

SALT LAKE COUNTY

*2001 South State Street
Salt Lake City, UT 84114
(385) 468-7500 TTY 711*



Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, June 14, 2022

11:00 AM

Room N2-800

Council Work Session

1. CALL TO ORDER

Present Chair Laurie Stringham
Council Member Richard Snelgrove
Council Member Jim Bradley
Council Member Steve DeBry
Council Member Dave Alvord
Council Member Ann Granato
Council Member Dea Theodore

Excused Council Member Aimee Winder Newton

Call In Council Member Arlyn Bradshaw

2. CITIZEN PUBLIC INPUT**3. DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

- 3.1** Proposed Hire Report / Incentive Plans under \$3,000 / Weekly Reclassification Report [22-0596](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[Proposed Hire Report 6-8-2022](#)
[Incentive Plans 6-14-2022](#)
[Weekly Reclassification Update for Council 6-8-2022](#)

Presenter: David Delquadro, Council Fiscal Manager (Approx. 5 mins)
Informational

Mr. David Delquadro, Chief Financial Manager, Council Office, reviewed the new hires, reclassifications, and incentive plans.

- 3.2** Presentation of Certified Tax Rates [22-0604](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[2022 June Proposed Budget Tax Rate Update 0614](#)

Presenter: Bob Reed, Senior Associate Budget Administrator for Mayor's Finance Administration; Rod Kitchens, Budget Director for Mayor's Finance (Approx. 20 mins)
Informational

Mr. Robert Reed, Senior Associate Budget Administrator, Mayor Finance, delivered a PowerPoint presentation on the Certified Tax Rates. The PowerPoint showed the taxable values, new growth in taxable values, 2022 countywide tax rates, 2022 other property tax rates, June adjusted property

tax revenues, and the Motor Vehicle Fee projection adjustments.

- 3.3 Update on Riverton Water Service Agreement for Riverbend Golf Course. [22-0598](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)

Presenter: Robin B. Chalhoub, Community Services Director; Martin Jensen, Parks & Recreation Director (Approx. 5 mins)

Discussion/Direction

Ms. Robin Chalhoub, Director, Community Services Department, stated the purpose of the meeting today is to update the Council on the work the Parks & Recreation Division has been doing with Riverton City on the implementation of the Green Well American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) project and the County's water rights for the Riverbend Golf Course.

Mr. Martin Jensen, Director, Parks & Recreation Division, stated the Green Well is located just off 106000 South adjacent to the Riverbend Golf Course. This project is moving forward as discussed in a previous Council meeting. The project will secure the water rights and rates for the Riverbend Golf Course for the next 20 years. Two agreements will come before the Council; the first agreement would allow the transfer of ARPA Funds for this project to Riverton, and the second agreement is the water right agreement.

- 3.4 Mid-Year Budget Workshop [22-0603](#)

- Artificial Turf: \$6.2 million (Approx. 10 min presentation)
- Flip the Strip: \$2.2 million (Approx. 10 min presentation)
- Health Department: \$4.2 million reduction (Approx. 10 min presentation)
- Expanding County Wide Video Conferencing Capabilities: \$1.9 million (Approx. 10 min presentation)
- Auditor (Approx. 10 min presentation)
- Other Budget Adjustments and Related Items

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[UYSA Letter of Support](#)
[2022 Mayor Proposed June Budget presentation 20220607](#)
[Turf Presentation - Council](#)
[Auditor budget presentation v2](#)

Presenter: David Delquadro, Council Fiscal Manager (Approx. 60 mins)

Discussion/Direction

- Artificial Turf (\$6.2 million)

Mr. Martin Jensen, Director, Parks & Recreation Division, delivered a PowerPoint presentation on the Murray Fields Synthetic Turf Proposal, which highlighted the location of the Murray fields; the sports and active plan; the need for better fields; the limitation of natural grass; synthetic turf solutions; the positive impact on the environment; the possibility of revenue being generated; the debate of natural grass versus synthetic grass; player safety; and examples of other fields around the states that are using synthetic turf. He stated this project is eligible for American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds.

Ms. Erin Litvack, Deputy Mayor of County Services, stated the use of synthetic turf will increase the time fields can be used; thereby, reducing the number of fields needed.

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

- Flip the Strip (\$2.2 million)

Mr. David Delquadro, Chief Financial Manager, Council Office, stated the Council has already had a presentation on this project.

Ms. Lisa Hartman, Associate Deputy Mayor of Regional Operations, stated there have been several newspaper articles relating to this project.

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

- Health Department (\$4.2 million reduction)

Ms. Karen Crompton, Director, Human Services Department, stated this is a reduction request in the equivalent of 45 full-time employees (FTEs). This is not a reduction in forces, since these positions are not filled. The request reflects the changing nature of the County's response to COVID.

