

# Salt Lake County Council

Committee of the Whole

## ~MINUTES~

Tuesday, September 26, 2017

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### Committee Members

#### Present:

Richard Snelgrove  
Jim Bradley  
Arlyn Bradshaw  
Aimee Winder Newton  
Sam Granato<sup>1</sup>  
Max Burdick  
Steven DeBry, Chair

#### Excused:

Jennifer Wilson  
Michael Jensen

### Citizen Public Input ([2:31:56 PM](#))

**Ms. Alexandra Eframo** spoke under "Citizen Public Input" regarding gang violence. She stated children who are in gangs do not feel loved or accepted at home and that is why they join gangs. She was appalled with the Council for giving Amber Liechty a \$5,000 raise.



### Review of Proposed Hires ([2:09:04 PM](#))

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

#### Agency

#### Position

*Regional Planning, Housing &  
Economic Development*

Fiscal Coordinator 13

*Sheriff's Office*

Corrections Specialist 11  
Control Room Operator 12

*Library Services Division*

Librarian 14

*Salt Lake County Health Department*

Office Specialist 10

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<sup>1</sup> Participated electronically.

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*Youth Services Division*

Part-time Group Home Supervisor 15  
2 Youth Services Case Manager 14

*Animal Services Division*

Customer Care Association 11

*Assessor's Office*

Commercial Ad Valorem Tax Appraiser 15/16

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Interim Budget Adjustments ([2:09:15 PM](#))

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

*Center for the Arts*

Interim budget adjustment of \$53,500 to replace the plaza steam system at Abravanel Hall; and \$17,500 to repair the control system and valves for the snow melt system within the plaza concrete.

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*Parks & Recreation Division*

Interim budget adjustment of \$100,000 to adjust parks and recreation bond projects.

Interim budget adjustment of \$1,193,000 to complete the Lodestone Regional Park's masterplan. This will entail shifting bond funds from the Jordan River Trail.

Interim budget adjustment of \$1,091,500 to complete the Wardle Fields Regional Park's masterplan. This will entail shifting bond funds from the Jordan River Trail.

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*Flood Control Engineering Division*

Interim budget adjustment of up to \$200,000 to repair a sinkhole and culvert at Dry Creek Crossing on Dimple Dell Road.

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*Human Services Department*

Interim budget adjustment to transfer \$100,000 from operations to indigent legal services to address potential needs from the conflict of interest counsels.

**Council Member Bradshaw, seconded by Council Member Newton, moved to approve the requests and forward them to the 4:00 p.m. Council meeting for ratification. The motion passed unanimously. Council Member Snelgrove was absent for the vote.**



Gift to Salt Lake County ([2:14:06 PM](#))

The Council reviewed the following gift to Salt Lake County. The Declaration of Gift form has been placed on the Council agenda for final approval and execution:

*Parks and Recreation Division*

Parley's Rails, Trails and Tunnels (PRATT) has offered to donate \$225,783.85 to be used for the art project at Sego Lily Plaza.

**Mr. Juan Arce-Larreta**, Chair, Parley's Rails, Trails, and Tunnels (PRATT) Coalition, stated Parley's Trail is an eight mile trail that connects the Bonneville Shoreline Trail to the Jordan River Parkway. PRATT held a fundraiser to get the money needed to finish the Sego Lily portion of the trail.

**Council Member Snelgrove, seconded by Council Member Newton, moved to accept the gift and forward the Declaration of Gift form to the 4:00 p.m. Council meeting for ratification. The motion passed unanimously. Council Member Burdick was absent for the vote.**



Off-Leash Dog Park Implementation Plan ([2:21:25 PM](#))

**Mr. Martin Jensen**, Director, Parks and Recreation Division, updated the Council on the proposed timeline and goals for an off-leash dog park implementation plan. He stated the implementation plan was created with the help of a newly established Stakeholder Advisory Committee consisting of dog owners. He then delivered a PowerPoint presentation outlining the proposed timeline, which showed four public hearings scheduled in September to receive comments on the proposed site selection criteria. Four additional public hearings will be held in November, to receive input relating to preliminary rankings of where dog parks might be located.

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In January, an additional four public hearings will be held to receive public input on development of regional off-leash areas and the top rankings of where dog parks might be located.

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Overview Presentation of Treasurer's Office ([2:36:05 PM](#))

**Mr. Wayne Cushing**, County Treasurer, delivered a PowerPoint presentation highlighting the structure and functions of his office relating to tax collections and tax accounting. He highlighted measurement results showing statistics relating to general statistics and numbers, property taxes levied, collection rates, delinquencies, and savings to Salt Lake County taxpayers when delinquencies are low.

**Mr. Randy Wright**, Chief Deputy Treasurer, continued the PowerPoint presentation relating to collections. He highlighted e-notices showing expansion, changes, and statistics.

**Mr. Cushing** finished the PowerPoint presentation showing statistics relating to tax relief, property tax refunds, investment results, and new initiatives within the Treasurer's Office.

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Overview Presentation of Recorder's Office ([3:05:11 PM](#))

**Mr. Adam Gardiner**, County Recorder, delivered a PowerPoint presentation outlining the mission statement of the Recorder's Office, showing 2017/2018 revenue and expenditures, new requests, and 2018 challenges and goals. He highlighted how the 3 percent reduction asked for in the 2018 budget would affect his office. It showed a reduction of 4.5 FTEs, no allocation to fund temporary employees, and the elimination of a new archive writer.

**Council Member Newton** asked if the fees charged by the Recorder's Office were in line with the actual costs.

**Mr. Gardiner** stated an audit has not been done on fees charged within his office. That is something he is looking into. A few fees mandated by state statute need to be changed, and they will be presented to the Legislature during the upcoming session.

**Council Member Snelgrove** asked who would pay the merchant fees when the use of credit cards was implemented within the Recorder's Office.

**Mr. Gardiner** stated the fee would be passed on to the consumer.

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Closed Session – Real Estate Matter

**Council Member Newton, seconded by Council Member Burdick, moved to close the open session of the Committee of the Whole meeting to discuss a real estate matter. The motion passed unanimously.**

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

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Review of Planning and Zoning Application ([3:46:38 PM](#))

**Mr. Curtis Woodward**, Planning and Development Services Division, reviewed the following ordinance amendments. He stated the Council will be setting a public hearing for these amendments during its 4:00 p.m. Council meeting.

Application #30492 – **Salt Lake County** to create a new zoning designation by which large-scale communities may be approved and developed through a master plan and development plan approval process. Development agreements will be the mechanism by which the approved densities, land uses, and design standards are regulated. The hearing will be set for October 10, 2017, at 4:00 p.m.

Application #30521 – **Salt Lake County** – Ordinance amendment to restrict “public use” to uses and facilities compatible with residential and agricultural areas and to allow utility production, storage, and treatment facilities in the M-1 and M-2 zones. Hearing will be set for October 24, 2017, at 4:00 p.m.

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Interim Budget Adjustment ([3:47:37 PM](#))

**Mr. Sim Gill**, District Attorney, reviewed the following interim budget adjustment request, which has been placed on the Council agenda for formal consideration:

*District Attorney’s Office*

Interim budget adjustment of \$78,385 for 1 Prosecuting Attorney and 2 Paralegal positions to support Operation Rio Grande.

**Council Member DeBry** stated the Council should wait on this request until the budget workshops begin, and then consider all the new FTE requests together.

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**Mr. Gill** stated this request is part of the master enforcement plan for the Operation Rio Grande area that was developed in partnership with the State. The County committed to the plan. As a result of Operation Rio Grande, 369 new cases have been filed and 600 to 800 warrant recalls processed. If his office has to wait until the budget process is complete, the backlog will be worse. The County cannot sustain its participation in Operation Rio Grande without the needed personnel.

**Mayor Ben McAdams** stated there is an extraordinary need to fund these positions right now and not wait three to four months until the budget is adopted. Failure to do so would harm the effectiveness of Operation Rio Grande. It would set back or harm what is being done. This would be a priority within the upcoming budget even when competing with other requests. He encouraged the Council to fund this now, and not wait.

**Council Member Newton** stated she has too many unanswered question to vote in favor of this request right now. The questions she has are:

- How many prosecuting attorneys does the District Attorney have and how has that number changed over recent years.
- What is the average case load for attorneys and how has that changed.
- Quantify the additional workload on staff, such as additional hours worked and additional case work above the norm.
- How many attorneys within the District Attorney's Office do not have a caseload and why.

**Council Member Burdick** asked how long it would take to hire the FTEs once approved.

**Mr. Gill** stated it would be immediate. The job is already open and potential employees have gone through the first round of interviews.

**Council Member Burdick** stated it would be disingenuous of the Council to say no when there were so many new cases. In order to get people in treatment, the people need to get in the process. The Council will need to make adjustments elsewhere in the budget to cover this.

**Council Member Burdick, seconded by Council Member Bradley, moved to approve the interim budget adjustment request and forward it to the 4:00 p.m. Council meeting for ratification.**

**Council Member Bradley** stated Salt Lake County has been an active partner in this solution and it assumed that it would do what was necessary to take care of the problem, which includes getting cases through the court. He asked Mr. Gill if he would be asking for additional FTEs during the 2018 budget workshop sessions.

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**Mr. Gill** stated his office will be not asking for additional FTEs if this request is approved. This request was generated as a partner with the state and is part of the original \$67 million set aside for this purpose.

**Council Member DeBry** stated the District Attorney received 14 new FTEs from funds received when the jail bond was paid off. During the budget, there will be requests for new FTEs within the Sheriff's Office, the Behavioral Health Services Division, and the Salt Lake Legal Defenders. This request is not such an exigent situation that it cannot wait for one week so Council Members can get answers to questions.

**Council Member Snelgrove, seconded by Council Member Newton, moved to table this request for one week. The motion passed 6 to 1 with Council Member Granato voting in opposition.**

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CONSENT AGENDA ([4:13:05 PM](#))

#### Board Appointments

Mayor Ben McAdams submitted letters requesting the Council's advice and consent to the reappointments of **Cynthia Mecklenburg, Kristin Covili, and Chelsea DiFrancesco** as members of the Library Board. Their terms will begin immediately and end June 30, 2021.

**Council Member Bradshaw, seconded by Council Member Bradley, moved to approve the reappointments and forward them to the 4:00 p.m. Council meeting for ratification. The motion passed unanimously.**

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#### Tax Matters

The Council reviewed the tax matters, which have been placed on the Council agenda for final approval and execution.

**Council Member Bradshaw, seconded by Council Member Bradley, moved to approve the tax matters and forward them 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, which have been placed on the Council agenda for final approval and execution:

*Mutual Fire Line Easement Agreement*

Amendment to existing fire line agreement with REMA Tip Top/North America on property located at 5404 South Airport Road allowing Salt Lake County to tie into the existing line.

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*Resolution and Loan Agreement*

Amendment to the loan agreement with the Redevelopment Agency of Ogden City extending the loan disbursement period to December 31, 2017, making changes to the requirements that must be satisfied prior to the final disbursement of loan proceeds, and extending the time in which the agency must complete the remediation work. All other terms remain in effect.

**Council Member Bradshaw, seconded by Council Member Bradley, 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's Community Contribution

The Council reviewed the recommendation of the Contribution Review Committee for the following community contribution to be appropriated from the Mayor's 2017 budget:

**Utah Museum of Contemporary Art            \$500.00**

**Council Member Bradshaw, seconded by Council Member Bradley, moved to approve the recommendation, finding the County received fair and adequate consideration for 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

*Approval of Minutes*

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**Council Member Bradshaw, seconded by Council Member Bradley, moved to approve the minutes of the Salt Lake County Committee of the Whole meeting held on Tuesday, September 12, 2017. The motion passed unanimously.**

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The meeting was adjourned at [4:13:15 PM.](#)

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Chair, Committee of the Whole

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Deputy Clerk

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