

SALT LAKE COUNTY

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Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, June 23, 2020

1:00 PM

Room N2-800

Committee of the Whole

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. CLOSED SESSION: Security Issues Discussion (Approx. 30 min.)

A motion was made by Council Member Snelgrove, seconded by Council Member Bradley, to close the Committee of the Whole meeting to discuss a security issue. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

The Committee of the Whole meeting was reopened by vote during the closed session.

3. 2:00 PM TIME CERTAIN - CITIZEN PUBLIC INPUT

Ms. Shykell Ledford, Council Administrative Coordinator, Council Office, stated the Council Office received emails from Andrea Jessop, Ron Draughon, Ashley Bell, Connie Pack, and Fred Cox. These emails have been forwarded to individual Council Members. and are available for public review in the office of the Council Clerk, Rm. N2-700, Government Center.

Mr. Fred Cox stated he did not agree with the resolutions, which would extend the Mayor’s emergency powers to the end of the year for the COVID-19 pandemic and extend the State of Emergency for the earthquake to August 7, 2020. Also, if the Council approves the resolutions, he would suggest paragraph four be remove from both resolutions.

4. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

4.1 Update on Salt Lake County's Coordinated Response to [20-0593](#)
COVID-19

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

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[County Council Briefing -- June 22 2020](#)

Presenters: Mayor Jenny Wilson, Jill Miller, Associate Deputy Mayor; Clint Mecham, Salt Lake County Emergency Manager; David Schuld, Intelligence Section Chief, Salt Lake County COVID-19 Response; Gary Edwards, Director, Health Department (Approx. 15 mins).

Discussion/Direction

Mayor Jennifer Wilson updated the Council on the COVID-19 coordinated response. She stated that as of today, she has sent a letter to Governor Gary Herbert requesting that he allow Salt Lake County to make it mandatory for all citizens to wear a face mask when out in the community, due to the increased rise of COVID-19 cases, lack of citizens not wearing face coverings, and lack of social distancing. This would not apply to people in parks, recreating, or people driving in their cars. It would apply to any retail or commercial establishment, entering or being seated at a restaurant, or a community gathering.

Mr. Gary Edwards, Director, Salt Lake County Health Department, stated every municipality in Salt Lake County has not seen a surge in COVID-19 cases over the past two weeks. The Health Department has been sponsoring free COVID-19 testing in targeted areas, but it had to postpone some testing events because of the overwhelming response and the need to fulfill its commitment of testing in the long-term facilities and homeless resource centers. The County is testing an average of 15,000 people a week, which is well over the national level of 9,000 per week.

Mr. David Schuld, Special Assistant to the Mayor, delivered a PowerPoint presentation regarding the daily case count, snapshot of trends, active/recovered trendlines, and everyone doing their part. He stated the daily count of new cases has increased by 1.5 percent.

Council Member Ghorbani asked if the County has continued its testing in

the homeless resource centers and the congregate living settings.

Ms. Erin Litvack, Deputy Mayor of County Services, stated the County is continuing the care and monitoring in the homeless resource centers and congregate living settings. If any cases are identified, then contact tracing is done to evaluate exposure. It is her understanding the jail is not testing everyone; however, new inmates are put into a quarantine situation for 30 days to reduce the risk of infecting others.

Council Member Bradshaw asked if it would be beneficial for the Council to directed a letter to the Governor in support of the request making it mandatory to wear face masks in Salt Lake County. A letter could be drafted that individual Council Members could sign.

Mayor Wilson stated she would appreciate it, and suggested the letter go out today. If given permission from the Governor, and hoped to implement this requirement this weekend.

Council Member Bradshaw stated he would have his Senior Policy Advisor, Isaac Higham, draft the letter and coordinate with individual Council Members to get signatures.

4.2 Salt Lake County Resolution:

[20-0585](#)

Extension of the Public Health Emergency Declared by the Salt Lake County Mayor and the Executive Director of the Salt Lake County Health Department: COVID-19 Pandemic of 2020

Attachments: [Staff Report - Extension of Public Health Order](#)
[Resolution for Second Extension of Declaration of Health](#)
[Emergency\(6-16-20\)\(AATF\)](#)

Presenters: Mayor Jenny Wilson and Ralph Chamness, Chief Deputy, Civil Division, District Attorney's Office (Approx. 15 mins).

Discussion/Direction

Mayor Jennifer Wilson stated the County is operating under a State of Emergency Declaration. She would like to extend this declaration until December 31, 2020, because there is still a large percentage of CARES Act dollars remaining and efforts are ongoing to put in place administration of a

vaccine once it is developed. Her office is also working on a new system to bring COVID expenses to the Council for review.

Mr. Ralph Chamness, Deputy District Attorney, stated this would be the second extension of the emergency declaration. There is no state statute or County ordinance in place that indicates the length of an extension. This extension would coincide with the length of time the CARES Funding must be expended. Also, the Federal Emergency Management Act (FEMA) has a 60-day requirement to get paperwork in. The suggested deadline would give the County the time needed to maximize the reimbursement and protect County interest.

Mr. Darrin Casper, Deputy Mayor of Finance and Administration, stated the financial goal is to maximize the use of federal dollars that is brought into the County. The monies received through FEMA should be eligible for CARES funding as well. So, if the County uses FEMA money, it would free up CARES funding to help small businesses.

Council Member Newton stated she understands the need to extend the emergency declaration, but is concerned about the Council continuing to give up its legislative authority. She would prefer to extend the declaration in 30-day increments. That is a way to hold the executive branch accountable. She will not support an extension to the end of the year.

Also, she is concerned about paragraph four in the declaration, which reads *“the Council supports and approves all orders and regulations issued thus far by the Mayor and the Director regarding the state of emergency.”* This statement is just too vague. It makes it sound like the Council has approved every single action that has taken place regarding the emergency, and the Council has not even had the chance to weigh in on every action.

Council Member DeBry stated he did not have a problem extending the declaration to August 20, 2020, which is the same date the State has extended its declaration. He is okay with the language in paragraph four. The declaration gives the Mayor the power to take on those issues, so the Council, in a way, has already approved all orders and regulations.

A motion was made by Council Member Snelgrove, and seconded by Council Member DeBry, to extend the emergency declaration to August 20, 2020, and to forward this item 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 Winder Newton, Council Member Granato, Council Member DeBry, and Council Chair Burdick

Excused: Council Member Jensen

Council Member Newton asked if any Council Member had an issue with paragraph four.

No Council Member indicated that they had an issue.

Mr. Mitchell Park, Legal Counsel, Council Office, asked the District Attorney's Office to get the updated resolution to him and the Council Clerk's Office before the 4:00 p.m. Council meeting if possible.

Mr. Chamness stated he would.

4.3 Salt Lake County Resolution:

[20-0586](#)

Extension of the State of Emergency Declared by the Salt Lake County Mayor Arising out of the March 18, 2020 Earthquake

Attachments: [Staff Report - Extension of Earthquake Emergency Resolution for Second Extension of Declaration of Earthquake Emergency\(6-16-20\(AATF\)\)](#)

Presenters: Mayor Jenny Wilson and Ralph Chamness, Chief Deputy, Civil Division, District Attorney's Office (Approx. 5 mins).

Discussion/Direction

Mr. Ralph Chamness, Deputy District Attorney, stated this resolution would extend the current State of Emergency Declaration arising out of the March 18, 2020 earthquake, until August 7, 2020. This extension will ensure that the County can maximize coverage under the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) reimbursement.

A motion was made by Council Member Bradshaw, seconded by Council

Member Winder Newton, 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 Winder Newton, Council Member Granato, Council Member DeBry, and Council Chair Burdick

Excused: Council Member Jensen

4.4 Salt Lake County COVID Economic Impact Working Group/Small Business Impact Grant Program Update [20-0594](#)

Presenter: Dina Blaes, Director of Economic Impact Working Group (Approx. 15 mins).

Informational

Ms. Dina Blaes, Chair, Economic Impact Working Group for COVID Recovery, updated the Council on the COVID Economic Impact reviewing the outreach, statistics, business relief hotline, and application process for the grant program. She stated 142 applications have been submitted declaring \$5.4 million in losses, but because of the cap placed on the amount a business can receive, the total requested in grants is \$2.7 million.

4.5 Voting System and Election Equipment Project Proposal Presentation [20-0554](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[Proposed Election Equipment \(TAB Presentation\) 051220](#)

Presenters: Clerk Sherrie Swensen; Lannie Chapman, Chief Deputy Clerk; Pam Tueller, Election Director; Assessor Kevin Jacobs; and Zach Posner, Chief Information Officer (Approx. 15 mins).

Discussion/Direction

This item was pulled.

4.6 Presentation and Approval of Discovery Gateway: The Children's Museum's FY 2021 Annual Budget and Annual Plan [20-0588](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[DG FY21 Budget and Annual Plan Final](#)
[DG COW Presentation PPT June 23.20 b](#)

Presenters: Robin B. Chalhoub, Associate Director of Community Services and Interim Executive Director of Discovery Gateway: The Children's Museum (Approx. 15 mins).

Discussion/Direction

This item was pulled.

- 4.7 **A Resolution of the Salt Lake County Council Approving Execution of an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with the Central Wasatch Commission Providing for the Transfer of County Regional Transportation Choice Funds for a Transportation Project within Salt Lake County** [20-0583](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[CWC_RES](#)
[CWC_ILA](#)

Presenter: Helen Peters, Program Manager, Regional Transportation, Housing, and Economic Development (Approx. 5 mins).

Discussion/Direction

Mr. Mike Reberg, Associate Deputy Mayor of Regional Operations, stated the request is to use \$20,000 of the 4th Quarter dollars to design two bridges on the Desolation Trail in Mill Creek Canyon.

A motion was made by Council Member Bradley, seconded by Council Member Bradshaw, 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 Winder Newton, Council Member Granato, and Council Chair Burdick

Excused: Council Member Jensen

Absent: Council Member DeBry

- 4.8 Report of Identified Entities to Receive Budgeted \$300,000 to be Used for Connecting Individuals Experiencing Homelessness in Salt Lake County with services** [20-0590](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report - \\$300,000 Homelessness Funding Information](#)

Presenter: Katherine Fife (Approx. 5 mins).

Informational

Ms. Katherine Fife, Policy and Program Manager, Initiatives and Special Programs Division, stated during the November 2019 budget sessions, the Council allocated \$300,000 towards addressing needs within the homeless services system. After looking at a Comprehensive Needs and Analysis Report, her division was able to identify some gaps that the funding could be used to support. The proposal is to give \$200,000 to Utah Community Action so it can continue with the coordinated intake diversion and phone line activities, and the remaining \$100,000 would go towards transportation used to access homeless services.

5. CONSENT ITEMS:

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

Excused: Council Member Jensen

- 5.1 Approval of Time Extension for Policy 1200 Request of In-Kind Contribution of Staff Time to the Nonprofit Organization Discovery Gateway** [20-0591](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report - Extension of Discovery Gateway Policy 1200](#)
[Discovery Gateway Nonprofit Status Letter](#)
[Discovery Gateway 2019-06 Final Financial Statements](#)
[Policy 1200 Discovery Gateway June 2020 \(002\) copy](#)

This consent item was approved and forwarded.

6. ITEMS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS

6.1 Internal Business

7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**7.1 Approval of Committee of the Whole Minutes for June 9, [20-0580](#)
2020**

Attachments: [060920 - COW Min.](#)

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

Excused: Council Member Jensen

ADJOURN 3:45 PM for Board of Equalization

The meeting was adjourned at 3:57 PM.

SHERRIE SWENSEN, COUNTY CLERK

By _____
DEPUTY CLERK

By _____
CHAIR, SALT LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL