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DATE <u>TUESDAY</u> <u>DECEMBER</u> <u>5, 2017</u>

THE SALT LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL, STATE OF UTAH, MET ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2017, PURSUANT TO ADJOURNMENT ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2017, AT THE HOUR OF <u>6:06:16 PM</u> AT THE SALT LAKE COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER, 2001 SOUTH STATE STREET, ROOM N1-110, SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH.

COUNCIL MEMBERS	
PRESENT:	JENNIFER WILSON <sup>1</sup>
	RICHARD SNELGROVE
	ARLYN BRADSHAW <sup>1</sup>
	MICHAEL JENSEN
	AIMEE WINDER NEWTON
	STEVEN DEBRY
	MAX BURDICK, Chair

COUNCIL MEMBERS EXCUSED: JIM BRADLEY SAM GRANATO

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

MAYOR BEN MCADAMS By: ERIN LITVACK, DEPUTY MAYOR JASON ROSE, LEGAL COUNSEL, COUNCIL OFFICE SHERRIE SWENSEN, COUNTY CLERK By: KIM STANGER & LINDA DUFFY, DEPUTY CLERKS

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Council Member Burdick, Chair, presided.

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**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.

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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Participated electronically

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Copies of the recommended budget and other budget documents were distributed to the public.

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. Ralph Warner** spoke against the County closing the Salt Lake Transfer Station. He stated he operates a small business hauling commercial waste, and uses the transfer station because it is more cost efficient than going to the landfill. It costs him \$70 an hour to operate a truck, and it takes 45 minutes to an hour to drive to the landfill. If he drove one mile further west, he could pay half the amount to a different landfill from what he pays at the transfer station.

**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. Warner** stated a Salt Lake County Solid Waste Management statistical summary from 2016 showed solid waste operations were \$260,000 in the black.

**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.

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**Mr. Steve Van Maren** spoke against the County closing the transfer station stating the County set up the Wasatch Front Waste and Recycling District (WFWRD) to handle its waste collection, but did not give it all the tools it needed, i.e. the landfill or the transfer station responsibilities. If the County were still operating waste collection, it would know it should not close that transfer station. It would be better to leave it open or transfer the responsibility to WFWRD and Salt Lake City so they have more control over what they are doing.

**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.

**Council Member Wilson** stated when the administration proposed closing the transfer station, the Council made a decision to study the issue for six months before closing it. That is a reasonable amount of time to get notification out to the various entities that are affected, and look deeper at the issue. Then, the Council will have the ability to keep the transfer station open if it determines that is the way it wants to go.

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

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**Council Member DeBry** stated the agenda provides that the Council will consider the resolution adopting the 2018 budget and 2017 year-end budget adjustments. However, in order to give Council Members and the public more time to go over these items, he suggested adjourning tonight's budget hearing and continuing it to next week, December 12, 2017, at 4:00 p.m., at which time the Council would take a final vote on the budget resolution.

Council Member Burdick, seconded by Council Member Jensen, moved to adjourn the budget hearing and continue it to next week, December 12, 2017, at 4:00 p.m. for a final vote on the budget resolution. The motion passed unanimously, showing that all Council Members present voted "Aye."

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THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS to come before the Council at this time, the meeting was adjourned at <u>6:20:26 PM</u> until Tuesday, December 12, 2017, at 4:00 p.m.

SHERRIE SWENSEN, COUNTY CLERK

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Deputy Clerk

CHAIR, SALT LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL