

Salt Lake County Council

Committee of the Whole

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Tuesday, May 16, 2017

[2:35:38 PM](#)

Committee Members

Present:

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

Citizen Public Input ([2:35:41 PM](#))

Ms. Alexandra Eframo spoke under "Citizen Public Input" asking the Council to open the Council Chambers to the public at 3:00 p.m., prior to Council meetings. She also encouraged the Council to reconsider an ordinance regarding executive branch meetings.

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Review of Proposed Hires ([2:39:59 PM](#))

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

Agency

Position

Mayor's Administration

Exempt Secretary

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Interim Budget Adjustment ([2:40:10 PM](#))

Mr. Brad Kendrick, Budget & Policy Analyst, Council Office, reviewed the following interim budget adjustment request, which has been placed on the Council agenda for formal consideration:

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Salt Lake County Health Department

Interim budget adjustment to reclassify a Microsystems Analyst position to a Help Desk Technician position.

Council Member Jensen, seconded by Council Member Wilson, moved to approve the request and forward it to the 4:00 p.m. Council meeting for formal consideration. The motion passed unanimously.

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Board Appointment ([2:40:38 PM](#))

Mayor Ben McAdams submitted a letter requesting the Council's advice and consent to the appointment of **Nicole Omer** as a member of the Mountainous Planning District Planning Commission to serve a partial term, replacing Roger Kehr. Her term will begin immediately and end December 8, 2017.

After a question and answer period with Ms. Omer, the Council made the following motion:

Council Member Burdick, seconded by Council Member Newton, moved to approve the appointment and forward it to the 4:00 p.m. Council meeting for formal consideration. The motion passed unanimously.

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Council Appointment to Central Wasatch Commission ([2:43:07 PM](#))

Ms. Kimberly Barnett, Associate Deputy Mayor, stated all the cities have approved the latest interlocal agreement regarding the Central Wasatch Commission (CWC). It is now time for the Council to appoint its representative to the CWC.

Council Member Wilson stated initially the Council had issues with the CWC, but a compromise agreement has been reached.

Council Member Jensen stated he was glad to see approval of the interlocal agreement by all the cities. The key for the Council was limiting the powers of the CWC so that it would have to come back to the Council on anything of significance.

Council Member Wilson, seconded by Council Member Burdick, moved to appoint Jim Bradley to be the Council's representative on the Central Wasatch Commission and forward the matter to the 4:00 p.m. Council meeting for formal consideration. The motion passed unanimously.

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Council Member Bradley stated he appreciated the opportunity to serve and was committed to the mountains and canyons.



Countywide Policy & Procedure ([2:47:22 PM](#))

The Council reviewed the following Countywide policy and procedure, which has been placed on the Council agenda for final approval and execution:

#1020 – County Meals

Ms. Kimberly Barnett, Associate Deputy Mayor, stated there is a larger policy question that needs to be addressed. This policy is not clear as it relates to the County purchasing tables at community events. She is working with the District Attorney's Office and will be bringing a final recommendation to the Council in the future. In the meantime, the County's Animal Services Division and Public Works Department learned they were being honored for their service at the upcoming Best of State Award Dinner. She asked that the Council approve a one-time amendment to the County Meals policy so employees from Animal Services and Public Works can purchase two tables and attend the awards dinner. After the dinner, the amendment will become void and a new policy will be forthcoming.

Council Member Snelgrove asked how much each table would cost.

Ms. Barnett stated each table is \$760.00. Public Works has this within its current budget.

Council Member Jensen stated he is supportive of this amendment, but the policy is very perplexing. However, the County needs to do this for these employees.

Council Member Jensen, seconded by Council Member Granato moved to approve the amended policy and procedure.

Council Member Bradshaw stated he would like to be included in drafting the new policy.

Council Member Newton stated the County has purchased tables at other community events, such as Chamber of Commerce, galas and League of Women Voters. As a new policy is drafted, it might be cheaper to look at buying individual tickets to such events, instead of tables. She asked why this event was different from other events when the County purchased tables.

Ms. Erin Litvack, Deputy Mayor of Administration, stated she did not know the answer to that. The Mayor's Office has been reviewing policies and procedures at cabinet, department, and division meetings to make sure they are up to speed. The issue with the meals policy resulted from a question from Animal Services.

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Council Member Snelgrove asked what the reward was for.

Mr. Scott Baird, Director, Public Works & Municipal Services Department, stated the award is Best of State under the category of Community Development in the Public Sector.

Council Member Snelgrove stated Best of State is a for-profit entity. He would be voting no on this amendment because he would prefer recognition go directly to the employees who earned it rather than to a for-profit enterprise. However, he stressed that the employees deserved this recognition.

Council Member Bradshaw stated County employees are deserving of any recognition they get, and Animal Services is the best in the state.

Council Member Wilson stated it would be appropriate for a new policy to be drafted because the Council should not be weighing in on what is fair recognition for employees. Managers should be doing that.

Council Member Burdick stated this issue is a double-edged sword. Employees get this award only to find there is a problem with attending the event because of current policy. He would be voting in favor of the amendment because he did not want employees to pay the price for the confusion.

Council Member DeBry stated he would be voting against the amendment because the money goes to a for-profit entity. This is not an indictment of the employees. For him it is a matter of principal.

Ms. Litvack stated this honor has become a badge of honor for many in the public and private sectors. This award elevates and demonstrates the quality of work the County and its employees provide to cities and municipalities that contract with the County for Animal Services and Public Works.

Council Member Jensen, seconded by Council Member Granato moved to approve the amended policy and procedure, and forward it to the 4:00 p.m. Council meeting for formal consideration. The motion passed 7 to 2 with Council Members Snelgrove and DeBry voting in opposition.

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Tax Levy Fund Balance [\(3:01:18 PM\)](#)

Mr. Rick Graham, Deputy Mayor of Operations, stated in 2009 the Utah State Tax Commission approved a judgment levy for the unincorporated County to establish and maintain a reserve fund for the payment of claims, settlements, and judgments. Since these unincorporated areas are now incorporated, the judgment levy is no longer in effect and the County would like to pass back to the townships and Millcreek the unused revenues that are

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being held. The money would go back to support the activities in the municipalities they were originally derived from.

Council Member DeBry asked what the amount was being transferred.

Mr. Graham stated the fund balance at the end of 2016 was \$3.4 million. The recommendation is to leave a contingency of \$200,000 in the fund plus \$200,000 as a minimum amount to maintain the fund balance. What is available to disburse to the five metro townships, unincorporated County, and Millcreek is roughly \$2,466,898. That amount will be distributed according to the percent of the taxable income of those different areas.

Council Member Burdick, seconded by Council Member Granato, moved to approve the recommendation, and forward it to the 4:00 p.m. Council meeting for formal consideration. The motion passed unanimously.

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Closed Session – Real Estate

Council Member Jensen, seconded by Council Member Bradshaw, moved that the Committee of the Whole go into a closed session to discuss a real estate matter. The motion passed unanimously.

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Closed Session – Litigation

Council Member Jensen, seconded by Council Member Bradshaw, moved that the Committee of the Whole go into a closed session to discuss litigation. The motion passed unanimously.

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

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CONSENT AGENDA ([3:05:01 PM](#))

Constables

The Council reviewed the appointments of *Damien Gutierrez* and *Robert Less* as deputy constables under Constable Larry Bringham.

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Council Member Jensen, seconded by Council Member Bradshaw, moved to approve the appointments and forward them to the 4:00 p.m. Council meeting for formal consideration. 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 final approval and execution.

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

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Other Business

Approval of Minutes

Council Member Jensen, seconded by Council Member Bradshaw, moved to approve the minutes of the Salt Lake County Committee of the Whole meeting held on Tuesday, May 2, 2017. The motion passed unanimously.

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Cancellation of Meetings

Council Member Jensen, seconded by Council Member Bradshaw, moved to cancel the Tuesday, May 30, 2017, Committee of the Whole and Council meetings. The motion passed unanimously.

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The meeting was adjourned at [3:05:25 PM](#).

Chair, Committee of the Whole

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Deputy Clerk

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