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

- Expanding County Wide Video Conferencing Capabilities (\$1.9 million)

Mr. Delquadro stated the idea behind this request is to set the money aside to ensure a process to provide this capability to interested offices.

Ms. Megan Hillyard, Director, Administrative Services Department, stated these funds would be used for hardware only. Earlier this year, Information Technology (IT) sent out a survey to all elected officials asking what their video conferencing needs were. There were 27 agencies that responded with requests for 111 systems, totaling \$1.9 million. This is a huge request. She is proposing an application process that divisions/departments/elected offices would need to go through, so the request could be double checked to make sure the systems would be used and all spaces were outfitted adequately. Four goals would need to be met before a system would be installed, which include: improving customer service, employee recruitment/retention, air quality improvement, and cost savings. The funds would not be used unless the requirements were met. The Council would be welcome to participate in the process in whatever way it chooses.

Council Member Bradley asked what the cost was to outfit a room with this new capability. He wondered if there would be a way that different divisions or departments could share a room.

Mr. Zachary Posner, Chief Information Office, Information Services Division, stated it would depend on the size of the room. The average cost would be between \$5,000 to \$10,000. The sharing of a room is a possibility that would need to be looked at.

A motion was made by Council Member Bradshaw, seconded by Council Member Granato, that this agenda item be approved and forwarded to the 4:00 PM Council meeting for ratification.

Council Member Alvord made a substitute motion to table this request to continue the conversation, giving the Administrative Services Department additional time to prioritize the list and hopefully come up with a smaller number. The motion died due to the lack of a second.

Mayor Jennifer Wilson stated the \$1.9 million is not necessarily the bottom line. Perhaps the compromise could be to earmark an “up to certain amount.” The Administrative Services Department could get started on the process.

Mr. Delquadro stated the Council could fund the request at \$700,000 for the remainder

the year, and then the request would have to come back in November.

Council Member Alvord clarified his motion to request the Administrative Services Department come back with another number after considering more of a shared space scenario between agencies. Then, the Council could continue the conversation.

Council Member Theodore asked if this project was ARPA eligible.

Mr. Darrin Casper, Deputy Mayor of Finance and Administration, stated no, but the funds would come from the General Fund that is bolstered because of the ARPA Funds.

A motion was made by Council Member Bradshaw, seconded by Council Member Granato, amended his motion to allocate \$700,000, but not expend it until the request has gone through the application process, and the brought back to the Council for approval; and that there be Council Member participation on the review committee. The remaining \$1.2 million will be brought back during the November budget.

A substitute motion was made by Council Member Alvord to approve \$700,000 and that the request be brought back to the Council for approval before expending any funds. Shared spaces should be included to reduce the number of offices requesting this capability. The motion died due to the lack of a second.

A motion was made by Council Member Bradshaw, seconded by Council Member Granato, to allocate \$700,000, but not expend it until the request has gone through the application process and the request brought back to the Council for approval; and that there be Council Member participation on the review committee. The remaining \$1.2 million will be brought back during the November budget. The motion failed by the following vote:

Aye: Chair Stringham, Council Member Bradley, Council Member Bradshaw, and Council Member Granato

Nay: Council Member Snelgrove, Council Member DeBry, Council Member Alvord, and Council Member Theodore

Excused: Council Member Winder Newton

Council Member Stringham stated this item will be placed back on the Council agenda in two weeks. She recommended Council and staff talk and come back with a motion that can be supported.

- Auditor

Mr. Chris Harding, County Auditor, delivered a PowerPoint presentation reviewing his budget ask, the Mayor's proposed budget for his office, the Council stage request, an appropriation unit shift, and additional office space.

A motion was made by Council Member Granato to accept the Auditor's request. The motion failed due to the lack of a second.

Council Member Snelgrove stated he has been impressed with the Auditor's stellar performance since taking office and this could be seen as cost savings rather than an expense. The County would be better off giving the Auditor two FTEs as the Mayor suggested and if the Council continued to see good work, more FTEs could be added gradually.

Mr. Harding stated he would be agreeable to that, but emphasized the Auditor's Office is playing catch-up on a lot of things and it is behind due to a staffing shortage.

Mr. David Delquadro, Chief Financial Manager, Council Office, stated in November, there was a 20 percent contra account created for new FTEs. He requested this be included in the motion to be consistent with what the Council has done in the past.

A motion was made by Council Member Bradley, seconded by Council Member Snelgrove, to approve the hiring of two FTEs while considering adding additional FTEs in November, and to allow \$7,000 for the requested workspaces; that the first-year funding for the two new FTEs be subject to a contra account of 20 percent; and that this request be forwarded to the 4:00 PM Council meeting for ratification. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

- Other Budget Adjustments

Mr. David Delquadro, Chief Financial Manager, Council Office, reviewed the Mayor's proposed Fund Balance Transfer Changes for County funds as well as American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds and requested a vote to approve these transfers.

