SALT LAKE COUNTY

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Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, December 1, 2020

6:08 PM

Council Chambers, N1-110

County Council

1. CALL TO ORDER - WELCOME
COUNCIL CHAIR MAX BURDICK

Present: Council Chair Max Burdick

Call In: Council Member Shireen Ghorbani
Council Member Richard Snelgrove
Council Member Jim Bradley
Council Member Arlyn Bradshaw
Council Member Michael Jensen
Council Member Ann Granato
Council Member Steve DeBry
Council Member Aimee Winder Newton

1.1 Statement of Council Chair Max Burdick Concerning the Temporary Conduct of Electronic Meetings of the Council Consistent with the Utah Open and Public Meetings Act

20-1171

Attachments: Staff Report
OPMA Findings - Decemeber 2020

Mr. Mitchell Park, Legal Counsel, Council Office, 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. Mayor's Budget Comments

Mayor Jennifer Wilson stated the 2021 budget is balanced and strong. It preserves services during a time of need. Services were delivered in unique ways and with minimal service interruption.

3. Open Public Hearing - Citizen Public Input

A motion was made by Council Member Jensen, seconded by Council Member Bradshaw, to open the public hearing. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Mr. Steve Van Maren stated there is a large fund balance in next year's budget. Some of this was due to frugal management this year, but there was also a tax increase of about $13 million. Since it is not budgeted to be spent next year, he felt the tax increase should be returned to the taxpayers.

Council Member Newton stated the fund balance is very robust for 2021 because there are so many unknowns about revenue.

Mayor Wilson stated the fund balance was built up with Coronavirus, Aid, Relief, & Economic Security (CARES) dollars and will be needed because of the vaccine roll out and other pandemic expenses.

Mr. Darrin Casper, Deputy Mayor of Finance & Administration, stated the reason for the fund balance build up is the tremendous uncertainty about future sales tax revenue. The County also made a $33.5 million cut to operational expenses this year and only $6.4 million has been restored.

Mr. Mitchell Park, Legal Counsel, Council Office, stated a vote needs to be taken to close the public hearing, and then the Council can deliberate.

4. Council Comments

5. Close Public Hearing

A motion was made by Council Member Winder Newton, seconded by Council Member Granato, to close the public hearing. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

6. Discussion and Approval of Salt Lake County Budget Resolution and 2021 Budget and 2020 Budget Adjustments

6.1 A Resolution of the Salt Lake County Council Adopting a Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2021 for Salt Lake County Offices, Departments, and Agencies, Including Proposed Tax Revenues, Budget Appropriations, and Personnel Allocations; Adopting Compensation Adjustments for County Officials and Employees; Adopting Adjustments to the Fiscal Year 2020 Budget; Certifying Compliance with 20-1179

Certain Requirements of Utah Statute and Salt Lake County Ordinance; and Related Matters

Attachments: Staff Report
2021 Budget Resolution Approved as to Form
Attachment A
Addendum to Attachment A
Attachment B

Council Member DeBry stated he will vote "nay" on this budget and he would like his concerns noted for the record. First, he did not think employees should be given a raise during a pandemic in uncertain times. Second, he did not agree with the $100,000 allocation for the Central Wasatch Commission that was added at the last minute.

Council Member Granato stated many employees worked long hours without compensation and departments have made deep cuts to their budgets.

Mr. Casper explained the importance of maintaining the County's triple A bond rating.

Council Member Bradley stated he appreciated Council Member DeBry's comments. However, the County has a very large budget. If everyone voted no because of an item they did not like, the County would have no budget at all.

RESOLUTION NO. 5805

RESOLUTION OF THE SALT LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL ADOPTING A FINAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021 FOR SALT LAKE COUNTY OFFICES, DEPARTMENTS, AND AGENCIES, INCLUDING PROPOSED TAX REVENUES, BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS, AND PERSONNEL ALLOCATIONS; ADOPTING COMPENSATION ADJUSTMENTS FOR COUNTY OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES; ADOPTING ADJUSTMENTS TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2020 BUDGET; CERTIFYING COMPLIANCE WITH CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS OF UTAH STATUTE AND SALT LAKE COUNTY ORDINANCE; AND RELATED MATTERS

WHEREAS, the Salt Lake County Council, as required by Salt Lake County's Budget Process Ordinance, Salt Lake County Code of Ordinances Chapter 2.95, is required to adopt by resolution a final budget for Salt Lake County on or before December 10 of each year for the following calendar fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, Salt Lake County, as required by the Uniform Fiscal Procedures Act for Counties, Utah Code Ann. § 17-36-15, shall adopt by resolution the final budget for fiscal year 2021 on or before December 31, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Salt Lake County Mayor and the County Council have caused to be prepared three variants of the 2021 budget, respectively: the tentative, the Mayor's proposed, and the Council's recommended budget, each of which have been reviewed and discussed in public meetings, and which have met all legal requirements; and

WHEREAS, the Salt Lake County Council provided timely public notices for a public hearing on the adoption of Salt Lake County's final budget for fiscal year 2021 on December 1, 2020, at the hour of 6:00 p.m., as required by Utah Code Ann. § 17-36-12; and

WHEREAS, the tentative budget and all supportive schedules and data have been made publicly available for inspection during business hours for at least 10 days prior to the public hearing as required by Utah Code § 17-36-11 and Salt Lake County Code of Ordinances Chapter 2.95.060; and

WHEREAS, on December 1, 2020, at the hour of 6:00 p.m., the Salt Lake County Council held a public hearing on Salt Lake County's final budget for fiscal year 2021 that conformed with all necessary requirements of Utah Code Ann. § 17-36-13; and

WHEREAS, at the December 1, 2020, public hearing the Salt Lake County Council received public comment on the recommended budget, and all interested persons had an opportunity to be heard for or against the estimates of revenue and expenditures and performance data or any item in any fund; and

WHEREAS, the Salt Lake County Council finds it necessary to make certain adjustments to the recommended budget and now desires to adopt a final

budget for fiscal year 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Salt Lake County Council has reviewed a financial plan for the expenditure of bond proceeds and funds for capital improvements projects and related matters, which plan includes reimbursement to the County from bond proceeds for expenditures made or incurred on those projects prior to the issuance of their related bonds; and

WHEREAS, the Salt Lake County Council desires to adopt a salary plan which will provide for compensation adjustments to elected officials and employees, and which is and has been a part of the budget and public hearings and notice concerning that budget; and

WHEREAS, the Salt Lake County Council desires to adopt certain adjustments to the 2020 fiscal year budget; and

WHEREAS, the Salt Lake County Council now also finds it expedient to authorize the continued suspension of appropriation unit partitions within fiscal year 2020 and 2021 budgets; and

WHEREAS, the Salt Lake County Council desires to make contributions to certain non- profit entities to assist those entities in providing services to Salt Lake County residents; and

WHEREAS, the declared public health emergency related to the COVID-19 pandemic and the economic impact of the 2020 United States recession have greatly impacted Salt Lake County's revenue projections and fund balances, necessitating continued oversight and fiscal prudence;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Salt Lake County Council that:

1) The Salt Lake County Council, acting as the County legislative body, hereby adopts an overall final budget for fiscal year 2021 for Salt Lake County offices, departments, and agencies, as more specifically described in Attachment A and its Addendum to this Resolution, including specific budgets for fiscal year 2021 for Salt Lake County's particular funds and accounts, and also adopts proposed tax revenues for fiscal year 2021 for the funds and accounts indicated above.

2) The Salt Lake County Council hereby adopts personnel allocations for

County offices, departments, and agencies, effective for fiscal year 2021 as more specifically provided in Attachment A.

3) The Salt Lake County Council hereby adopts salary compensation adjustments for elected officials, employees, and exempt employees, effective for fiscal year 2021 as more specifically provided in Attachment A.

4) The Salt Lake County Council hereby approves and adopts fee changes presented and approved during its budget meetings and hearings, and as reflected in the revenue totals set forth in Attachment A.

5) The Salt Lake County Council hereby approves final year-end adjustments to the 2020 fiscal year budget, as more specifically described in Attachment B and its Addendum to this Resolution.

6) The 2021 budgets adopted as provided in paragraph 1, above, shall be in effect for the next fiscal year, 2021, subject to further amendments as provided by law, and the County Auditor is directed to file, with the State Auditor not later than thirty (30) days hence, certified copies of these final budgets and amendments. Copies of these budgets shall be available at the offices of the County Council, County Mayor, County Clerk, and County Auditor for inspection by the public during business hours.

7) The final year-end adjustments to the 2020 fiscal year budget adopted as provided in paragraph 5, above, shall be effective for fiscal year 2020.

8) The Salt Lake County Council hereby authorizes the suspension of appropriation unit partitions within fiscal year 2020 and 2021 budgets for Salt Lake County.

9) The Salt Lake County Council has provided for monetary assistance to certain non- profit entities in the community in exchange for which the County will receive fair and adequate consideration in that the assistance, individually and collectively, will contribute to the health, safety and welfare of the community at large through the preservation of its cultural heritage, the encouragement of economic development and tourism, the encouragement of the arts, the increase in capacity for services to the disabled, the disadvantaged, the needy, and those receiving social and human services from county supported agencies, and the development of resources to assist and mentor youth.

10) The Salt Lake County Council certifies that it has, to the best of its knowledge, exercised due diligence in complying with all public notice and hearing requirements established by the Uniform Fiscal Procedures Act for Counties, Utah Code Ann. § 17- 36-1, et seq. and Salt Lake County's County Budget Process Ordinance, Salt Lake County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 2.95.

APPROVED and ADOPTED this 1st day of December, 2020.

SALT LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL

ATTEST (SEAL)

By /s/ MAX BURDICK
CHAIR

By /s/ SHERRIE SWENSEN
COUNTY CLERK

A motion was made by Council Member Jensen, seconded by Council Member Bradshaw, that this agenda item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Council Member Ghorbani, Council Member Bradley, Council Member Bradshaw, Council Member Jensen, Council Member Granato, Council Chair Burdick, and Council Member Winder Newton

Nay: Council Member Snelgrove, and Council Member DeBry

ADJOURN

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS to come before the Council at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 6:39 PM until Tuesday, December 8, 2020, at 4:00 PM.

SHERRIE SWENSEN, COUNTY CLERK

By _____
DEPUTY CLERK

By _____
CHAIR, SALT LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL