

# **SALT LAKE COUNTY**

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## **Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday, May 5, 2020**

**2:50 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 Update on Salt Lake County's Coordinated Response to [20-0451](#)  
COVID-19**

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

**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. 30 mins.)

Discussion/Direction

**Mayor Jennifer Wilson** updated the Council on the latest County Covid-19 information. This week saw a modification of the statewide stay-at-home order as businesses slowly begin to open. Although Salt Lake County has unique cases and a higher infection rate, it is working with the State to avoid confusion among residents. It is important that the public remember the virus remains strong within the community and to follow social distancing and face covering requirements. The County continues to monitor its ability to spend under FEMA and the CARES act.

**Mr. Gary Edwards**, Executive Director, Salt Lake County Health Department, stated the virus has stabilized within the County and there are some signs of it decreasing. He emphasized the need for high risk individuals or those with the illness to stay home.

**Council Member Granato** asked about continued contact tracing and testing.

**Mr. Edwards** stated contact tracing will continue as long as there are cases of the virus. In most instances, testing is limited to individuals who have one of many symptoms, or who had contact with an infected person. The Health Department is trying to expand testing in hot spots.

**Council Member Newton** asked about the value of wearing masks as she has read reports with a variety of opinions.

**Mr. Edwards** stated the Center for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC) has previously never encouraged people to wear masks because it creates a false sense of security. The mask does not protect the individual wearing the mask as much as it protects others from them, should they be infected.

**Council Member Ghorbani** asked about vulnerable populations in group settings, especially senior living centers.

**Ms. Erin Litvack**, Deputy Mayor of County Services, stated the Mayor's Office continues to work closely with service providers for the Homeless Resource Centers. Testing is being done on a schedule at several facilities that serve the homeless. Testing at long-term care facilities is more strategic based on cases.

### 3.2 Salt Lake County Budget Update for COVID-19 Response

[20-0453](#)

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

Presenter: Darrin Casper, Deputy Mayor of Finance & Chief Financial Officer (Approx. 10 mins.)

Informational

**Mr. Darrin Casper**, Deputy Mayor of Finance & Administration, updated the Council on the County budget and spending of Covid-related funds. The

County is still anticipating an \$80 million revenue shortfall this year. County agencies and elected officials have made budget cuts to 467 line items, which is especially difficult in mid-year. He reviewed a few of the individual cuts by number and percentage of budget. He also covered sales tax bonds, the Employee Service Reserve Fund, substantial revenue losses, and additional revenue gains by the Recorder's Office. All budget cuts have been made without any RIFs.

Within the Covid funds, the County has spent an accumulated \$12.5 million. All but \$2.1 million of that is for employees redeployed to the Covid effort. These expenses are reimbursable.

**3.3 Salt Lake County Economic Impact Working Group Update [20-0454](#)  
for COVID-19 Response**

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

Presenter: Dina Blaes, Director of Economic Impact Working Group (Approx. 10 mins.)

Informational

**Mayor Jennifer Wilson** stated the Economic Impact Working Group has engaged with many partners throughout the County to ease the pain of local businesses. It is looking at ways to share some of the CARES Covid funding. The group has also been in touch with the food bank about expansion, and looked at arts organizations, as well as businesses that could not get Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loans.

**Council Member Newton** asked if the distribution of funds would come to the Council before being distributed.

**Mayor Wilson** said she wanted the Council's support and would rely on legal counsel regarding the role the Council could play.

**3.4 Discussion on Government Center Phased Re-opening Plan [20-0448](#)**

**Attachments:** [Staff Report - Government Center Reopening](#)  
[GC Opening - FINAL 4.24.20](#)

Presenters: Megan Hillyard, Administrative Services Director and Jill Miller, Associate Deputy Mayor (Approx. 10 mins.)

Informational

**Ms. Jill Miller**, Associate Deputy Mayor, stated the County will begin Phase I of reopening the Government Center. Phase I will last several weeks. She stressed the flexibility available to various agencies, some of which worked well from home while others needed more time in the office. She urged consideration of those employees who need childcare, are at high risk, or live with someone who is high risk.

