440 passed this morning.

The Council agreed to further monitor HB 394.

- SB 203 Apprenticeship Utilization Act

**Ms. Trevino** stated this bill was assigned to a committee; however, yesterday was the deadline for bills to leave their own house. So it did not pass out of the Senate. The issued will be studied over the interim.

- SJR 3 Proposal to Amend Utah Constitution - Annual General Sessions of the Legislature

**Ms. Trevino** stated this will change when the legislative session can start. The idea is to start the Tuesday after Martin Luther King Jr. Day. The legislators feel the first few weeks of January are a waste.

- HB 305 Impact Fee Amendment

**Ms. Trevino** stated this bill changed dramatically. Now, it just requires some notice. An amendment in the Senate committee carved out specific language that only applies to Rio Tinto. The notice provision for unincorporated development is also clarified. The County is monitoring the bill.

**Mr. Mitchell Park**, Legal Counsel, Council Office, stated the definition of urban development is more than 15 units with an average density of more than one unit per acre.

- HB 245 Dogs in Watershed Areas

**Council Member Snelgrove** stated he is concerned that allowing dogs in Big and Little Cottonwood Canyons would add to the congestion in the canyons.

**Council Member Bradley** stated he is concerned about the water pollution issue.

**Ms. Trevino** stated this bill has failed.

- SB 134 Property Tax Exemption for Wildfire Prevention

**Ms. Trevino** stated the County opposed this bill, but worked with the sponsor to hold taxing entities harmless. It was discussed extensively at Utah Association of Counties, (UAC.) The bill has changed since last week and now requires a constitutional amendment for it to take place. There is also a sunset provision in the bill.

**Ms. Catherine Kanter**, Deputy Mayor of Regional Operations, proposed the following legislative intent for the Council's consideration:

*The Salt Lake County Council is committed to considering measures to mitigate the risks to county residents throughout the County posed by the implementation of SB 134 (in the event it passes as a Constitutional amendment); it being understood that such measures may include a reasonable reduction of the exemption cap percentage.*

When the Council would consider the exemption, it would take into account the facts and circumstances that were in place at that time and use a reasonable standard to consider whether to reduce that exemption.

**Undersheriff Jake Petersen**, Sheriff's Office, stated he is also representing the Unified Police Department (UPD) and the Salt Lake Valley Law Enforcement Service Area (SLVLESA). They are concerned about the effect this bill would have on the SLVLESA budget. He concurred with the legislative intent.

**Mayor Jennifer Wilson** stated she did not want to put an additional tax burden on any one sector or group of residents.

**Ms. Trevino** stated if the constitutional amendment passes, the State Division of Forestry, Fire and State Land will do a map showing which parcels should be eligible. There would be a rule making process to decide what was eligible for the exemption.

A motion was made by Council Member DeBry, seconded by Council Member Ghorbani, to approve the legislative intent. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

- SCR 10

**Council Member Snelgrove** stated the Council discussed incentivizing County employees who opted out of the County health insurance program and joined a spouse's plan. The Senate and House unanimously passed SCR 10, which offers such incentives to state employees. It is estimated the net benefit to the state could be as high as \$20 million. The Council should monitor the state's program to see if it would work for Salt Lake County.

### 3.4 TIME CERTAIN 3:00 PM

[20-0290](#)

#### **Discussion Regarding the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons and Opportunity for Council Members to Sign a Letter Supporting the Prohibition**

**Attachments:** [Staff Report](#)  
[Nuclear Weapons Ban Letter to UT Congressmen](#)

Item Sponsors: Council Member Ghorbani and Council Member Bradley

Presenters: Deb Sawyer, Founder of the Utah Chapter to Abolish Nuclear Weapons and Tosh Kano, Utah Chapter to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (Approx. 10 mins.)

Informational

**Mr. Tosh Kano**, Utah Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons, spoke to the Council regarding the United Nations Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons. He is a survivor of the first nuclear weapon dropped on Hiroshima, Japan. His mother was pregnant with him and within 2400 feet of the blast center. He described the devastating effect radiation has had on his health and the after affects of the explosion on people and property. The U.S. needs to set an example for future generations and honestly negotiate for the abolition of nuclear weapons.

**Council Member Bradley** asked how the U.S. would deal with other countries that did not sign the treaty.

**Ms. Deb Sawyer**, Utah Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons, stated the treaty has only been signed by countries that currently do not have nuclear weapons.

**Mr. Kano** stated between the U.S. and Russia, nuclear bombs have been reduced from 24,000 to 15,000.

**Council Member Ghorbani** noted the number of Utah families who are “downwinders” and have lost loved ones.

**Council Member DeBry** stated he would not be signing a letter in support of the treaty because it is a matter for Congress, not the Council. Nuclear proliferation is terrible thing and could be the demise of the entire world. However, he felt the world was a safer place if the U.S. remained strong militarily.

**Council Member Granato** stated she knew a member of the Enola Gay crew (the plan that dropped the bomb on Hiroshima) and he was haunted by the experience for the rest of his life.

**Council Member Snelgrove** thanked Mr. Kano and Ms. Sawyer for seeking peace. However, he felt a U.S. that is strong economically and militarily makes for a safer world.

**3.5 Update on Salt Lake County’s Coordinated Response to [20-0279](#)  
COVID-19**

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

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

Informational

**Mr. Gary Edwards**, Director, Salt Lake County Health Department, stated the Health Department has been working on the Covid-19 issue since mid-January. It is working on quarantine measures, tracking those who may have been exposed, messaging to high risk individuals, and protecting the health care system. Testing is also increasing.

**Chief Clint Mecham**, Salt Lake County Emergency Manager, Unified Fire Authority (UFA), stated the UFA is working to support the Health Department prepare for Covid-19. The Incident Command System was instituted on Friday. An Incident Action Plan has been created and will go into effect tomorrow.

**Mayor Jennifer Wilson** stated last Friday she declared a state of emergency in Salt Lake County, which allows the County to be eligible for federal resources. It is a complex operation and she appreciates the Council's support. She encouraged all Council Members or their Senior Policy Advisors to attend the weekly taskforce meetings.

**Ms. Jill Miller**, Associate Deputy Mayor, stated she is the liaison between the County and Unified Command, and she runs the taskforce meetings. They are working with Information Technology to see if employees can work remotely, and with Human Resource policies as to what leave employees will get if sent home and how they will be allowed back.

**Sheriff Rosie Rivera** stated she believed the jail was prepared for this virus. Symptomatic inmates will have to be quarantined and one unit can be closed down for that purpose. The jail is being cleaned, temperatures of all inmates are being checked, supplies are being ordered, and a procedure is being developed to transfer inmates to a hospital if they become ill.

**Mayor Wilson** stated she has an exigent item that needs to be added to the agenda.



**Mr. Mitchell Park**, Legal Counsel, Council Office, described the type of motions necessary to accomplish this.

A motion was made by Council Member Winder Newton, seconded by Council Member Ghorbani, to amend the agenda. The motion carried by unanimous vote. Council Member Bradshaw was absent for the vote.

**Mayor Wilson** introduced and explained the need to clarify overtime pay during the Coronavirus or any other emergency.

**Mr. Darrin Casper**, Deputy Mayor of Finance & Administration, stated Policy 5-300 was written to allow the County to take advantage of overtime reimbursement from the federal government. The overtime reimbursement is only available for those working exclusively on the emergency issues.

**Mr. Ralph Chamness**, Deputy District Attorney, stated the hope is that the Council will approve this today, which will change the HR policy going forward. He also noted that the state of emergency terminates by itself at 30 days if the Council has not approved it.

**Mayor Wilson** stated she has asked managers to be cautious in spending and to forgo any non-essential spending.

A motion was made by Council Member Ghorbani, seconded by Council Member Granato, to amend the agenda based on the declaration of emergency made by the Mayor. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Council Member Winder Newton, seconded by Council Member DeBry, to approve the new policy. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

**Mr. Mitchell Park**, Legal Counsel, Council Office, stated he has been attending the taskforce meetings and has passed information to the Council's Senior Policy Advisors. He also wanted the Council to be aware that the declaration of emergency will terminate within 30 days unless it is renewed. The administration notified the Council as soon as that was issued. The Mayor will have to come back to the Council to seek ratification if that is expanded. He noted that a public health emergency is different and has not yet been declared. That may still happen and would involve a separate set of

powers given to the Mayor and Director of the Health Department.

**Council Member Granato** asked if minutes were taken at the taskforce meetings.

**Mr. Park** stated he did not believe so. The meetings are not public and are of an informational nature.

#### **4. CONSENT ITEMS:**

A motion was made by Council Member Winder Newton, seconded by Council Member Granato, that the Consent Agenda be approved and forwarded to the 4:00 PM Council meeting for ratification. The motion carried by a unanimous vote. Council Members Bradley and Bradshaw were absent for the vote.

- 4.1 A Resolution of the Salt Lake County Council Approving the Execution of an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with Salt Lake City Corporation Providing for the County's Operation of Certain Recreational Programming and Management** [20-0281](#)

**Attachments:** [Staff Report](#)  
[P & R Contract](#)

This consent item was approved and forwarded.

- 4.2 Contribution of an In-Kind Donation Valued at \$6,000 of ArtTix Processing Equipment to Utah Symphony Utah Opera** [20-0271](#)

**Attachments:** [Staff Report](#)  
[Application for Contribution Utah Symphony Opera](#)

This consent item was approved and forwarded.

#### **5. ITEMS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS**

- 5.1. Internal Business

#### **6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- 6.1 Acceptance of Committee of the Whole Minutes for February 25, 2020** [20-0273](#)

**Attachments:** [022520 COW Min.](#)

A motion was made by Council Member Winder Newton, seconded by Council Member Granato, that this agenda item be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote. Council Members Bradley and Bradshaw were absent for the vote.

**3:45 PM ADJOURN FOR BOARD OF EQUALIZATION**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:52 PM.

SHERRIE SWENSEN, COUNTY CLERK

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

By \_\_\_\_\_  
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