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Salt Lake County Council

Committee of the Whole

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Tuesday, April 17, 2018

1:05 PM

Committee Members

Present:

Jennifer Wilson
Richard Snelgrove¹
Jim Bradley
Arlyn Bradshaw
Michael Jensen
Steven DeBry
Max Burdick
Aimee Winder Newton, Chair

Excused:

Sam Granato

Citizen Public Input

No one appeared for Citizen Public Input.



Review of New Hires

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

Agency

Position

Aging & Adult Services Division

Center Program Coordinator 13
Nutrition/Transportation Supervisor 14

Facilities Management Division

Carpentry 11
District Worker 9

District Attorney's Office

Civil Legal Counsel 12

Sheriff's Office

Correction Specialist 11

Criminal Justice Services Division

Office Specialist 10

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Mayor's Office

Air Pollution Control Specialist 14

Parks & Recreation Division

Superintendent of Greens 11

Public Works Department

Traffic Signal Worker 9

Zoo, Arts, & Parks Program

Grant and Communications Coordinator 14

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Interim Budget Adjustments

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:

Parks and Recreation Division

Interim budget adjustment of \$91,201 to provide custodial services for the Sorenson Unity Center. An additional FTE and seasonal employees are needed to adequately provide this service. The expense for this service will be reimbursed by Salt Lake City.

Office of Regional Transportation, Housing, and Economic Development

Interim budget adjustment of \$17,500 to extend the After-School Program in Magna for an additional six-weeks.

Interim budget adjustment of \$375,000 to recognize grant funds from the Aging in Place Federal Home Loan Grant. The remainder of the grant, \$375,000, will be budgeted as part of the 2019 budget process.

Center for the Arts

Interim budget adjustment of \$34,500 to be used to redesign the Center for the Arts website.

Council Member DeBry, seconded by Council Member Burdick, moved to approve the requests and forward them to the 4:00 p.m. Council meeting for ratification.

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The motion passed unanimously. Council Members Bradley and Jensen were absent for the vote.



State Safety Oversight Annual Report

Mr. Jim Golden, State Safety Oversight Program Manager, Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT), delivered a PowerPoint presentation highlighting the State Safety Oversight Agency (SSOA), the different TRAX lines within Salt Lake County, what SSOA does, compliance with new SSOA requirements, the Federal Transit Administration grant process, a Utah Transit Authority (UTA) – TRAX overview, and highlights from 2017 and early 2018. He stated UTA had over 18 million rides in 2017, which equates to just over 1.5 million rides a month. He then presented a video, which is used to educate citizens about gate breaks at road crossings. Last year there were over 380 gate breaks, which is more than one a day. Each gate break is considered a close call.

Council Member DeBry asked how many deaths had occurred over the last 18 years of operations.

Mr. Golden stated he thought the number was between 40 to 45 fatalities, but would get the exact number to the Council. This number did not include suicides, which is handled differently.

Council Member DeBry asked what the SSOA was doing to get the message out to motorists and pedestrians about double trains.

Mr. Golden stated decals are being put up in trains, announcements are being made when passengers are disembarking, and signs are being put up.

Council Member Burdick asked if the TRAX trains had horns.

Mr. Golden stated yes, they have gongs with flashing lights as the trains enter a station. The trains also have a separate horn for emergency situations.



Transportation Funding – S.B. 136

Council Member Newton stated she requested Andrew Gruber, Executive Director, Wasatch Front Regional Council, provide additional information regarding S.B. 136 – Transportation Governance Amendments, as it relates to the responsibilities of the Council.

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Mr. Andrew Gruber, Executive Director, Wasatch Front Regional Council, stated S.B. 136 authorizes funding for transit and local needs, and enhances the coordination of transportation, land use, and economic development. He highlighted the following items that are included in the bill:

- Renames Utah Transit Authority (UTA) to Transit District of Utah.
- It changes the existing structure of the Utah Transit Authority (UTA) from 16 part-time members to 3 full-time members.
- Creates a new Transit Transportation Investment Fund (TTIF) for transit capital projects statewide.
- Includes land use and economic development consideration in TTIF prioritization criteria.
- Authorizes the Council to impose a local option sales tax without approval from citizens.
- Increases alternative fuel vehicle registration fees.
- Creates a Transportation Reinvestment Zone to capture increased property tax revenue generated by a transportation infrastructure project.
- Creates a Transportation and Tax Review Task Force to make recommendations on transportation revenues and governance.

If the County imposes the local option sales tax between now and June 30, 2019, it would keep all funds collected during that timeframe. The funds could only be used to pay off debt or for regionally significant transportation facilities. Beginning July 1, 2019, the regular distribution of the taxes would take effect (0.10 percent to cities, 0.10 percent to transit district, and 0.05 percent to the County).

Council Member Newton asked what the timeline would be if the Council decided to impose this sales tax.

Mr. Gruber stated for the sales tax to take effect on October 1, 2018, the Council would need to adopt an ordinance no later than July 1, 2018. The bill allows the cities to impose the sales tax, if the County does not. The County could receive approximately \$40 million in revenue if it adopted the increase this year.

Mr. Jason Rose, Legal Counsel, Council Office, stated before an ordinance is adopted the Council must hold two readings at a regular Council meeting. Once adopted, the ordinance would not take effect until 15 days after it is published in a newspaper of general circulation. Early June is a more realistic time frame for adoption of this ordinance.

Council Member Newton asked what additional information the Council needed before considering this tax.

Council Member Bradshaw stated he would like to know how the Mayor would spend the additional funds.

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Mayor Ben McAdams stated the first thing he would do is to use \$20 to \$25 million to pay down debt service. Any leftover funds would be used for critical road projects. The cities would be asked to submit applications for any work that needed to be done within their city limits.

Council Member Bradley stated the County certainly could use these additional funds. It would be foolish not to do this. The Council should schedule this discussion for early May to give itself time to fully discuss this.

Council Member Jensen stated it would be important to have an application process in place for cities to apply for these funds. He would like to know what the regional projects would be.

Council Member Newton asked if the Council would like a resolution from the cities supporting the increased tax as well as a list of projects the cities would be looking at.

Council Member Bradley stated he did not think there was enough time to get resolutions from the cities. However, the cities might have an idea of what projects they would include.

Council Member Wilson stated city leaders recognize the need for this tax. The County needed to decide if it wanted to impose the tax and then figure out a process for the cities to use, to apply for the additional funding.

Council Member Newton stated this item will be placed on next week's agenda to start planning a public input process with the possibility of putting this issue on an agenda in May for a decision.



Oxbow Jail Update

Sheriff Rosie Rivera delivered a PowerPoint presentation updating the Council on the Oxbow Jail reopening. She highlighted the goals for fully opening Oxbow, what it would take, and staffing facts/challenges. The turnover rate in the Sheriff's Office is approximately 13 percent, resulting in 104 vacancies from 2016 to 2017. The number of new hires needed to replace the turnover rate is 63. The Sheriff's Office hires about 72 employees every year. All offices in the State are understaffed. Each office is bidding against the others for new hires. Salt Lake County offers lower pay than most other agencies.

Ms. Carita Lucey, Human Resources Administrator, Sheriff's Office, continued the PowerPoint presentation discussing deputy recruitment efforts. These efforts include incentives for employees, social media, billboard advertisements, recruitment video, radio advertisements, banners, job fairs, email blasts, and television advertisements.

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Council Member Newton asked if the Department of Workforce Services had been helpful in the recruitment process.

Ms. Lucey stated yes.

Council Member Burdick asked if one type of recruitment worked better than the rest.

Ms. Lucey stated the best recruitment comes from staff and then social media.

Council Member Snelgrove asked if the Sheriff had considered lowering the age for employment.

Sheriff Rivera stated a person needed to be at least 21 years old. This is a Peace Officer Standards & Trainings (POST) requirement and she has no authority to change it. There are a lot of youth interested in working for the Sheriff's Office.

Deputy Kevin Harris continued the PowerPoint presentation by highlighting the staffing in the jail, including turnover rates and hiring projections, and repairs done at Oxbow Jail and what remains to be done. Due to the number of applicants, compared to the need, it would not be possible to open both pods at Oxbow Jail by July 2018.

Sheriff Rivera stated with the opening of one pod at Oxbow Jail, there would still be a need to contract out for additional jail beds. This expense could be covered by the under expend in payroll.

Council Member Burdick stated it would be status quo if the County got rid of the contracted beds after Oxbow Jail reopened. He asked if the County should keep the beds so there would not be so many over-crowded releases (OCR).

Council Member DeBry stated the Council needed to do something to get enough employees to fully open Oxbow Jail. He asked how many prisoners Oxbow Jail would accommodate when it was fully opened.

Sheriff Rivera stated it would be status quo. The contracts help with the need to hire more staff.

Deputy Harris stated there would be 552 beds. This would be strictly a misdemeanor facility. It is hoped to relocate all prisoners involved in the Court Alternative Treatment (CAT) program into this facility.

Council Member Newton stated there is a law enforcement crisis now. In her opinion, this is a much bigger problem than what is going on in the jail.

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CONSENT AGENDA

Board Appointments

Mayor Ben McAdams submitted a letter requesting the Council's advice and consent to the appointment of **Janice Aramaki** as a member of the Convention Facilities Advisory Board to serve a three-year term. Her term will begin April 17, 2018, and end April 16, 2021.

Mayor Ben McAdams submitted a letter requesting the Council's advice and consent to the appointment of **Reid Demman** as a member of the Unified Fire Authority board to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of Salt Lake County Mayor Ben McAdams. He will serve the remainder of the unfulfilled term.

Council Member Bradshaw, seconded by Council Member Jensen, moved to approve the appointments 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 and agreements. The resolutions authorizing execution of the agreements have been placed on the Council agenda for final approval and execution:

Resolution and Quit Claim Deeds

Declaring property located at 319 West Reed Avenue (Parcel No. 08-25-452-005) as surplus and selling it to adjacent property owner *Real Estate Ventures* for \$385.

Declaring property located at 8471 South 300 East (Parcel No. 22-31-451-020) as surplus and selling it to *Max and Susan Somsen* for \$2,500.

Resolution and Interlocal Agreements

Salt Lake City regarding the Wasatch Hollow Flood Control Access Landscape Improvement Project. Salt Lake County will contribute an amount not to exceed \$30,000 to Salt

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Lake City to assist in the procuring and paying for necessary services to construct the Wasatch Hollow Flood Control Access Landscape Improvement Project. Salt Lake City will contract for the services.

West Jordan City regarding the upgrade of traffic signals. West Jordan City will pay Salt Lake County the actual cost of approximately \$30,500 to upgrade traffic signals at 9600 South 5200 West, 9350 South 4800 West, and 7800 South 5200 West.

Council Member Bradshaw, seconded by Council Member Jensen, 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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Gifts to Salt Lake County

The Council reviewed the following gifts to Salt Lake County. The Declaration of Gift forms have been placed on the Council agenda for ratification.

Library Services Division

Evan Robison has offered to donate 153 books to the Library Services Division. The estimated value of this gift is \$1,600.

Equestrian Park and Event Center

Intermountain Kennel Club has offered to donate \$25,000 to be used towards the construction of a new bathroom and shower building.

District Attorney's Office

Friends of Children's Justice Center has offered to donate \$5,048.25 to be used to support contracted forensic interviewer services.

Council Member Bradshaw, seconded by Council Member Jensen, moved to accept the gifts and forward the Declaration of Gift forms to the 4:00 p.m. Council meeting for ratification. The motion passed unanimously.

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Fee Waiver

The Council reviewed the request by Martin Jensen, Director, Parks and Recreation Division, to waive the fee (\$2,000) associated with the Swing For Life Breast Cancer Softball Tournament to be held on April 28 and 29, 2018, at the Larry H. Miller Softball Complex.

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

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Contribution

The Council reviewed the request by Noella Sudbury, Director, Criminal Justice Services Division, to contribute \$15,000 to *Advantage Services* to be used for the transportation pilot program. The Council also reviewed the request to waive all fees associated with this program.

Council Member Bradshaw, seconded by Council Member Jensen, moved to approve the contribution, and waive the fees, 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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Tax Matters

The Council reviewed the tax matters, which have been placed on the Council agenda for ratification.

Council Member Bradshaw, seconded by Council Member Jensen, 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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The meeting was adjourned.

Chair, Committee of the Whole

Deputy Clerk

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