**Ms. Megan Hillyard**, Director, Administrative Services Department, stated the guidelines for the initial opening of the Government Center are based on Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC) guidelines. Agencies can staff the office with up to 25 percent of employees at any one time. Visitors will be allowed into offices only by appointment. Employees will be required to submit a daily form indicating they do not have Covid symptoms. She reviewed the role of Facilities Services in signage and cleaning.

**Mr. Mitchell Park**, Legal Counsel, Council Office, stated the Council office has worked on a reopening plan and Shykell Ledford will be the point person for that plan. Everyone is doing their best to see the Council offices reopen safely.

**3.5 A Resolution of the Salt Lake County Council Authorizing the Salt Lake County Assessor to Waive Personal Property Filing and Payment Penalties and Interest** [20-0449](#)

**Attachments:** [Staff Report](#)  
[Resolution re SLCo Assessor and Personal Prop. Penalties Rev. 5\\_5\\_2020](#)  
[20-9007 Personal Property Tax Waiver of Interest and Penalties 4.29.20](#)

Presenter: Assessor Kevin Jacobs (Approx. 5 mins.)

Discussion/Direction

**Mr. Kevin Jacobs**, County Assessor, stated this resolution authorizes him to waive interest and penalties due to late filings and payment of business personal property taxes for returns and taxes due between January 1, 2020, through August 15, 2020.

**Mr. Mitchell Park**, Legal Counsel, Council Office, stated a revised edition of this resolution has been given to Council Members and the clerks. The updated version clarifies some dates.

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

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

**Absent:** Council Member Bradshaw

**Non-Voting:**

**3.6 Change in Ordinance for Salt Lake County Planning Commission** [20-0425](#)

**Attachments:** [Staff Report](#)  
[Ordinance Membership Update Draft\\_16Apr20](#)

Presenter: Jake Young, Planning Program Manager, Regional Planning and Transportation and Zach Shaw, Deputy District Attorney (Approx. 5 mins.)  
Discussion/Direction

**Mr. Jake Young**, Program Manager, Regional Transportation, Housing & Economic Development Department, stated this ordinance will change the membership of the Salt Lake County Planning Commission from five to seven members. This is being done because of the significant increase in workload that awaits the planning commission.

**Mr. Zachary Shaw**, Deputy District Attorney, stated typically in zoning ordinances, the Council takes a vote to start the public process.

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 the following vote:

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

**Absent:** Council Member Bradshaw

**Non-Voting:**

**4. CONSENT ITEMS:**

A motion was made by Council Member Ghorbani, seconded by Council Member Snelgrove, to approve the Consent Agenda and forward it to the 4:00 PM Council meeting for ratification. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

**Absent:** Council Member Bradshaw

**Non-Voting:**

- 4.1 **A Resolution of the Salt Lake County Council Approving Amendment to Storm Drainage and Flood Control Agreement between Salt Lake County and Sandy City** [20-0443](#)

**Attachments:** [Staff Report](#)  
[Resolution Sandy Canal 24April20.pdf](#)  
[Storm Drainage and Flood Control Amendment PV9078C.pdf](#)

This consent item was approved and forwarded.

- 4.2 **Appointment of Teresa Perkins as a Salt Lake County Deputy Constable** [20-0444](#)

**Attachments:** [Staff Report](#)  
[Deputy Constable Appointment - Teresa Perkins](#)

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 April 21, 2020** [20-0446](#)

**Attachments:** [042120 - COW Minutes](#)

A motion was made by Council Member Ghorbani, seconded by Council Member Snelgrove, 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 Jensen, Council Member Winder Newton, Council Member Granato, Council Member DeBry, and Council Chair Burdick

**Absent:** Council Member Bradshaw

**Non-Voting:**

**ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:16 PM.

SHERRIE SWENSEN, COUNTY CLERK

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

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