

# **SALT LAKE COUNTY**

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## **Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday, September 15, 2020**

**1:30 PM**

**Room N2-800**

## **Committee of the Whole**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**Present** Council Member Shireen Ghorbani  
Council Member Arlyn Bradshaw  
**Call In** Council Member Richard Snelgrove  
Council Member Jim Bradley  
Council Member Michael Jensen  
Council Member Aimee Winder Newton  
Council Member Ann Granato  
Council Member Steve DeBry  
Council Chair Max Burdick

**1.1 Statement of Council Chair Max Burdick Concerning the [20-0860](#)  
Temporary Conduct of Electronic Meetings of the Council  
Consistent with the Utah Open and Public Meetings Act**

**Attachments:** [Staff Report](#)  
[OPMA Findings - August 2020](#)

**Council Chair Burdick** referred to the temporary conduct of electronic meetings of the Salt Lake County Council that is consistent with the Utah Open and Public Meeting Act. This allows the Council to hold electronic meetings without a physical anchor location.

**2. CITIZEN PUBLIC INPUT**

**Ms. Skykell Ledford**, Administrative Coordinator, Council Office, stated a citizen comment was received via email. This email has been distributed to the Council and the Council Clerk's Office to be filed.

**3. DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

**3.1 Special Recognition [20-0861](#)**

**Attachments:** [Staff Report](#)

(Approx. 20 mins).  
Informational

**Mayor Jennifer Wilson** presented a video recognizing Erin Litvack, Deputy Mayor of County Services, and her husband David Litvack, Senior Policy

Advisor, Salt Lake City, for their accomplishments and for working diligently on behalf of the homeless.

### **3.2 Hiring Freeze Exception Report**

[20-0859](#)

**Attachments:** [Staff Report](#)  
[Hiring Freeze Exceptions 091520 Agenda](#)

Presenter: Brad Kendrick, Budget and Policy Analyst, Council Informational

**Mr. Brad Kendrick**, Budget & Policy Analyst, Council Office, reviewed the new hiring freeze exceptions.

### **3.3 Update on Salt Lake County's Coordinated Response to COVID-19**

[20-0855](#)

**The Council may Take Action, Including Votes, on any Necessary Legislative Matters Related to the Ongoing State of Emergency**

**Attachments:** [Staff Report](#)  
[Leader Report -- September 15 2020](#)  
[Briefing to County Council -- September 15 2020](#)  
[Salt Lake County COVID-19 Six Months in Review -- 09152020](#)

Presenters: Mayor Jenny Wilson; Clint Mecham, Salt Lake County Emergency Manager; David Schuld, Intelligence Section Chief, Salt Lake County COVID-19 Response; Gary Edwards, Director, Health Department (Approx. 30 mins).

Discussion/Direction

**Mr. Gary Edwards**, Director, Salt Lake County Health Department, updated the Council on COVID-19 stating testing went down in August, but that is expected to increase with the rise in cases over the last four to five days. There were 2,343 cases in the most recent two-week period, and 2,172, the two weeks prior to that, a difference of 171 cases. There are some increases in schools and some possible new hotspots in the south part of the County. Approximately 50 percent of the K-12 population cases were in high schools. Primary Children's Hospital has not reported an increase in

hospitalizations or emergency room visits since school reopened. One of the issues with schools are events held outside of the school setting.

The County will be receiving a limited number of vaccines the end of October to early November, which will be for health care personnel, first responders, and people in long-term care facilities. It will not receive vaccines for the general public until 2021. School age children will not be eligible for the vaccine, since testing has not yet been done on individuals under the age of 18.

**Mr. David Schuld**, Intelligence Section Chief for COVID-19, delivered a PowerPoint presentation showing today's snapshot and previous report, a weekly testing and positivity rate analysis, the top ten confirmed cases and crude rate by zip code, and graphs showing the curve, the rolling seven day case count, and the rolling seven day hospitalization count.

**Council Member Newton** asked the Mayor's Office what the plan was for reopening its facilities, i.e. convention centers, arts facilities.

**Ms. Erin Litvack**, Deputy Mayor of County Services, stated the Mayor's Office could have the Community Services Department give an update on that next week.

**Mayor Jennifer Wilson** delivered a PowerPoint showing six months in review, and focused on five accomplishments the County has made specific to COVID collaborations:

- Quick formation of the Unified Command
- Health Department heroics
- Effective outreach to diverse and vulnerable populations
- Evidence-based policy decisions to keep residents healthy and businesses open
- Recovery efforts to support the entire community

### 3.4 Salt Lake County COVID Economic Recovery Update

[20-0856](#)

**Attachments:** [Staff Report](#)  
[SBIG Data - presentation for week of 9.15.20](#)

Presenters: Catherine Kanter, Deputy Mayor of Regional Operations; Dina Blaes, Director of the Office of Regional Development (Approx. 15 mins).

Informational

**Ms. Dina Blaes**, Director, Office of Regional Development, delivered a PowerPoint presentation on Salt Lake County's Small Business Impact Grant (SBIG) Program showing the current applications, communications, the website, the business relief hotline, eligibility pre-screening, the main application process, and the current applications and approved grants. She noted that the closing date for Round 2 applications is September 18, 2020, at 5:00 p.m. The number of applications that will likely be granted will put the County close to the \$40 million maximum for the program.

### **3.5 Overview of COVID-19 Expenditures and Resources Utilized and County Revenue Update** [20-0849](#)

**Attachments:** [Staff Report](#)  
[COVID Costs Update 09-15-20](#)

Presenters: Darrin Casper, Deputy Mayor of Finance & Chief Financial Officer; Rod Kitchens, Director of Budget and Planning; and Shanell Beecher, Director of Accounting (Approx. 30 mins).

Informational

**Mr. Rod Kitchens**, Director of Budget & Planning, Mayor's Financial Administration, delivered a PowerPoint presentation reviewing the County's revenue for the August 19, 2020, distribution, which represents June 2020 sales tax. He reviewed revenue from the County Option Sales Tax, Zoo, Arts & Parks (ZAP) Tax, Transient Room Tax, Transient Room Tax - Supplemental, Car Rental Tax, Restaurant Tax, Transportation Sales Tax, and Local Option Sales Tax. He also reviewed the revenue summary, the 2020 year-to-date July sales tax results, and the 2020 sales tax projections. The revenue summary indicates June sales tax results were significantly better than projected, except for unincorporated County. General sales taxes were above 2019 for both June and year-to-date; however, room, restaurant, and car rental taxes were significantly below 2019.

**Ms. Shannell Beecher**, Accounting Director, Mayor's Financial Administration, delivered a PowerPoint presentation updating the Council on the COVID-19 costs, which included the costs through August 31, 2020.

She also reviewed the categories and related activities, COVID operational expenses outside of Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) and Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) grants, redeployed employees working on COVID, new hires, and contracted resources. She noted that all of the new COVID-related hires are timed with CARES funding, so when those dollars are gone, the positions will go away as well.

**Mr. Darrin Casper**, Deputy Mayor of Finance & Administration, stated the County projects it will spend all the budgeted CARES dollars and FEMA dollars by the end of the year. It will be doing a second distribution of CARES dollars to its city partners, which is an additional \$34 million, and it expects to spend all of the \$40 million in the SBIG program. A number of dollars being charged to CARES from the County are for employees substantially dedicated to the COVID emergency, but who were previously employed by the County. That means the County has been able to bolster the fund balances in the Health and General Fund, and it will be able to use those funds to keep some of the COVID programs going.

**3.6 Approval of Proposed Arts and Culture 2020-21 Virtual Performance Rates** [20-0851](#)

**Attachments:** [Staff Report](#)  
[Arts & Culture Virtual Performance Rental Rate Proposal](#)

Presenters: Holly M. Yocom, Community Services Department Director; Matt Castillo, Interim Arts and Culture Director (Approx. 5 mins).

Discussion/Direction

**Ms. Holly Yocom**, Director, Community Services Department, reviewed a virtual performance rate proposal for 2020-2021. She stated the County has invested in some equipment to allow some of its resident companies and any other organization to rent a theater to record a virtual performance. This request is to update the Community Services Department's rate sheet to include virtual rates. There will not be an audience at these performances.

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

**Aye:** Council Member Ghorbani, Council Member Snelgrove, Council Member Bradley, Council Member Bradshaw, Council Member Winder Newton, Council Member Granato, Council Member DeBry, and Council Chair Burdick

**Absent:** Council Member Jensen

**3.7 Appointments to the Salt Lake County Redistricting Commission** [20-0858](#)

**Attachments:** [Staff Report](#)

(Approx. 10 mins).  
Discussion/Direction

**Council Member Newton** reviewed the following appointments to the Redistricting Commission: Sylvia Andersen, Alene Bentley, Yandary Chatwin, Landon Clark, Jeff Enquist, Brian Maxwell, and Scott Riding.

**Council Member Burdick** asked how the County was as far as deadlines.

**Mr. Mitchell Park**, Legal Counsel, Council Office, stated after the Council approves the appointments, it needs to reach out to the appointees and to the Clerk, who sits as an ex officio member of the commission, to begin the process of convening meetings of the Redistricting Commission. The commission will organize itself and report back to the Council with details surrounding its organization, including bylaws and timelines for providing information about the drawing of Council districts. It could start to organize itself in the fall.

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

**Aye:** Council Member Ghorbani, Council Member Snelgrove, Council Member Bradley, Council Member Bradshaw, Council Member Winder Newton, Council Member Granato, Council Member DeBry, and Council Chair Burdick

**Absent:** Council Member Jensen

**4. CONSENT ITEMS:**

A motion was made by Council Member Bradshaw, seconded by Council Member Bradley, that the consent agenda be approved and forwarded to the 4:00 PM Council meeting for ratification. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Council Member Ghorbani, Council Member Snelgrove, Council Member Bradley, Council Member Bradshaw, Council Member Winder Newton, Council Member Granato, Council Member DeBry, and Council Chair Burdick

**Absent:** Council Member Jensen

- 4.1 A Resolution of the Salt Lake County Council Authorizing Execution and Delivery of a Cooperative Agreement Between the Utah Department of Transportation and Salt Lake County for Trail Guide Signs for the Porter Rockwell Bridge Project Affecting a Portion of the Jordan River Trail in Bluffdale, Utah** [20-0854](#)

**Attachments:** [Staff Report](#)  
[Resolution and Cooperative Agreement UDOT - Porter Rockwell Trail Signs AATF](#)

This consent item was approved and forwarded.

- 4.2 Donation to the Salt Lake District Attorney's Office CJC from Friends of CJC** [20-0845](#)

**Attachments:** [Apr-June 2020 Friends Donation](#)

This consent item was approved and forwarded.

**5. ITEMS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS**

- 5.1. Internal Business

**6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**ADJOURN 3:45 PM for Board of Equalization**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:17 PM.



SHERRIE SWENSEN, COUNTY CLERK

By \_\_\_\_\_  
DEPUTY CLERK

By \_\_\_\_\_  
CHAIR, SALT LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL