

SALT LAKE COUNTY

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Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, June 21, 2022

6:00 PM

Council Chambers, N1-110

County Council

1. Call to Order and Welcome - Council Chair Laurie Stringham

Present: Chair Laurie Stringham
Council Member Jim Bradley
Council Member Arlyn Bradshaw
Council Member Dave Alvord
Council Member Aimee Winder Newton
Council Member Ann Granato
Council Member Steve DeBry
Council Member Dea Theodore

Call In: Council Member Richard Snelgrove

2. Mayor's Budget Message

Mayor Jennifer Wilson stated the technical changes were different than usual this year, due to federal appropriations. Her office is recommending \$8.4 million in water conservation projects, which will save 11 billion gallons of water a year and set an example for other governments, businesses, and households. It also recommended contributing up to \$7 million to defease the Shelter the Homeless' bond, so Shelter the Homeless can stop fundraising for its capital projects and double down on service to the community. The Mayor's Office will continue to roll out great eligible American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) initiatives and government program eligible initiatives. It is going through programs on a weekly basis to see what aligns with the community. Inflation is a realty now, and it is hurting families, so the County needs to prepare as it moves forward to next year's budget to make it easier for people who are having a hard time.

Mr. Darrin Casper, Deputy Mayor of Finance & Administration, stated fund balances are historically healthy. The budget team has been careful to segregate the major influx of federal dollars, but there is a structural surplus, meaning structural revenues are greater than structural expenditures. Fund balances will provide an opportunity to do some one-time projects, and there may still be some deferred maintenance projects that qualify for ARPA funds. However, as the County heads into November, that 8.3 percent sustained inflation rate will clobber its structural expenditures. He also expected increases for merit employees could outweigh any revenue growth. The County will have to be careful about adding ongoing expenditures next year and focus on just maintaining and helping employees cope with inflation.

3. Open Public Hearing

A motion was made by Council Member Bradshaw, seconded by Council Member Winder Newton, to open the public hearing. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

The following citizens spoke in opposition to the County's proposal to change playing fields from grass into artificial turf because artificial turf is an inorganic product made of petroleum oils and plastic that has detrimental impacts on the environment; it traps heat, sweat, spit, throw-up, gum, and animal excrement, which can make kids playing on it sick, burn them, cause heat exhaustion and stroke; it causes injuries because it does not give; it is costly to install and maintain; after ten years, it has to be replaced, and the materials are not recyclable, so it will pile up in a landfill; and there are better ways to conserve water, such as having businesses reduce grass around their buildings, installing more effective and efficient irrigation systems, purchasing high-quality maintenance machines, training crews on best practices, and replacing all the fields with improved soils and more drought tolerant plants:

Catherine Petty

Peter Bell

4. Close Public Hearing

A motion was made by Council Member Bradshaw, seconded by Council Member Granato, to close the public hearing. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

5. Discussion and Approval

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Attachments: [June 2022 Budget Resolution 6.15.22](#)

RESOLUTION NO. 5988

A RESOLUTION OF THE SALT LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL ADOPTING ADJUSTMENTS TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2022 BUDGETS FOR SALT LAKE COUNTY OFFICES, DEPARTMENTS, AND AGENCIES; ADOPTING COMPENSATION ADJUSTMENTS FOR COUNTY OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES; ADOPTING PROPOSED AD VALOREM TAX RATES ON THE TAXABLE PROPERTY IN THE COUNTY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022; CERTIFYING COMPLIANCE WITH CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS OF UTAH STATUTE AND SALT LAKE COUNTY ORDINANCE; AND RELATED MATTERS

WHEREAS, the Salt Lake County Mayor, acting as budget officer for Salt Lake County, has proposed amendments to Salt Lake County's final budget

for fiscal year 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Salt Lake County Council has conducted public budget workshops on the proposed amendments to Salt Lake County’s final budget for fiscal year 2022; and

WHEREAS, Utah Code Ann. §§ 17-36-23 and 17-36-26, require that any increases or transfers in any of the several budgetary funds of the County be approved and adopted by resolution of the Salt Lake County Council; and

WHEREAS, the Salt Lake County Council intends to effectuate certain budget appropriation reductions in the final budget for fiscal year 2022, and has provided affected Salt Lake County offices, departments, and agencies more than five days’ notice and an opportunity to be heard concerning proposed reductions to previously approved fiscal year 2022 budget appropriations, as required by Utah Code Ann. § 17-36-24;

WHEREAS, the Salt Lake County Council finds it expedient to make certain amendments to the previously adopted final fiscal year 2022 budgets for Salt Lake County, to make certain fund transfers that reflect the County’s new revenue projections and fund balances in several budgetary accounts of the County, and to effectuate certain budget appropriation adjustments for various County offices, departments, and agencies; and

WHEREAS, the Salt Lake County Council also finds it expedient to approve compensation adjustments for certain categories of County employees, which compensation adjustments have been developed by the County’s Human Resources Department as a part of the County’s pay plan, and have been a part of the Council’s public meetings and notice; and

WHEREAS, the Salt Lake County Council also finds it expedient to appropriate certain Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds received from the federal government of the United States under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Public Law 117-2 (“ARPA”), which funds and appropriations have been a part of the budget discussions; and

WHEREAS, the Salt Lake County Council intends to make contributions to certain non-profit entities to assist those entities in providing services to Salt Lake County residents; and

WHEREAS, the Salt Lake County Council, as required by Salt Lake County Code of Ordinances § 2.95.100, shall set tax rates for each budgetary fund before June 22 of each year; and

WHEREAS, the Salt Lake County Council, as required by Utah Code Ann. §§ 59-2-909 and 59-2-912, shall adopt proposed ad valorem tax rates on all taxable property in the County before June 22 of each year unless otherwise authorized by the Utah State Tax Commission, the adoption of which is based upon rates that are set, or will be set, by the Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Salt Lake County Council has provided timely public notice for a public hearing on the proposed amendments to Salt Lake County's final budget for fiscal year 2022 as required by Utah Code Ann. § 17-36-26 and Salt Lake County Ordinance § 2.95.090; and

WHEREAS, on June 21, 2022, at the hour of 6:00 p.m., the Salt Lake County Council held a public hearing on proposed amendments to Salt Lake County's final budget for fiscal year 2022, and received public comment on the recommended budget, giving all interested persons an opportunity to be heard.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Salt Lake County Council that:

- 1) The Salt Lake County Council, acting as the County legislative body, hereby adopts adjustments and approves fund transfers in the several budgets of the County for fiscal year 2022, including the effectuation of certain appropriation modifications and reductions, as reflected by Council deliberations during regularly scheduled work meetings, and particularly on June 7, 2022, June 14, 2022, and June 21, 2022, hereafter to be memorialized and attached hereto as Exhibit A.
- 2) The Salt Lake County Council further declares that this budget provides for payment of debt service, including transfers for appropriate fund balances, and that said debt service payments exclude payments from any proceeds of Tax Anticipation Notes or borrowing, consistent with Treasury Department regulations.
- 3) The Salt Lake County Council hereby adopts salary compensation adjustments for certain County employees, effective for the remainder of fiscal year 2022, as more specifically provided in Exhibit A.

4) The Salt Lake County Council appropriates certain Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds received from the federal government of the United States under the American Rescue Plan Act, as discussed and approved in its budget workshops, for uses currently deemed eligible and as more specifically reflected in Attachment A. Consistent with the final rule issued by the United States Department of Treasury on January 6, 2022, ARPA funds have been appropriated to support public health expenditures, address negative economic impacts caused by the COVID-19 public health emergency, replace lost public sector revenue, provide premium pay for essential workers, and to invest in certain public infrastructure. The Salt Lake County Mayor is instructed to comply with all applicable reporting and other legal requirements related to ARPA funds expended by Salt Lake County.

5) The Salt Lake County Council has provided for monetary assistance to certain non-profit entities in the community in exchange for which the County will receive fair and adequate consideration in that the assistance, individually and collectively, will contribute to the health, safety, and welfare of the community at large through the preservation of its cultural heritage, the encouragement of economic development and tourism, the encouragement of the arts, the increase in capacity for services to the disabled, the disadvantaged, the needy, and those receiving social and human services from County supported agencies, and the development of resources to assist and mentor youth.

6) The Salt Lake County Council certifies that it has, to the best of its knowledge, exercised due diligence in complying with all public notice and hearing requirements established by the Uniform Fiscal Procedures Act for Counties, Utah Code Ann. § 17-36-1, et seq., and Salt Lake County's County Budget Process Ordinance, Salt Lake County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 2.95.

7) Exhibit A may be revised to acknowledge updated and accurate calculations of revenues and expenditures that are based upon Council deliberations and votes as they are reflected in the recordings and minutes of the budget workshops and the public hearing held on June 21, 2022.

8) The Salt Lake County Council hereby adopts proposed ad valorem tax rates for fiscal year 2022 on all taxable property in the County, hereafter

to be memorialized and attached hereto as Exhibit B. The Utah State Tax Commission has set, or will set, certified tax rates as required by statute. Tax rates adopted hereunder shall be final ad valorem tax rates for fiscal year 2022, pursuant to Utah Code Ann. §§ 59-2-909, 52-9-912, 59-2-918.5, and 59-2-919, subject to any adjustments required by law.

APPROVED and ADOPTED this 21st day of June, 2022.

SALT LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL

ATTEST (SEAL)

By /s/ LAURIE STRINGHAM
Chair

By /s/ SHERRIE SWENSEN
Salt Lake County Clerk

A motion was made by Council Member Bradshaw, seconded by Council Member Granato, that this agenda item be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Mr. David Delquadro, Chief Financial Manager, asked if the Council would formalize motions it made in the Council Work Session meeting to have them on record.

A motion was made by Council Member Bradshaw, seconded by Council Member Granato, that the Council ratify its decision regarding the \$16.9 million related to defeasement of the Shelter the Homeless bonds. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Council Member Bradshaw, seconded by Council Member Bradley, that the Council ratify its decision to allocate \$700,000 for Information Technology's remote work request. The motion carried 6 to 3, with Council Member Snelgrove, Alvord, and Theodore voting "Nay." (Council Member Snelgrove voted "Nay" in the Council Work Session, so technically, should have voted "Aye," affirming his "Nay" vote, as he is opposed to the request. Council Members Alvord and Theodore voted "Aye" in the Council Work Session, but changed their votes.)

Mr. Mitchell Park, Legal Counsel, Council Office, clarified for the record that notwithstanding the additions made here, Council Members' votes on the overall budget resolution remain the same.

ADJOURN for MBA

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS to come before the Council at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 6:25 PM until Tuesday, June 28, 2022, at 4:00 PM.

SHERRIE SWENSEN, COUNTY CLERK

By _____
DEPUTY CLERK

By _____
CHAIR, SALT LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL