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Salt Lake County Council

Committee of the Whole

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Tuesday, June 5, 2018

[1:30 PM](#)

Committee Members

Present:

Jennifer Wilson
Richard Snelgrove
Jim Bradley
Arlyn Bradshaw
Michael Jensen
Ann Granato
Steven DeBry
Max Burdick, Vice Chair

Excused:

Aimee Winder Newton, Chair

Citizen Public Input

No one appeared for Citizen Public Input.

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Review of New Hires

Mr. Brad Kendrick, Budget & Policy Analyst, Council Office, reviewed the following new hires:

Agency

Position

Parks & Recreation Division

Irrigation/Plumbing Specialist 12
Maintenance Electrician 12

District Attorney's Office

Prosecuting Attorney 17

Salt Lake County Health Department

2 Employee Wellness Program Coordinators 14
Vital Records Specialist 10
Time-limited Health Educator 1

Sheriff's Office

Jail Clerk 10
Construction & Maintenance Specialist 11

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<i>Library Services Division</i>	Library Assistant 12 Shelver 7
<i>Information Services Department</i>	Business Analyst 16
<i>Recorder's Office</i>	Part Time Fiscal Coordinator 13
<i>Information Services Division</i>	Desktop Technician 12
<i>Flood Control Engineering Division</i>	District Worker 9
<i>Human Resources Division</i>	Information Specialist 11
<i>Aging and Adult Services Division</i>	Centers Program Coordinator 13

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Ann Granato – New Council Member

Council Member Snelgrove, seconded by Council Member DeBry, moved to ratify the appointment of Ann Granato, as the new Council Member for District 4. The motion passed unanimously. Council Member Jensen was absent for the vote.

Ms. Ann Granato was sworn in as a Council Member by Sherrie Swensen, County Clerk.

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Council Contributions

➤ *Ronald McDonald Charities*

Council Member DeBry reviewed his proposal to contribute \$1,000 to Ronald McDonald House Charities. This contribution would come from the Council's Contribution Fund.

Ms. Carrie Romano, Chief Executive Officer, Ronald McDonald House Charities, stated the Ronald McDonald House is a 501(c)3 organization that has been serving the community for 30 years. The contribution from the County would help with the Family Room program at Primary Children's Hospital.

Council Member DeBry, seconded by Council Member Wilson, moved to approve this contribution and forward it to the 4:00 p.m. Council meeting for ratification,

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finding the County received fair and adequate consideration for the contribution. The motion passed unanimously.

➤ *Bradley Grief Center*

Council Member DeBry reviewed his proposal to contribute \$1,000 to the Bradley Grief Center. This contribution would come from the Council's Contribution Fund. He stated this organization serves grieving children based on peer group support.

Council Member DeBry, seconded by Council Member Snelgrove, moved to approve this contribution and forward it to the 4:00 p.m. Council meeting for ratification, finding the County received fair and adequate consideration for the contribution. The motion passed unanimously.

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Ordinance Amendment

The Council reviewed the following ordinance amendments, which have been placed on the 4:00 p.m. Council meeting for introduction. (Final adoption of the ordinance will be considered at the Tuesday, June 12, 2018, Council meeting.)

Constable Ordinance

These amendments change the ordinance to be consistent with State statute regarding the term of office for appointed constables and the composition of the nominating commission.

Mr. Jason Rose, Legal Counsel, Council Office, stated one amendment to this ordinance changes the terms for constables from six years to four years.

Council Member Wilson, seconded by Council Member Bradley, moved to approve the amendments to the ordinance and forward it to the 4:00 p.m. Council meeting for introduction. The motion passed unanimously.

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Discovery Gateway 2019 Annual Budget

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Ms. Laurie Hopkins, Discovery Gateway, delivered a PowerPoint presentation regarding Discovery Gateway's three-year strategic plan, the proposed annual plan, and the operation budget for 2019. She stated the strategic plan focuses on a sustainable funding model, expansion of access and broadening of demographics, exhibits focusing on educational opportunities that align with school districts, invest in staff, board and volunteers, and being an active voice in the education field.

Council Member Burdick asked if the negative 6 percent growth projected for 2019 would be a problem for Discovery Gateway.

Ms. Hopkins stated Discovery Gateway will not be pursuing any State funding in 2019, so that is why the percentage is negative. She continued the PowerPoint presentation providing an attendance overview and historical budget growth. The 2019 annual plan for Discovery Gateway is to revitalize the museum, expand community outreach, and inspire learning through play. There will be an admission increase from \$9.50 to \$12.50. The PowerPoint highlighted the proposed operating budget, proposed total revenue, proposed earned revenue, and the proposed contributed revenue.

Council Member DeBry asked about the \$3 admission increase and how that number was arrived at.

Ms. Hopkins stated it was based on significant analyses of other cultural institutions along the Wasatch Front as well as regional markets for children museums. The \$12.50 admission is at the low end. The \$3 increase was very data-driven. Discovery Gateway offers many programs to help lower income residents, such as free days, access memberships, and medallion membership program, which gives away free memberships.

Council Member Wilson stated when the museum first opened, the budget was at \$7 million; it is now around \$3.5 to \$4 million. That is a huge decline. She asked why it was so high to begin with and if the lower level was sufficient.

Ms. Hopkins stated when the museum was first opened the expenses were higher due to more employees, advertising, and initial operating cost. The \$4 to \$4.5 million level is the appropriate level for this museum.

Council Member Wilson, seconded by Council Member Snelgrove, moved to approve and accept Discovery Gateway's annual plan and budget for 2019 and forward them to the 4:00 p.m. Council meeting for ratification. The motion passed unanimously.

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Review Mid-Year Budget Requests, Revenue Updates and Economic Update

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Mr. Doug Macdonald, President and Chief Economist, and **Scott Smith**, Senior Associate, Econowest Associates, delivered a PowerPoint presentation regarding economic conditions globally, nationally, and locally.

Council Member Granato asked if shopping online had impacted the sales tax revenue. She also asked if the County was impacted by the tariff wars.

Mr. Macdonald stated the Utah State Tax Commission has an agreement with Amazon and because of that agreement, revenue from sales tax increased this year. Utah should not be impacted because of the tariff wars.

Council Member Snelgrove asked why taxes from natural resources was flat. Rio Tinto has done a lot of expanding.

Mr. Macdonald stated last year the taxes received from natural resources was negative, so it is improving. Overall, Salt Lake County taxable sales should increase 4.4 percent and corresponding sales taxes should increase 5 percent in 2018.

Mr. Rod Kitchens, Director, Planning & Budget Division, Mayor's Office, continued the PowerPoint presentation by reviewing sales tax revenue projections, property tax revenues, motor vehicle fee-in-lieu taxes, and Recorder fee revenues. He stated the forecast for the General Fund is increasing by \$1.1 million.

Council Member Jensen asked if the County knew its local property tax value yet and if there is any idea on the centrally assessed properties.

Mr. Kitchens stated preliminary numbers are available right now, but there is nothing solid yet. It might take a couple more weeks before the final numbers are available. The economy is strong, but some uncertainties could be a risk to revenue.

Mr. Darrin Casper, Deputy Mayor of Finance & Administration, continued the PowerPoint presentation reviewing the Mayor's 2018 June budget direction. He highlighted the following adjustments:

Capitol Theatre Remodel Phase 2	\$1,485,000
Increase revenues & transfers into TRCC Fund	\$ 488,000
Decrease revenues & transfers out of TRCC Fund	-\$1,661,000
2017 True-ups and TRCC related capital project true-ups	\$2,313,000
Transfer Station adjustment for remainder of year	\$1,335,000
Eccles Theater Pre-opening funds received from Salt Lake City	\$ 153,683

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Visit Salt Lake County	\$ 350,000
Mountain America Exposition Center early buyout from Superlative Group	\$ 446,589
Calvin L. Rampton Salt Palace boiler repair	\$ 25,000
South Mountain Golf Course clubhouse repair	\$ 55,000
Discontinued HB3 Grant from the state of Utah	\$ 90,000
Subscription increases	\$ 53,482
2018 petition costs for Election Clerk	\$ 40,000
Darwin System Incentive Payment for Assessor's Office	\$ 45,000
Compression Adjustment	\$ 411,817

The PowerPoint showed the changes in FTEs and fund balance transfers. He stated included in the June budget adjustments is a proposal from Sheriff Rosie Rivera and recommended by the Mayor's Office for legislative intent to provide a \$2,000 year-end retention incentive for jail employees to be paid in December 2018. This incentive would be covered by under-expend. The Sheriff's Office is struggling to retain employees and this incentive, if adopted today, should help with the retention rate.

Council Member DeBry, seconded by Council Member Jensen, moved to adopt the legislative intent as recommended by the Sheriff's Office. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Casper stated this is not a change to the employee's salary. It is a one-time expenditure.

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Closed Session – Possible Litigation

Council Member Snelgrove, seconded by Council Member DeBry, moved to close the Committee of the Whole meeting to discuss possible litigation. The motion passed unanimously.

The Council reopened the meeting by motion during the closed session.

Council Member Snelgrove, seconded by Council Member Jensen, moved to grant the request and forward the matter to the 4:00 p.m. Council meeting for ratification. The motion passed unanimously.

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CONSENT AGENDA

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Resolution

The Council reviewed the resolution delegating authority to Utah County to hold the Tax Equity and Fiscal Responsibility Act (TEFRA) hearing, on behalf of Salt Lake County, for the issuance of an amount not to exceed \$98,500,000 in Hospital Revenue Bonds. The public hearing will be held on June 12, 2018.

Council Member Bradshaw, seconded by Council Member DeBry, moved to approve the resolution and forward it to the 4:00 p.m. Council meeting for ratification. The motion passed unanimously.

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Mayor's Community Contribution

The Council reviewed the recommendation of the Contribution Review Committee for the following community contribution to be appropriated from the Mayor's 2018 budget:

KUED \$1,500

Council Member Bradshaw, seconded by Council Member DeBry, moved to approve the recommendation and forward it to the 4:00 p.m. Council meeting for ratification. The motion passed unanimously.

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Resolutions

The Council reviewed the following resolutions and agreements. The resolutions authorizing execution of the agreements have been placed on the Council agenda for ratification.

- 1) *Cottonwood Heights City* regarding the transfer of transportation funds for various road projects
- 2) Resolution authorizing the sale of *Tax and Revenue Anticipation Notes*, Series 2018
- 3) *Cottonwood Heights City, Murray City, and Emigration Canyon Metro Township* regarding the transfer of transportation funds for various road projects
- 4) *Salt Lake City* regarding the transfer of transportation funds for various road projects.

Council Member Bradshaw, seconded by Council Member DeBry, moved to approve the resolutions and forward them to the 4:00 p.m. Council meeting for ratification. The motion passed unanimously.

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Tax Matters

The Council reviewed the tax matters, which will be placed on the Council agenda for ratification.

Council Member Bradshaw, seconded by Council Member DeBry, moved to approve the tax matters and forward them to the 4:00 p.m. Council meeting for ratification. The motion passed unanimously.

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Other Business

Approval of Minutes

Council Member Bradshaw, seconded by Council Member DeBry, moved to approve the Committee of the Whole minutes for Tuesday, May 15, 2018, and Tuesday, May 22, 2018. The motion passed unanimously.

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The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Vice-Chair, Committee of the Whole

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Deputy Clerk

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