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Salt Lake County Council

Committee of the Whole

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Tuesday, June 19, 2018

3:00 PM

Committee Members

Present:

Jennifer Wilson
Richard Snelgrove
Jim Bradley
Arlyn Bradshaw
Michael Jensen¹
Ann Granato
Steven DeBry
Max Burdick
Aimee Winder Newton, Chair

Citizen Public Input

No one appeared for Citizen Public Input.



Review of New Hires

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

Agency

Position

Salt Lake County Health Department

Air Pollution Control Specialist 14
Office Specialist 10
Public Health Nurse 16
Public Health Nutritionist 14

Library Services Division

3 Shelves 7
Customer Service Specialist 10

Council Office

Council Member

Sheriff's Office

Corrections Specialist 11

¹ Participated electronically

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Construction & Maintenance Specialist 11

Jail Clerk
Assistant Fiscal Manager 16

Criminal Justice Services Division

Case Manager 14

Youth Services Division

Youth Worker 12

Treasurer's Office

Tax Service Specialist 11



Hepatitis A Update

Ms. Karen Crompton, Director, Human Services Department, stated it has been almost two years since the first Hepatitis A case related to the current outbreak was reported in Salt Lake County. The Health Department is here to update the Council on the status of the outbreak, and efforts made to address the problem and prevent future outbreaks.

Mr. Gary Edwards, Director, Salt Lake County Health Department, stated in May 2017, the Health Department realized there was a Hepatitis A outbreak focused in the homeless and illicit drug-using population. This required a different approach than would typically be used. In the past year, the department has issued 10,300 vaccinations in over 300 outreach efforts. It has concentrated its efforts at The Road Home, the Jordan River, and low-income apartment complexes. The cost to contain the outbreak has been about \$635,000, \$100,000 of which is reimbursable with federal money. That does not include about \$350,000 in vaccines that has been provided to the County by the federal government. At least \$ 1 million has been spent over the past ten months.

Ms. Michelle Vowles, Lead Epidemiologist, delivered a PowerPoint presentation reviewing the Hepatitis A outbreak, its causes, symptoms, and protection, outbreaks in other states, and public health response.

Council Member Burdick asked what lessons were learned during this outbreak.

Mr. Edwards stated the outbreak was primarily among a non-traditional population that the Health Department does not work with in any of its programs. It learned the importance of having partnerships with the groups and communities that have a relationship with the affected population. The Health Department plans to carry those relationships forward.

Ms. Crompton stated meeting people where they are at helps a lot.

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Council Member Burdick asked if there was communication to at-risk people about the symptoms, results, and the need to take care of the problem.

Mr. Edwards stated the Health Department provides information and vaccinations. Most individuals are able to recover on their own. However, because it was concentrated in the homeless population, there were more hospitalizations than normal.



Unified Police Department Officers Assigned to DEA Task Force

Council Member Wilson stated through her work with the Opioid Task Force, she learned that because of the federal structure with the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), and how the FTEs were scheduled, the local community did not have the means through the state to put additional funding into the DEA. Today's request is for General Fund support of the DEA Metro Narcotics Task Force.

Council Member DeBry stated Herriman City has left the Unified Police Department (UPD), and the loss of that revenue has an effect on the DEA Metro Narcotics Task Force. UPD and various cities contribute officers to the task force. Herriman's withdrawal means that two experienced officers are slated to leave the task force due to budget constraints. Several stakeholders have committed to funding these positions for six months until a review of all pooled funds to UPD can be completed. He is concerned with mission creep and wants to see exactly who pays for what. In the meantime, he is asking the County to contribute funds if it becomes necessary.

Captain Carroll Mays, DEA Metro Task Force, explained the work of the task force in dealing with the opioid crisis. In 2017, there were 4,563 overdose calls within Salt Lake County, and 165 were fatalities. Utah loses about 600 people per year to opioid pills and heroin overdoses. Last year the task force seized almost 33,000 dosages of heroin. The two detectives slated to leave the task force due to the budget problems are both seasoned, experienced, well-trained investigators. The task force will suffer if they are lost.

Council Member Wilson stated if these detectives are lost, the cost to retrain and get them back in the team is really high, double or more. She is comfortable with the County appropriating an "up to" amount to the task force. The cost for these positions is \$274,000; \$137,000 per officer.

Council Member Wilson, seconded by Council Member Bradley, moved to appropriate up to \$274,000 from the appropriate General Fund to the Sheriff's budget to be authorized for DEA Metro Narcotics Task Force purposes, in the event those funds are necessary.

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Mr. Darrin Casper, Deputy Mayor of Finance and Administration, stated from a budgetary perspective, he would allocate half of those funds this year and the remainder would be added to next year's base budget.

Ms. Erin Litvack, Deputy Mayor of County Services and Chief Administrative Officer, stated the Mayor's Office is supportive of this.

Council Member Wilson, seconded by Council Member Bradley, moved to appropriate up to \$274,000 from the appropriate General Fund to the Sheriff's budget to be authorized for DEA Metro Narcotics Task Force purposes, in the event those funds are necessary. The motion passed unanimously.

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Budget Overview

This item was moved to the 4:00 p.m. Council meeting.

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Closed Session

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

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The meeting was reopened by motion during the closed session.

Council Member Bradshaw, seconded by Council Member Burdick, moved to approve the resolution as discussed in the closed session and to forward it to the 4:00 p.m. Council meeting for ratification. The motion passed unanimously.

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CONSENT AGENDA

Gifts to Salt Lake County

The Council reviewed the following gifts to Salt Lake County. The Declaration of Gift forms have been placed on the Council agenda for ratification:

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Animal Services Division

Utah Friends for Animal Care and Effective Solutions has offered to donate \$11,400 to be used for sterilization surgeries and injured animal surgeries.

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Children's Justice Center

Friends of the Children's Justice Center has offered to donate \$10,694.21, which will be used by the Children's Justice Center for contracted forensic interviewer services, translation services, and supplies.

Council Member Bradshaw, seconded by Council Member DeBry, moved to accept the gifts and forward the Declaration of Gift forms 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 final approval and execution:

Resolutions

- (1) *Visit Salt Lake* regarding the County's contribution of \$36,000 to sponsor the Tour of Utah.
- (2) *Town of Alta* regarding membership in the Central Wasatch Commission.

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Resolution, Right of Way Contract and Quit Claim Deed

- (3) *Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT)* regarding Redwood Road widening project.

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Resolutions and Agreements

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(4) *Salt Lake Climber's Alliance* for contribution of Recreation Bond Funds for climbing route improvements.

(5) *Intermountain Health Care (IHC)* regarding an easement to the County for a flood control program.

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Resolution, Agreement, and Easement

(6) *Taylorsville-Bennion Improvement District* regarding work on a waterline.

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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Mayor Ben McAdams submitted a letter requesting the Council's advice and consent to the appointment of **Erin Litvack** as a member of the Housing Authority of Salt Lake County to serve a partial term. Her term will begin June 19, 2018, and end March 30, 2020.

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

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Contribution

The Council reviewed a request from the Regional Transportation, Housing & Economic Development Department for a \$1,000 contribution to the Downtown Alliance for a table at the annual State of Downtown event.

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

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Other Business

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Acceptance of Minutes

Council Member Bradshaw, seconded by Council Member DeBry, moved to accept the June 5, 2018, Committee of the Whole minutes as amended. The motion passed unanimously.

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The meeting was adjourned at 4:15 PM.

Chair, Committee of the Whole

Deputy Clerk

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