

SALT LAKE COUNTY

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Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, December 15, 2020

1:30 PM

Room N2-800

Committee of the Whole

1. CALL TO ORDER

Present Council Member Arlyn Bradshaw
Council Member Michael Jensen
Council Member Aimee Winder Newton

Call In Council Member Shireen Ghorbani
Council Member Richard Snelgrove
Council Member Jim Bradley
Council Member Ann Granato
Council Member Steve DeBry
Council Chair Max Burdick

**1.1 Statement of Council Chair Max Burdick Concerning the [20-1243](#)
Temporary Conduct of Electronic Meetings of the Council
Consistent with the Utah Open and Public Meetings Act**

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

Mr. Mitchell Park, Legal Counsel, Council Office, read the following statement for the record:

Consistent with provisions of the Utah Public and Open Meetings Act, Utah Code Ann. § 52-4-207(4), and acting in my capacity as Salt Lake County Council Chair, I hereby make the following written determinations in support of Salt Lake County Council’s decision to hold and convene electronic meetings of the Council without a physical anchor location:

1. Conducting Council meetings with an anchor location that is physically accessible for members of the public to attend in person presents a substantial risk to the health and safety of those who may be present at the anchor location; and

2. This determination is based upon the following facts, among others:

a. Salt Lake County remains under a state of public health emergency related to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, and significant, continued person-to-person transmission of the SARS-CoV-2 virus continues to occur in Salt Lake County;

b. State and local health authorities have adopted “State Public Health

Order 2020-26, ‘*Updated Statewide COVID-19 Restrictions,*’ which orders institutions in jurisdictions currently experiencing “high transmission” of COVID-19, including Salt Lake County, to limit public gatherings and ensure strict social distancing, mask wearing, and other requirements at public gatherings;

c. Mayor Jennifer Wilson has ordered that the Salt Lake County Government Center be open to the public on an “appointment only” basis during the current period of Salt Lake County Government’s phased re-opening;

d. Public health authorities, including the Salt Lake County Health Department, recommend that the health and safety of Councilmembers, County officials and employees, staff, and members of the public is best served by holding electronic meetings of the Council with limited in-person interaction;

e. The Council has prepared for and demonstrated the ability to effectively conduct its public meetings electronically, including providing members of the public means to observe the Council’s meetings and provide comments electronically.

These written determinations shall be read into the minutes at the beginning of the Salt Lake County Council’s Committee of the Whole and Council Meetings, held in Salt Lake City on December 15, 2020, and at future Council meetings as appropriate. Council staff are instructed to continue including in the public notice information on how a member of the public may view and make comments at the Council’s electronic meetings.

This written determination is effective until midnight on January 13, 2021, and may be re-issued by future written determinations of the Chair at that time.

Dated this 15th day of December,
2020.

SALT LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL

ATTEST (SEAL)

By /s/ MAX BURDICK
Chair

By /s/ SHERRIE SWENSEN

County Clerk

2. CITIZEN PUBLIC INPUT

3. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

3.1 Hiring Freeze Exception Report

[20-1244](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)

[Hiring Freeze Exceptions - 121520 Agenda](#)

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

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

3.2 Discussion Regarding Utah Senate Bill Proposal: Property Tax Exemption Amendments

[20-1251](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)

[2021 FI-0465_007 Property Tax Exemption Amendments](#)

[PP Impact](#)

Presenters: Kara Trevino, Legislative Director, Council; Tim Bodily, Deputy District Attorney; and Kevin Jacobs, SLCo Assessor (Approx. 15 mins).
Discussion/Direction

Ms. Kara Trevino, Intergovernmental Relations Manager, Council Office, reviewed legislation sponsored by Senator Wayne Harper, which the Interim Revenue and Taxation Committee voted to endorse. The legislation expands the exemption on personal property from \$15,000 to \$50,000, and it does not allow for a shift to make up that revenue loss. The Utah Association of Counties opposed the legislation, and school districts are not supportive of it.

Mr. Kevin Jacobs, County Assessor, stated this legislation will shrink the County's tax base, as well as that of other local governments. As a result, tax rates will have to go up. Currently, the County does not send out small tax bills with the small business exemption, but if this passes, it will have to send out bills for anything reported above the \$50,000, and that will take time and

resources.

Mr. Tim Bodily, Deputy District Attorney, stated this is a property tax exemption and violates the premise of the constitution of property tax. The constitution authorizes personal property used by a commercial business to be exempt if the revenue would result in an inconsequential amount. The constitutional amendment that was passed 14 years ago, was a property tax exemption of \$3,200 and only applied to those businesses that had taxable value under \$3,200. This expands that amount to \$50,000 and changes the implementation of it so that all businesses get that \$50,000 exemption. It is very difficult to justify that as inconsequential revenue.

Mr. Chris Stavros, Chief Deputy Assessor, stated the impact is over \$560 million in taxable value right now, so nearly \$8.3 million, and that will increase overtime as new businesses are added. The impact to the County will be over \$1 million a year. It is a permanent loss in the tax base.

A motion was made by Council Member DeBry, seconded by Council Member Jensen, to take a neutral position on the legislation, but talk to the sponsor to see if the County can get him to compromise, and get more information on how this will impact the County, and then address it the first of the year or at the beginning of the legislative session.

Ms. Trevino asked if Council Member DeBry would amend his motion to include working with the Utah Association of Counties on the legislation. She also suggested not taking a position rather than taking a neutral position.

Council Member DeBry amended the motion to include working with the Utah Association of Counties on the legislation.

Council Member Bradshaw stated he was fine with Council Member DeBry's direction to get additional information, but was not comfortable formalizing that in a motion.

Mr. Mitchell Park, Legal Counsel, Council Office, stated unless Council Member DeBry withdrew the motion, the Council needed to vote on it.

Council Member Bradley amended the motion to not take a position. Council Member DeBry accepted the amendment.

A substitute motion was made by Council Member Newton, seconded by Council Member Bradley, to oppose this legislation, and to have Ms. Trevino continue to watch it, and then

update the Council at the beginning of January to see if she was able to get the sponsor to make concessions, and to forward it to the 4:00 PM Council meeting for ratification. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nay: Council Member Snelgrove, and Council Member DeBry

3.3 Salt Lake County Resolution Extending the Public Health Emergency Declared by the Salt Lake County Mayor and the Executive Director of the Salt Lake County Health Department for the COVID-19 Pandemic to Friday, February 5, 2021 [20-1242](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[Resolution for Fourth Extension of Declaration of Health Emergency\(12-15-20\)\(AATF\)](#)

Presenters: Mayor Jenny Wilson and Gary Edwards, Executive Director, Health Department (Approx. 10 mins).

Discussion/Direction

Mayor Jennifer Wilson requested approval to extend the Public Health Emergency to February 5, 2021. She stated it is useful in getting Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) funding and as the County procures goods and moves to prepare for the vaccine.

A motion was made by Council Member Snelgrove, seconded by Council Member DeBry, to approve this agenda item and forward it 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 Jensen, Council Member Winder Newton, Council Member Granato, Council Member DeBry, and Council Chair Burdick

3.4 Update on Salt Lake County's Coordinated Response to COVID-19 [20-1245](#)

The Council may Take Action, Including Votes, on any

Necessary Legislative Matters Related to the Ongoing State of Emergency

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[County Council Briefing -- 12152020](#)

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

Discussion/Direction

Mayor Wilson stated cases have been stabilizing, but hospitals are now in crisis. She was concerned with the approaching holidays because spread is happening within families.

Mr. Gary Edwards, Director, Salt Lake County Health Department, stated the hospitals are still experiencing the peak of the surge that occurred before Thanksgiving and have a few rough weeks ahead. A surge was anticipated over Thanksgiving, but that has not happened.

Mr. David Schuld, Intelligence Section Chief for COVID-19, delivered a PowerPoint presentation showing key numbers (current cases, total cases, the daily case rate, countywide hospitalizations, and known COVID-19 related deaths), an active case curve, an infection snapshot, a zip code surveillance, current cases by age distribution, a race and ethnicity analysis, a rolling 14-day comparison, a testing analysis, known versus community cases, the potential exposure source, and ICU utilization.

Council Member Ghorbani asked if additional efforts were being made for homeless individuals. She was concerned about the encampment closures.

Ms. Erin Litvack, Deputy Mayor of County Services, stated the Mayor's Office has been doing outreach into the unsheltered community since the pandemic began. That work will continue during winter months. When the County closes a camp, it makes sure it has capacity to shelter those living there, and they are given an opportunity to collect their belongings before the camp abatement is done.