A motion was made by Council Member Granato, seconded by Council Member DeBry, to approve this agenda item and forward it to the 4:00 PM Council meeting for ratification. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Mr. Delquadro reviewed the June budget adjustments for compensation and the proposed FTE changes. These two items are embedded in the Mayor's budget. He then

reviewed the significant new requests and asked the Council to vote on this.

A motion was made by Council Member Snelgrove, seconded by Council Member Bradley, to approve this agenda item and forward it to the 4:00 PM Council meeting for ratification. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Mr. Delquadro reviewed the significant new requests within the Proprietary Funds and requested a vote.

A motion was made by Council Member Alvord, seconded by Council Member Bradshaw, to approve this agenda item and forward it to the 4:00 PM Council meeting for ratification. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Mr. Delquadro reviewed the American Rescue Plan Act funds that are included in the budget. These are ARPA dollars that were provided to the District Attorney to address the backlog of related staff as well as secretaries, paralegals, investigators, etc. It will require ARPA approval. He previously forwarded an email from the District Attorney's fiscal manager that included an opinion from David Pena and David Johnson.

Council Member Stringham stated these funds were specifically appropriated to deal with the backlog of personnel. Given the way the Council just scrutinized IT's budget request, she would have a hard time transferring these funds today. She would prefer to bring this back in two weeks.

Mr. Delquadro stated twenty-two FTEs were approved and nine of them have been filled; four case managers were approved and none have been filled; four legal secretaries were approved and none have been filled; four social workers were approved and only one has been filled; and there were two investigator positions, both of which have been filled.

Mr. Ralph Chamness, Deputy District Attorney, stated this would not cut funding, but it would be underexpend. The District Attorney's Office is still doing its best to fill all these positions, but some are difficult to fill.

A motion was made by Chair Stringham, seconded by Council Member Snelgrove, to bring this budget request back to the Council in a couple of weeks. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Mr. Delquadro reviewed the Technical Adjustments. He asked the Council to vote to agree to these technical changes and agree that unless otherwise specified, the Mayor's proposed budget would be the default in the areas not discussed.

Council Member Stringham asked if this motion would include positions because she would like to handle those separately.

Mr. Delquadro stated the Council could put Technical Adjustments on pause and skip ahead to the discussion on positions.

Council Member Stringham stated last year during the budget process, the Council nearly cut a position in the Health Department but it ultimately decided not to because it was argued to be vitally needed. That position was never filled and now is being reclassified into a position in the Mayor's office. She had a lot of "heartburn" over this.

A motion was made by Council Member Theodore to cut funding in the amount of \$109,267 for the Health Department position, but not eliminate the position; and to eliminate the Senior Policy Advisor/Communications position at \$87,821.00. The motion failed for lack of a second.

Ms. Erin Litvack, Deputy Mayor of County Services, stated the Mayor's Office is in the process of filling the Community Services Associate Director position and is on second round interviews. The Community Services Department position has nothing to do with the Human Services Senior Policy Advisor position.

Council Member Stringham stated the country is heading into a recession and the County needed to save money, but the Council could hold on cutting that position for now and talk offline.

Council Member Theodore stated she is okay amending her motion.

A motion was made by Council Member Theodore to eliminate the Senior Policy Advisor/Communications position and the associated funding in the amount of \$87,821. The motion failed for lack of a second.

Council Member Stringham stated the Council needed to move to the "time certain" agenda item, so it would return to this item afterwards.

[Later in the meeting.]

Council Member Alvord stated he would like to see the Senior Policy Advisor/Communications position cut and brought back later.

Mayor Jennifer Wilson asked how soon she could bring back the proposal. It is already within the appropriation unit. She asked Mitchell Park, Legal Counsel, Council Office, if the Council had a duty to line-item each position.

Mr. Mitchell Park, Legal Counsel, Council Office, stated the Council budgets by providing a number of FTEs and the associated funding to fund those positions. As the year proceeds, agencies must be consistent with the County Personnel Management Act. He understood the position went through the appropriate process. The Council retains ability to reduce funding or FTEs when necessary, but it would be wrong for the Council to try to directly influence hiring or firing because that is an agency function.

Mr. Ralph Chamness, Deputy District Attorney, stated in addition, each elected official has discretion to manage as they see fit to the extent that they follow rules; that is an executive function, not legislative function.

A motion was made by Council Member Alvord, seconded by Council Member Theodore, that the Senior Policy Advisor/Communications position with funding of \$87,821 be removed from the Mayor's mid-year proposal to be brought back later and that this be forwarded to the 4:00 PM Council meeting for ratification. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Chair Stringham, Council Member Snelgrove, Council Member DeBry, Council Member Alvord, and Council Member Theodore

Nay: Council Member Bradley, Council Member Bradshaw, and Council Member Granato

Excused: Council Member Winder Newton

A motion was made by Council Member Alvord, seconded by Council Member Theodore, to adopt the Technical Adjustments reviewed, agreeing that unless otherwise specified, the Mayor's proposed budget would be the default. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)

Presenter: David Delquadro (Approx. 30 mins)
Discussion/Direction

This agenda item was included in the previous budget discussions.

Time Certain 2:30 PM**3.6** Salt Lake City State Street CRA Participation Request[22-0578](#)**Attachments:** [Staff Report](#)[SLC State Street - Participation Recommendation](#)[SLC State Street - RDA Request](#)[SLC State Street - Project Plan and Budget](#)[SLC State Street - RDA presentation to County Council](#)[Work Session](#)

Presenter: Jevon Gibb, Salt Lake County Economic Development Director; Kersten Swinyard, Salt Lake County Senior Economic Development Manager; Danny Walz, Salt Lake City Redevelopment Agency Director; Lauren Parisi, Salt Lake City Redevelopment Agency Project Manager (Approx. 45 mins)
Informational

Mr. Jevon Gibb, Director, Economic Development Division, reviewed Salt Lake City's proposal for its State Street project, and asked guidance from the Council. The negotiations have been ongoing and difficult. As to the affordable housing allocation, he would request that it not go into a revolving loan fund, but rather go toward developer reimbursements. There would need to be clear language stating the County would only contribute toward its proportionate share of permissible expenses. There also needed to be sufficient reporting requirements in the Interlocal Agreement to ensure compliance with those terms.

Ms. Kersten Swinyard, Senior Economic Development Manager, Economic Development Division, reviewed the recommended terms, the programs budget table, and public infrastructure upgrades.

Mr. Danny Walz, Director, Salt Lake City Redevelopment Agency, stated these discussions have been difficult and evolving. Salt Lake County typically takes a program-based approach, whereas Salt Lake City typically

takes a community-based approach to these matters. He thought both parties had reached a good middle ground.

Ms. Lauren Parisi, Project Manager, Salt Lake City Redevelopment Agency, delivered a PowerPoint presentation, which reviewed State Street's vision; a budget summary; affordable housing; supporting State Street; public infrastructure; distressed properties; and investment in State Street.

Mr. Gibb asked the Council for a vote for guidance.

Mr. Mitchell Park, Legal Counsel, Council Office, stated "straw poll" would be appropriate.

Council Member Stringham stated she was comfortable with the recommendations.

Council Member Snelgrove stated Mr. Gibb should continue the course.

Council Member Bradley stated he agreed with the recommendations.

Council Member Granato stated the division has done an excellent job. She liked the idea of developer reimbursement, as opposed to an open check.

4. CONSENT ITEMS:

A motion was made by Council Member Bradshaw, seconded by Council Member Bradley, to approve the consent agenda, noting the donation to Wheeler Farm was \$32,500; not \$30,000 as indicated on the agenda. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

- 4.1 Declaration of Donation - Wheeler Farm Friends, Inc. \$30,000 Donation [22-0546](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[Wheeler Farm Deposit](#)
[Council Approval - Wheeler Farm](#)

This consent item was approved and forwarded.

- 4.2 A Resolution of the Salt Lake County Council Approving an Agreement with Taylorsville-Bennion Improvement District for the [22-0593](#)

Grant of New Easements in Exchange for the Release of Old Easements.

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[Resolution for Easement Grant to TBID - Siphon \(05.31.22\) - RATF](#)

This consent item was approved and forwarded.

4.3

[22-0577](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[Friends of Veteran's Court Contribution Request 220525.1 501 \(c\) 3 scan IRS 501](#)

This consent item was approved and forwarded.

4.4

Utah Performing Arts Center Agency Board Appointments

[22-0605](#)

-Arlyn Bradshaw, County Council Representative
-Robin Chalhoub, Department Representative

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[Appointment Request - Chalhoub, Bradshaw](#)
[ARBradshaw Resume_Redacted](#)
[RChalhoub Resume](#)
[UPACA Board Roster 5-25-2022](#)

This consent item was approved and forwarded.

4.5

Arts and Culture Advisory Board Appointments

[22-0606](#)

Wesley Long, District 4
Dheeraj Reddy Jonnalagadda, District 2

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[2022 Board Appointment - SLCo Arts and Culture_Redacted](#)

This consent item was approved and forwarded.

5. ITEMS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS

5.1. Internal Business

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 4:15 PM.

SHERRIE SWENSEN, COUNTY CLERK

By _____
DEPUTY CLERK

By _____
CHAIR, SALT LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL