

SALT LAKE COUNTY

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Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 19, 2020

1:36 PM

Room N2-800

Committee of the Whole

1. CALL TO ORDER

Present Council Member Shireen Ghorbani
Council Member Aimee Winder Newton
Council Chair Max Burdick

Call In Council Member Richard Snelgrove
Council Member Jim Bradley
Council Member Arlyn Bradshaw
Council Member Michael Jensen
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 Budget Adjustment: Capital Project True-ups - All Projects**[20-0455](#)

Attachments: [2020 Capital Project True-Up SH5866](#)

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

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

Absent: Council Member Bradley

3.2 Update on Salt Lake County's Coordinated Response to COVID-19[20-0487](#)

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. 50 mins.)

Discussion/Direction

Mayor Jennifer Wilson updated the Council on the federal CARES Act, which provides Covid-19 relief for American citizens and businesses. Her team is in conversation with state and municipal partners about their needs and she explained the method of distributing funds.

Mr. Clint Mecham, Salt Lake County Emergency Manager, stated County earthquake damage figures have been sent to the State of Utah. The Governor signed a major disaster declaration. Those numbers will now go to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and to the White House.

Mr. Gary Edwards, Director, Salt Lake County Health Department, stated the Governor has moved most of the County from moderate Covid risk to low risk, except for Salt Lake City, West Valley City, and the Magna Metro Township. The County tests 9,000 to 10,000 people per week in numerous locations, and has continued contact tracing and reaching out to high risk groups in congregant living settings.

Mr. David Schuld, Hagerty Consulting and Intelligent Section Chief for Covid-19, delivered a PowerPoint presentation. He reviewed statistics on Covid cases, hospitalizations, and deaths, as well as a rolling seven-day count tracker for cases, hospitalizations, and ICU admissions.

Council Member Ghorbani asked about the safety of reopening pools and playgrounds, as well as overall concerns about reopening.

Mr. Edwards stated he is concerned that there is no treatment or vaccine for the virus. The disease will continue to be transmitted. Parents need to be aware of this when their children return to playgrounds.

Ms. Holly Yocom, Director, Community Services Department, stated Parks & Recreation is using Covid dollars to add staff in parks to clean

playgrounds and bathrooms. They will also open select recreation centers in the next few weeks.

**3.3 Salt Lake County Economic Impact Working Group Update [20-0488](#)
for COVID-19 Response**

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)

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

Informational

Ms. Dina Blaes, Chair, Economic Impact Working Group, updated the Council on its business grant program and an initial survey sent to businesses impacted by the pandemic. Results of the survey will help shape the criteria and guidelines for the grant program. She asked that Council Members' Senior Policy Advisors become involved in the grant program working meetings.

Council Member Burdick stated she should plan on sending an invitation to all Senior Policy Advisors.

Ms. Blaes also updated the Council on the consumer attitude survey she talked about a couple weeks ago. This was a survey of 800 people - 400 were cell phone numbers; 400 were land lines. Top line results indicate a significant majority of residents are still uncomfortable going out and engaging in the economy. As more survey results are analyzed, they will be shared with the Council. The group will conduct this survey again in three to four weeks to see how things are trending.

The Economic Impact Working Group is still working behind the scenes to address short-term economic recovery and plan long-range economic recovery.

**3.4 Discussion of Legislative Intent to Create a Process for the [20-0486](#)
Council Overseeing Spending of 4th Quarter Transportation
Funds**

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[2020 4th Quarter Leg Intent](#)

Sponsor: Council Member Aimee Winder Newton, Second: Council Chair Max Burdick (Approx. 20 mins)

Discussion/Direction

Council Member Newton proposed the following legislative intent:

It is the intent of the council to more fully examine transportation funding requests. As a general rule, before the council considers a transportation funding request, all requests need to be reviewed, evaluated and approved in conjunction with a council-supported process. Any ad hoc request, which was not evaluated and approved through a council-supported process, will be subject to discussion in a public meeting. At least five days prior to the meeting, the project sponsor will submit to the council full disclosure on all funding sources and an adequate explanation as to why a one-off approval process is necessary.