3.5 Salt Lake County COVID Recovery Update[20-1255](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[COW PPP Forgiveness 2020 Dec 15](#)
[COVID-19 Impact on Housing Stability_MGallegos_2020 Dec 15 db](#)

Presenters: Erin Litvack, Deputy Mayor/Chief Administrative Officer and Catherine Kanter, Deputy Mayor of Regional Operations (Approx. 20 mins).
Informational

Ms. Erin Litvack, Deputy Mayor of County Services, stated the Mayor's Office has two key issues to report on - the Paycheck Protection Program and housing stability.

Ms. Dina Blaes, Director, Regional Transportation, Housing & Economic Development Department, delivered a PowerPoint presentation showing the details of the Paycheck Protection Program.

Council Member Ghorbani asked if there were going to be any more opportunities for small businesses.

Ms. Blaes stated the State issued a \$3 million grant program that opened yesterday and closes December 17th for businesses involved in live performing. Funds are also still circulating from the Shop in Utah Program and programs the Downtown Alliance did; however, there are no new programs.

Ms. Catherine Kanter, Deputy Mayor of Regional Operations, stated there is the potential for another stimulus package coming from the Federal Government, and the possibility the County will be able to utilize some exemption dollars and circulate those into some kind of a program.

Mr. Mike Gallegos, Director, delivered a PowerPoint presentation on the COVID-19 impact on housing stability showing the increased risk for housing instability, how renters have been negatively impacted, the public and human cost of eviction, the estimated public cost, data sources, and current mitigation.

3.6 Utah Compact on Racial Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion

[20-1240](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)

Presenter: Mayor Jenny Wilson (Approx. 15 mins).

Discussion/Direction

Mayor Wilson stated Salt Lake County has been asked to consider signing the Utah Compact on Racial Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion, a statewide movement. The Utah Compact breaks down into key areas, i.e. acknowledgement and action, investment, public policies and listening, engagement, and movement. She would be signing this.

Ms. Kerri Nakamura, Chief of Staff, Mayor's Administration, stated businesses, non-profits organizations, government entities, and others have been asked to join in signing this. Doing so signifies commitment to the principles of quality and inclusion.

A motion was made by Council Member DeBry, seconded by Council Member Ghorbani, to approve this agenda item, and to forward it 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 Jensen, Council Member Winder Newton, Council Member Granato, Council Member DeBry, and Council Chair Burdick

- 3.7 An Ordinance of the Legislative Body of Salt Lake County, Utah, Amending Title 8 of the Salt Lake County Code of Ordinances, 2001, Relating to the Authority and Procedures of the Animal Services Division; Making Changes to Reflect Current Practices and Desired Changes to Standards, Rules, and Practices of the Division; Including Added Definitions; Including Regulation of Commercial Dog Walkers; Including New Enforcement, Penalties, and Appeals Process** [20-1237](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[Animal Services Ordinances Letter 2020.pdf](#)
[Animal Services Title 8 FINAL.pdf](#)

Presenters: Talia Butler, Director of Animal Services and Chief Robert A. Lewis, Special Operations Manager (Approx. 10 mins).

Discussion/Direction

Ms. Talia Butler, Director, Animal Services Division, introduced the ordinance relating to the authority and procedures of the Animal Services

Division. The ordinance reflects current practices and makes it easier to read. The goal is to get all of the jurisdictions to make the changes as well. That would make it easier for citizens as well as for officers to enforce.

A motion was made by Council Member DeBry, seconded by Council Member Ghorbani, to forward the ordinance to the January 5, 2020, Council meeting, for formal consideration.

Council Member Bradshaw stated in 2011, the Council added language to reduce the number of citations through providing first-time offenders with a Notice of Violation, but that is not in the summary (8.10.020).

Captain Robert Lewis, Animal Services Division, stated that is a typographical error in the summary. The Animal Services Division does plan on utilizing Notice of Violations.

A motion was made by Council Member DeBry, seconded by Council Member Ghorbani, to approve the ordinance and to forward it to the 4:00 PM Council meeting to be introduced. Council Member DeBry amended the motion to correct the typographical error. Roll was called, showing the motion carried by a unanimous vote.

3.8 Approval of Various Donations to Help with Salt Lake County's COVID-19 Response [20-1226](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[1006 - Form Completed 2020-12-07.pdf](#)
[2020-12-07 COVID Donation List for Council](#)
[Approval.docx](#)

Presenters: Scott Baird, Director, Public Works & Municipal Services and Catherine Kanter, Deputy Mayor of Regional Operations (Approx. 5 mins).
Discussion/Direction

Mr. Scott Baird, Director, Public Works Department, recognized organizations that donated to help with Salt Lake County's Covid-19 response. The donations included bulk bottles of disinfectant and hand sanitizer, masks, help moving and setting up cots, and meals.

Ms. Catherine Kanter, Deputy Mayor of Regional Operations, stated the

spirit of generosity is a silver lining to the Covid experience. It is reassuring to know there is goodness and goodwill in the community.

A motion was made by Council Member Jensen, seconded by Council Member Newton, to approve this agenda item and forward it 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 Jensen, Council Member Winder Newton, Council Member Granato, Council Member DeBry, and Council Chair Burdick

4. CONSENT ITEMS:

A motion was made by Council Member Bradshaw, seconded by Council Member Jensen, to approve the consent agenda and forward it 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 Jensen, Council Member Winder Newton, Council Member Granato, Council Member DeBry, and Council Chair Burdick

4.1 Approval of the Updated Clark Planetarium Star Show and Exhibit Software Price Sheet for 2021 [20-1221](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[2021 Price Sheet Update Summary](#)

This consent item was approved and forwarded.

4.2 Distribution of Discretionary Funds for Council Member Jim Bradley's Office: [20-1252](#)

Charitable Gift of \$500 to the Maliheh Free Clinic
Charitable Gift of \$250 to the Odyssey House of Utah
Charitable Gift of \$250 to the Boys and Girls Club for their Midvale facility

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)

This consent item was approved and forwarded.

- 4.3 Distribution of Discretionary Funds for Council Member Ann Granato's Office:** [20-1260](#)

Charitable Gift of \$1,500 to the Granite Education Foundation's Academic Scholarship Program

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)

This consent item was approved and forwarded.

- 4.4 Distribution of Discretionary Funds for Council Member Arlyn Bradshaw's Office:** [20-1262](#)

Charitable Gift of \$1,000 to The Road Home

Charitable Gift of \$1,000 the Utah Food Bank

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)

This consent item was approved and forwarded.

- 4.5 A Resolution of the Salt Lake County Council Approving an Interlocal Agreement Between Salt Lake County and Greater Salt Lake Municipal Services District for GIS Data Sharing** [20-1233](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[Resolution Approving MSD GIS Data Sharing Interlocal](#)
[Res 2020-03-01 Authorizing Contract between MSD and SL](#)
[County for GIS Data Sharing - AATF](#)

This consent item was approved and forwarded.

- 4.6 A Resolution of the Salt Lake County Council Authorizing Execution and Delivery of a Right of Way Contract with UDOT and a Related Quit Claim Deed Affecting Property Located at Approximately 999 West 3300 South** [20-1235](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[Resolution to Convey Easement to UDOT - HAWK signal - AATF \(002\)](#)
[UDOT Right of Way Contract 999 W. 3300 south 18314_S-0171\(62\)9_01F_101_Sig_Rev2 - AATF](#)

This consent item was approved and forwarded.

4.7 2020 Annual Report of the Utah Department of Transportation State Safety Oversight Program [20-1250](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[UDOT SSO Program Report to SL County - FFY 2020](#)

This consent item was approved and forwarded.

5. ITEMS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS

5.1. Internal Business

5.1.1 Notice of Cancellation of Committee of the Whole for Tuesday, December 22 and Tuesday, December 29, 2020

A motion was made by Council Member Bradshaw, seconded by Council Member Jensen, to approve this agenda item. 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 Winder Newton, Council Member Granato, Council Member DeBry, and Council Chair Burdick

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

6.1 Approval of Committee of the Whole Minutes for December 1, 2020 [20-1231](#)

Attachments: [120120 - COW Minutes](#)

A motion was made by Council Member Bradshaw, seconded by Council Member Jensen, to approve this agenda item. 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 Winder Newton, Council Member Granato, Council Member DeBry, and Council Chair Burdick

ADJOURN 3:45 PM for Board of Equalization

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 PM.

SHERRIE SWENSEN, COUNTY CLERK

By _____
DEPUTY CLERK

By _____
CHAIR, SALT LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL