

SALT LAKE COUNTY

*2001 So. State Street
Salt Lake City, UT 84114*



Meeting Minutes

Friday, October 11, 2019

1:00 PM

RM N2-800

TRCC - Tourism Recreation Cultural and Convention

1. Call To Order

Present: Board Chair Mayor Ron Bigelow
Board Vice Chair Mayor Jackie Biskupski
Board Member Miranda Barnard
Board Member Mayor D. Blair Camp
Board Member Representative Eric Hutchings
Board Member Colby Hill
Board Member Tawnee McCay
Board Member Mayor Kristie S. Overson
Board Member Mayor Mike Peterson

2. Public Comment

No public comment.

3. Approval of Minutes

**3.1 Approval of September 30, 2019 TRCC Advisory Board [19-1235](#)
Meeting Minutes**

Attachments: [TRCC Minutes 2019-09-30](#)

A motion was made by Board Member Mayor Mike Peterson and seconded by Board Member Mayor Blair Camp to approve the September 30, 2019 TRCC Meeting Minutes.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Board Chair Mayor Bigelow
Board Vice Chair Mayor Biskupski
Board Member Barnard
Board Member Mayor Camp
Board Member Representative Hutchings
Board Member Hill
Board Member McCay
Board Member Mayor Overson
Board Member Mayor Peterson

4. Discussion Items

4.1 Approval of Kearns and West Jordan Scope Changes

[19-1232](#)

Director of Community Services Department, Holly Yocom, reviewed West Jordan City's application on the West Jordan Arts Center project. Two weeks ago, it requested a scope change for a smaller building at a new location. However, the Board could not vote on the scope change request because that was not on the agenda.

Board Chair Mayor Ron Bigelow stated his understanding of West Jordan's request was it would be \$1 M.

Board Coordinator, Brad Kendrick, stated the first request was for \$200,000, and this request is for \$900,000.

Director Yocom stated Kearns also asked to use the re-budgeted funding from last year for scope changes. In 2016, Kearns asked for funding to do the Kearns Campus, but that funding got moved to a pavilion at David Gourley Park, although there was not enough funding for a restroom. This request is for funding for a restroom at the pavilion.

A motion was made by Board Member Camp and seconded by Board Member Mayor Kristie Overson to approve the scope changes for the Kearns and West Jordan projects.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye:

- Board Chair Mayor Bigelow
- Board Vice Chair Mayor Biskupski
- Board Member Barnard
- Board Member Mayor Camp
- Board Member Representative Hutchings
- Board Member Hill
- Board Member McCay
- Board Member Mayor Overson
- Board Member Mayor Peterson

4.2 Salt Lake County Community Services Department 2020 TRCC Fund Budget Presentation [19-1233](#)

Director Yocom delivered a Power-Point presentation on the Community Services Department's budget and reviewed the operations and capital projects for Parks and Recreation, Arts and Culture, the Equestrian Park, the Clark Planetarium, Open Space, and other requests. This presentation only included new requests and did not include the items that were previously built into the plan such as the annual three percent equipment increase and the 40 percent cap that Parks and Recreation is allocated from the TRCC Fund. However, Community Services is asking for a three percent increase for capital projects. That will be an increase of \$195,000 for Arts and Culture. The only other new requests are \$256,364 for Equestrian Park operations, since that has been being subsidized, and \$692,455 for Arts and Culture operations. Cuts have been made to the Arts and Culture budget to bring that in line, but it is structurally imbalanced.

Board Member Representative Eric Hutchings stated cuts in the Arts and Culture budget will only get it so far. He asked what was being done on ticket prices.

Director Yocom stated ticket prices are set in contract, but contracts will be reevaluated over the next couple of years. Rental rates and other fees are being increased or looked at as well, and staff is working to book more events at its facilities. However, the County is spending into the fund balance to pay for adjustments to pay compression, so getting a subsidy increase will help put it in line.

4.3 Salt Lake County Mayor Budget Recommendation for the 2020 TRCC Fund [19-1236](#)

Director Yocom reviewed the recommendations by government requests, other requests, and annual total outside requests for 2020, 2021, 2022, and 2023.

4.4 TRCC Advisory Board 2020 Budget Deliberations

[19-1234](#)

Deputy Mayor of Finance, Darrin Casper reviewed the Salt Lake County Long-Range Plan for the TRCC Fund. He stated the TRCC Fund is a complicated fund for which the only allowable uses are tourism, recreational, cultural, and convention. Transfers are made from the TRCC Fund to other operating funds of the County, and each fund has either a very specific management purpose or is set up for statutory reasons and has restricted dollars for those reasons. He reviewed the tax and operating revenues; transfers in and out, including subtotal transfers in, operations transfers, capital improvements transfers, equipment repair transfers, and debt service transfers; inter-local agreements, including long-term agreements, and contributions for government, non-government, and cultural facilities support program; capital improvement projects; and other expenses. The total expense budget is \$12,865,286, which is approximately the minimum reserve held. The Mayor's proposal is to spend all the money up to that minimum reserve. However, going forward, that is projected to stabilize. The TRCC Fund is very healthy, notwithstanding, the fairly sizable spending on capital projects and an increase to operations.

Board Member Hutchings asked if the additional 3 percent increase would be permanent.

Deputy Mayor Casper stated it would be a permanent increase.

Board Member Hutchings stated if new facilities were being built because population was increasing, there should be a proportionate increase in revenue. There is not enough growth in revenue to increase expenses by 3 percent every year. At some point, the County may need to look at the overall tax to see if it is able to sustain the projects the County is working on.

Deputy Mayor Casper stated the revenues are also growing at three percent, as shown in the pro forma. However, there are going to be additional facilities added this year to keep up with the growing demand. The total overall operating cost has about a 7.3 percent increase, and there is a revenue increase of 4.7 percent. This year, an additional shift from capital projects to operations was included. However, a portion of that is for startup costs for the Mid-Valley Performing Arts Center.

Board Chair Bigelow stated even though the County is projecting a 3 percent revenue increase, it will run out of capital project money in the future if it does not change that trend of transferring funds from capital to operations.

Deputy Mayor Erin Litvack stated the big policy decisions made about whether or not to bring on new facilities do impact this fund, but at the same time, the County has to balance that with the requirement to serve the additional population coming into the valley. It could get to the point that the capacity of the fund would need to be discussed.

Board Chair Bigelow stated the Board should reevaluate, because the amount of funds available for community projects in cities are being squeezed smaller and smaller. The \$3 million that was \$3 million years ago does not buy the same thing now.

Deputy Mayor Casper stated that is the purpose of the request for the 3 percent increase. Taking the fund down to minimum reserve gets the money out into the community, and the fund is structurally balanced in the long run.

Board Member Hutchings asked if the Board approved the recommendations, whether it had any legal obligations that would limit its ability to use these funds for capital improvements going forward.

Deputy Mayor Casper stated there are legal restrictions on the use of this money, for example, it has to be for a publicly owned facility. There are also things considered contractual that cannot be modified, for example, debt service and inter-local agreements

Deputy Mayor Litvack stated the County is not under any obligation to operate anyone else's facility if it contributes towards it.

Board Chair Bigelow stated he would like time to go through the information before making any decisions and suggested that the Board make changes and take votes at the next Board meeting.

5. New Business

The next Board meeting was scheduled for Monday, October 14, 2019 at 12:30 PM.

6. Adjournment