Council Member Burdick stated the Council needs a process to vet transportation requests to assure fairness and best use of funds.

Council Member Jensen stated the Council should look at transportation requests from a regional perspective. He felt the legislative intent would prevent the Council from considering new requests if funding was already approved for other projects.

Council Member Newton stated these requests should come before the Council for discussion, not put on the consent agenda.

Mayor Jennifer Wilson stated she would like more clarity in the language.

Council Member DeBry stated he did not want this to be a convoluted process.

Council Member Bradshaw stated the last part of the legislative intent is problematic for him.

Council Member Newton stated she would like Council fiscal staff to notify Senior Policy Advisors if a transportation request is to come before the Council that has not previously been considered.

A motion was made by Council Member Newton, seconded by Council Member Burdick, that when a transportation project is on the agenda Council fiscal staff will inform Senior Policy Advisors if the matter has been seen before or is something new. The motion failed by the following vote:

Aye: Council Member Winder Newton, and Council Chair Burdick

Nay: Council Member Ghorbani, Council Member Bradley, Council Member Bradshaw, Council Member Jensen, Council Member Granato, and Council Member DeBry

Absent: Council Member Snelgrove

3.5 **Withdrawal of All Properties from 2020 Tax Sale**

[20-0491](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[2020 Tax Sale Letter to withdraw all properties](#)

Presenter: Auditor Scott Tingley (Approx. 10 mins)

Discussion/Direction

Mr. Scott Tingley, County Assessor, submitted a request to withdraw all property from the May Tax Sale. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the sale was originally postponed from the last week in May until June 25, 2020. However, he wanted to cancel the sale for 2020 for three reasons. Social distancing within the Council Chambers is not possible, and he wanted to avoid selling someone's primary residence if they were impacted by the virus. In addition, his staff usually contacts people with properties slated for sale, sometimes in-person. He did not want his staff going out in the public to speak to people under these circumstances.

Council Member Bradley asked if this withdrawal was for private residences or businesses.

Mr. Tingley stated it was 170 parcels of all kinds of properties.

Council Member Bradley stated it is unknown how long the pandemic will last, and the County may have to learn to accommodate the way it does business.

Mr. Tingley stated his office could do things differently, but he was up against deadlines this year. Only eight other Utah counties are moving

forward with their tax sales. Iron County is trying an online auction. The others have postponed or cancelled their tax sales. If properties are not redeemed by the end of 2020, they will go back on the list for the 2021 sale. This proposal does not cancel any debt, interest, or penalties on the property.

Council Member Bradshaw stated withdrawing the properties this year was the right thing to do. He asked if notifications about the sale had already gone out.

Mr. Tingley stated yes. Property owners and lien holders were already advised that the properties were to be sold. Should anyone come forth with money due, his office would not refuse payments

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

Absent: Council Member Snelgrove

3.6 Update from Municipal Service District's Planning and [20-0490](#) Development Services Department

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[MSD Planning & Development COW](#)

Presenters: Bart Barker, General Manager MSD and Lupita McClenning, Director Planning & Development Services MSD (Approx. 30 mins)
Informational

Mr. Bart Barker, General Manager, Municipal Services District (MSD), stated it has been over seven months since the MSD took responsibility for County Planning & Development Services. It was appropriate to update the Council on what has happened since then.

Ms. Lupita McClenning, Director, Planning & Development Services, Municipal Services District (MSD), delivered a PowerPoint presentation

updating the Council on the work of the MSD. She reviewed the MSD’s vision and mission, areas of specialty, administration staff, Planning & Development professional staff, project highlights, software highlights, and return on investment.

4. CONSENT ITEMS:

5. ITEMS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS

5.1. Internal Business

5.1.1 Notice of Cancellation of Committee of the Whole for Tuesday, May 26, 2020

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**6.1 Approval of Committee of the Whole Minutes for May 5, [20-0477](#)
2020**

Attachments: [050520 - COW Min.](#)

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

ADJOURN 3:45 PM for Board of Equalization

The meeting was adjourned at 3:41 PM.

SHERRIE SWENSEN, COUNTY CLERK

By _____
DEPUTY CLERK

By _____
CHAIR, SALT LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL