

DATE TUESDAY DECEMBER 5, 2017

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Council Member Burdick, Chair, presided.

Mr. Darrin Casper, Deputy Mayor of Finance and Administration, stated this budget is structurally balanced with no tax increase. It includes several pressing areas of focus, including opening the Oxbow Jail and increasing funding for behavioral health services at the jail. It also includes inflationary increases at 2.5 percent for employee compensation and some money set aside to address compression issues, as well as pays for next year's countywide election. It is a solid budget; the County's financial condition is excellent.

THIS BEING THE TIME heretofore set for a public hearing to consider the 2018 recommended budget for Salt Lake County.

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Council Member Snelgrove, seconded by Council Member Newton, moved to open the public hearing. The motion passed unanimously, showing that all Council Members present voted "Aye."

Mr. Casper stated the transfer station is funded through June 30, 2018, with the intent to study the financial impacts of the transfer station and the subset of operations on the overall landfill. Right now, the transfer station is losing \$2.7 million per year.

Mr. Casper stated overall, solid waste operations are in the black. However, they would have been roughly \$3 million more in the black had the transfer station not been operating.

Council Member Burdick stated he has fallen on both sides of the fence on whether closing the transfer station is the right thing to do. He was not ready to make that decision yet, and suggested postponing the final decision on the budget until next week.

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