

SALT LAKE COUNTY

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Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 12, 2020

1:55 PM

Room N2-800

Committee of the Whole

1. CALL TO ORDER

Present Council Member Shireen Ghorbani
Council Chair Max Burdick

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

2. CITIZEN PUBLIC INPUT

Comments are limited to 3 minutes unless otherwise approved by the Council. To comment by phone, please call (385-468-7480) by the beginning of the meeting.

Mses. Melissa Fields and **Jennifer Shaw**, Cottonwood Heights, encouraged the Council to vote in favor of the resolution authorizing the transfer of \$500,000 from the Regional Transportation Choice Funds to Cottonwood Heights for the purchase of land.

Council Member Newton stated she received an email regarding the transfer of the Regional Transportation Choice Funds that she would like included in the minutes:

I am here to raise questions before your decision to spend additional taxpayer money towards item 6.4 in today's agenda, and hope that you will agree with reason and vote NO.

Just a short 4 years ago, Cottonwood Heights' current Mayor was a district representative who, against the overwhelming voice of his constituents, voted to strip protections of the land in question and rezone the property while pledging all along, in concert with the rest of the council at the time, that they had struck a deal that would preserve the viewshed & protect access to the BST. Today as Mayor, along with the new council, he is intent on buying back his past decision with other people's money. People, namely his constituents again, that have had no say in this decision.

Nobody in Cottonwood Heights is against Open Space preservation, and neither am I. But in contrast to how Bonanza Flats was "saved", there has been no open house, public comment period, no general election to determine if the people of the city indeed want to spend vast amounts of tax money towards this land acquisition. Need I remind you that the Sales Tax

increase that finances the County's ability to dole out this money was made through a vote of city councils only after the people rejected it in a general election? Have we a say in our future?

As a result of this lack of public participation, we don't really know what the future plans are for this property - the best indication is a statement made from the Central Wasatch Commission, which contributed \$20k towards the purchase, and said about this project; "It would protect vital viewshed and provide an opportunity to create a trailhead for access to adjacent trails and recreational areas as well as connect a portion of the Bonneville Shoreline Trail." Please note that our city had answered 2 of these concerns in 2016 - protect viewshed and BST connectivity. Therefore, we are left with the idea that 3 million is all about trailhead. Trailhead means parking, car parking. An example; Bell Canyon is a trailhead south of this location - often overwhelmed with cars which then still need to park on the street. There has been no study, no concern raised about access to LCC from I-215 and Wasatch Blvd when a similar volume of parking congestion is created at the location of this property. Cancelling expensive transportation solutions and needing even further pavement to be laid for road widening to accommodate the traffic a trail head will create near LCC.

Transportation, everyone seems to be scrambling to solve the transportation challenges of the canyons, but the city of CH and County's land use actions and acquisitions betray this intent. UDOT is in the middle of a massive transportation study, SL County is still accepting public comment in regard to the canyons master plan. Fact; there are currently 10 Public Parking lots at the foothills along Wasatch Blvd solely to serve recreation activities in Big & Little Cottonwood Canyon. The County has spent \$6 million of taxpayer's dollars to finance Parking at the Canyon Centre, as well as presently involved in 3 additional locations plan towards more parking spaces; meanwhile, UDOT plans to widen Wasatch Blvd. Further alienating and dividing the community that lives east and west of this corridor.

It is alarming that the County continues to engage in massive investment of securing vast acres of land in our city dedicated for parking facilities when at the same time proclaiming to be fully on-board with smart growth solutions for the 21st century. Your own Planning & Transportation Department has a webpage titled "Regional Solutions" solely dedicated to

two presentations; one by Mr. Jeff Speck and another by Prof. Donald Shoup both of whom are experts in their fields.
[<https://www.slco.org/planning-transportation/regional-solutions/>](https://www.slco.org/planning-transportation/regional-solutions/)

Their common theme throughout their presentations regarding congestion and creating walkable communities highlight the fact that public parking IS the problem, not the solution. You know the solution to the problem - therefore, I would like to ask you to defend your vote in light of academic evidence that contradicts it.

Mayor Wilson, as well as the vast majority of council members, openly support environmental solutions and transportation choices and has stated that her administration's objective should be to make "growth our friend, not our enemy. As explosive growth threatens our quality of life, it is our duty as regional government to drive regional solutions through planning, resource management, and transportation solutions." Are we really driving anywhere, or aimlessly driving towards more congestion? From my point of view you are planning to create a regional parking lot out of my neighborhood, and that is no solution.

For these reasons, I absolutely oppose the financing of more parking lots at trailhead locations that induce people to drive more into a corridor that is already congested. I ask you to vote NO today and ask for solutions in tune with expert advice and, in the words of our County Mayor, make friends with growth before it swallows our quality of life one parking space at a time.

*Thank you,
Eric Kraan*

3. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

3.1 Budget Adjustment: Capital Project True-ups - All Projects

[20-0455](#)

Attachments: [2020 Capital Project True-Up SH5866](#)

This agenda item was pulled.

3.2 Update on Salt Lake County's Coordinated Response to COVID-19

[20-0468](#)

The Council may Take Action, Including Votes, on any Necessary Legislative Matters Related to the Ongoing State of Emergency

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)

Presenters: Mayor Jenny Wilson, Jill Miller, Associate Deputy Mayor; Clint Mecham, Salt Lake County Emergency Manager; Gary Edwards, Director, Health Department (Approx. 30 mins)

Discussion/Direction

Mr. Gary Edwards, Director, Salt Lake County Health Department, updated the Council on the COVID-19 virus. He stated there have been 16 days showing a stable number of new daily cases, a decrease in the number of hospitalizations due to the virus, and a declining number of cases of people being admitted into the intensive care unit at the hospitals. The efforts that are in place seem to be working.

Mayor Jennifer Wilson stated the County's dashboard is a good resource to refer to; it shows information relating to the virus by zip code. Work is still ongoing to help the vulnerable populations with testing and education.

There are a number of questions relating to the CARES Act funding and her office is still working through how this money will be used. It is hoped to get this money out to the communities as soon as possible.

Council Member Burdick asked if the County has been in touch with the cities to see what their needs are.

Mayor Wilson stated yes, a survey has been mailed out to all the emergency response directors for each city, and weekly electronic meetings are held. Each city has eligible expenses similar to the County and the Federal Government has outlined step-by-step what the funds can be used for.

Council Member Burdick asked that the Council Members be better informed on the process. Council Members would like to be able to help the cities that they are responsible for.

Mr. Ryan Perry, Director, Regional Transportation, Housing and Economic Development, stated the Council will be copied on any information the Mayor's Office sends out relating to the CARES Act

funding.

Mr. Clint Mecham, Salt Lake County Emergency Manager, stated the State Office of Engineering has estimated there was approximately \$71 million in damages was done to public facilities due to the March 18, 2020, earthquake. This amount does not include any individual or private assistance.

**3.3 Salt Lake County Economic Impact Working Group Update [20-0469](#)
for COVID-19 Response**

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)

Presenter: Dina Blaes, Director of Economic Impact Working Group (Approx. 10 mins)

Informational

Ms. Dina Blaes, Director, Economic Impact Working Group, delivered a PowerPoint presentation highlighting work being done. This included the information portal, consumer attitude survey, business grant programs, impact of health orders, pre-grant program survey, process workflow, and outreach and marketing.

Council Member Ghorbani asked if the information was available in Spanish as well as English.

Ms. Blaes stated some of the information is available in Spanish. Work is being done to get everything translated into the 17 different languages the Health Department uses.

Council Member Snelgrove stated he would like to see something similar to what is being done to help ethnic groups with their tax returns. It would be helpful to have people available to walk these groups through all the forms needed to apply for the small business loan funding.

Ms. Blaes stated the Mayor's Office is working to engage 20 to 25 members of the Hope Corps (similar to the Peace Corps) as interns who will be available to help ethnic groups apply for ZoomGrants.

3.4 Discussion Regarding Revisions to the Salt Lake County [20-0473](#)

Social Media Policy

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[Social Media Motion](#)

Sponsor: Council Member Aimee Winder Newton, Second: Council Member Richard Snelgrove (Approx. 15 mins)

Discussion/Direction

Council Member Newton stated constituents have contacted her regarding public funds being used for Facebook advertising. She would like to establish a working group to review the County's social media policies and bring suggestions back to the Council to review.

A motion was made by Council Member Newton, seconded by Council Member Snelgrove, to request that Council staff coordinate with other County officials and the District Attorney's Office to examine existing Salt Lake County policies governing social media use, and propose appropriate revisions for Council's consideration that include the following:

- 1) The establishment of best practices concerning the use of County funds to pay for advertising on approved County social media accounts;
- 2) A prohibition of the use of County funds to pay for advertising on non-approved or personal social media accounts; and
- 3) The implementation of budgetary controls necessary to inform the Council and public about the use of County funds to advertise on social media.

Council Member Ghorbani stated this feels like too much to tackle due to the diversity of the departments within the County.

Council Member Snelgrove stated he would like to put this motion in context. The people's business needs to be conducted in an open and transparent matter, especially when public money is involved. The County must err on the side of transparency. This social media discussion is on the agenda today due to concerns about the five-page report from legal counsel on issues relating to "Salt Lake County Mayor's Facebook advertising."

A substitute motion was made by Council Member Ghorbani, seconded by

Council Member Granato, that the Council direct its legal counsel, Mitchell Park, in conjunction with the District Attorney's Office to research and prepare policies establishing rules and criteria for the creation of or changes to the Salt Lake County's official social media pages, including the use of the Salt Lake County logo, adherence to social media site rules, regulations, and best practices for Council's consideration at a later date.

Council Member Newton stated she was confused because the purpose of her motion was to have the ability for a working group to go through County policies and look for things that needed to be cleaned up or clarified. She asked what the difference was between the two motions.

Council Member Ghorbani stated when the Council talked about social media policies previously, it established a working group to review those social media policies. She did not think this working group had been activated. It would be appropriate for this working group to take a deeper dive into the policies.

Council Member Burdick asked if the previous working group consisted of representatives throughout the County or just within the Council.

Mr. Mitchell Park, Legal Counsel, Council Office, asked if Council Member Ghorbani was referring to the committee that was established for the Council's internal social media or whether there was some other committee that he was not familiar with. Social media policies were last updated in September 2019.

Council Member Ghorbani stated she did not think the committee was just to look at the Council's internal page, it was a broader committee.

Mayor Jennifer Wilson asked that the District Attorney's Office be allowed to clarify some of the comments made by Council Member Snelgrove. She stated the Facebook pages are complex and the District Attorney's Office is helping her work through issues relating to her page.

Ms. Bridget Romano, District Attorney's Office, stated it is time to take a deeper dive into the County's social media policies, which could capture the type of questions being raised. Currently, there is no definition for what constitutes an official media page, there are no policies that help to construct

a page, and no policies to guide elected officials as to how to develop those pages. At the beginning of Mayor's Wilson term, efforts were made to donate her Facebook page to the County as an asset so followers would remain intact. Mayor Wilson is working within her office to make certain that use and handling of social media meets with the law. This is gray area so there is very little law relating to governmental use of social media.

Council Member Newton stated Council Member Ghorbani's motion looks like it is broader than what she proposed. She would support it. This is just a starting place as far as some of the issues that need to be addressed.

Council Member Jensen stated he is frustrated and disappointed. When he talked with Council Member Newton last week, he was very specific that this to be holistic throughout the entire County, not one specific issue that is already being looked at and taken care of. Council Member Snelgrove's comments were an injustice to what happened and what transpired.

Mayor Jennifer Wilson stated one thing she has learned after talking with the District Attorney's Office, is that this area is highly complex, technology of various social media accounts is fluid, and pages change over time. There was nothing on her part other than an intent to continue to promote the County. She is now doing an assessment and working with the District Attorney's Office to make sure that this is done right.

Council Member Newton stated she wanted to respond to Council Member Jensen's comment. This motion is broad. The point of this is to look at the County's social media policy throughout the entire County, not to focus on one thing. The motion did not focus on one person or incident.

Council Member Bradley stated he wanted it on record that the Council was not talking about a person's personal social media Facebook account.

A substitute motion was made by Council Member Ghorbani, seconded by Council Member Granato, that the Council direct its legal counsel, Mitchell Park, in conjunction with the District Attorney's Office to research and prepare policies establishing rules and criteria for the creation of or changes to Salt Lake County's official social media pages, including the use of the Salt Lake County logo, adherence to social media site rules, regulations, and best practices for Council's consideration at a later date and to forward this matter to the 4:00 p.m. 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

- 3.5 A Resolution of the Salt Lake County Council approving execution of an interlocal cooperation agreement with the city of Cottonwood Heights providing for the transfer of County Regional Transportation Choice funds for a transportation project within Salt Lake County** [20-0417](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[Briefing Memo BST](#)
[CHC_BST Property Resolution](#)
[CHC_BST Property ILA](#)

Presenters: Mike Reberg, Associate Deputy Mayor and Helen Peters, Program Manager, Regional Transportation, Housing & Economic Development (Approx. 15 mins.)

Discussion/Direction

Mr. Mike Reberg, Association Deputy Mayor of Regional Operations, stated the request is to approve a transfer of \$500,000 from the Regional Transportation Choice Fund to Cottonwood Heights to help with the purchase of 26 acres located along North Little Cottonwood Road at 9361 South. Additional funds will be donated from Cottonwood Heights (\$1 million), Utah Open Lands (\$1 million), and LeRay McAllister Funds (\$500,000).

Council Member Newton stated this project has already received \$1.5 million from the County as part of the previous distribution of transportation funds. She was concerned that these additional funds might affect the scoring that was used to distribute the previous funds.

Mayor Mike Peterson, Cottonwood Heights, stated the previous funds were used to determine the alignment of the Bonneville Shoreline Trail, and prioritize the purchase of property. This is a separate issue.

A motion was made by Council Member Bradshaw, seconded by Council Member Ghorbani, that this agenda item be approved and forwarded to the 4:00 p.m. 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

3.6 Discussion of Legislative Intent to Create a Process for the Council Overseeing Spending of 4th Quarter Transportation Funds [20-0474](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[2020 4th Quarter Leg Intent](#)

Sponsor: Council Member Aimee Winder Newton, Second: Council Chair Max Burdick (Approx. 15 mins)
Discussion/Direction

This agenda item was pulled.

3.7 Division of Behavioral Health Services FY 21 Area Plan Approval [20-0456](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[2021 Area Plan PP](#)
[FY 21 Area Plan Combined Document 5-1-20](#)
[FY 21 Area Plan Attachments 4-30-20](#)
[Division of Behavioral Health Services Acronym Legend](#)
[FY2021 Area Plan Signature Page Form D](#)

Presenters: Karen Crompton, Director of Human Services Department; Tim Whalen Director of Behavioral Health Services; Jeannie Edens, Associate Division Director of Behavioral Health Services; Brian Currie Associate Division Director of Behavioral Health Services; Zac Case, Fiscal Manager, Behavioral Health Services (Approx. 15 mins)
Discussion/Direction

Ms. Karen Crompton, Director, Human Services Department, stated on the agenda is the request for the Council to approve the 2021 Annual Area Plan for Behavioral Health Services. The State requires the Area Plan be submitted annually. The Council, as the local authority, needs to approve the plan.

Mr. Tim Whalen, Director, Behavioral Health Services Division, delivered a PowerPoint presentation. He reviewed the purpose of the area plan and the new and notable changes to it.

Ms. Caroline Moreno, Prevention Bureau Manager, Salt Lake County Health Department, highlighted the importance of prevention. She stated the work done with prevention affects a lot of different areas within the community, which helps to make the community stronger.

Mr. Austin Strebel, Substance Abuse Program Manager, Salt Lake County Health Department, continued the PowerPoint presentation. He reviewed the new and notable changes to the prevention side of the plan.

A motion was made by Council Member DeBry, seconded by Council Member Ghorbani, that this agenda item be approved and forwarded to the 4:00 p.m. 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, that the consent agenda be approved and forwarded to the 4:00 p.m. 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 A resolution of the Salt Lake County Council approving the acquisition of a fee interest in certain real property from Fermin Lozano as part of the surplus canal project and the transfer of the county's excess real estate interest in adjacent property to Fermin Lozano.** [20-0457](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[Resolution for Surplus Canal - Fermin Lozano AATF](#)
[ROW Lozano COW AATF](#)

This consent item was approved and forwarded.

- 4.2 A resolution of the Salt Lake County council approving the acquisition of a fee interest in certain real property from Bony Barnes as part of the surplus canal project and the transfer of the county's excess real estate interest in adjacent property to Bony Barnes. [20-0458](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[Resolution for Surplus Canal - Bony Barnes -AATF](#)
[B. Barnes ROW AATF COW File](#)

This consent item was approved and forwarded.

- 4.3 A resolution of the Salt Lake County Council approving the acquisition of a fee interest in certain real property from Jose Felix Ortega as part of the surplus canal project and the transfer of the county's excess real estate interest in adjacent property to Jose Felix Ortega. [20-0460](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[Resolution for Surplus Canal - Jose Ortega - AATF](#)
[COW Packet Ortega AATF](#)

This consent item was approved and forwarded.

- 4.4 A resolution of the Salt Lake County Council approving the acquisition of a fee interest in certain real property from the River Glen Subdivision Homeowners Association as part of the surplus canal project and the transfer of the county's excess real estate interest in adjacent property to the River Subdivision Glen Homeowners Association. [20-0463](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[Resolution for Surplus Canal - River Glen HOA - AATF](#)
[River Glen HOA AATF ROW contract. pdf](#)

This consent item was approved and forwarded.

- 4.5 A resolution of the Salt Lake County Council authorizing execution of a ground lease agreement with Sandy City for a household hazardous waste collection facility and related documents. [20-0459](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[resolution - HHW Collection Facility - AATF](#)

This consent item was approved and forwarded.

- 4.6 A resolution of the Salt Lake County Council authorizing the revocation and replacement of an easement to Rocky Mountain Power at the Daybreak Library.** [20-0462](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[Resolution for Easement - RMP - Daybreak Library - AATF](#)
[RMP Easement 4.29.2020 - AATF](#)

This consent item was pulled.

- 4.7 A resolution of the Salt Lake County council approving and authorizing the Mayor to grant a perpetual easement to Mt Olympus Improvement District.** [20-0461](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[Resolution for Easement to Mt Olympus Improvement District at Big Cottonwood Park - AATF](#)
[SewerLineEasementAgreement-SLCO Cottonwood complex 1100E-1300E and 4200S-4400S-4827-4613-5739 ver. 2 - AATF](#)

This consent item was approved and forwarded.

- 4.8 Board Appointment: Equestrian Park Advisory Board Chris Robinson District 6** [20-0464](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[EQP Board Renewals 4.2020.pdf](#)
[EP Operational Guidelines NOV16.pdf](#)
[Current Board List - EQP.docx](#)
[Resume - Chris Robinson - 2020_Redacted.pdf](#)
[Chris Robinson SLCO Board Member Application form 4.20.2020_Redacted.pdf](#)
[Chris Robinson Board Appointment Approval.docx](#)

This consent item was approved and forwarded.

- 4.9 Board Reappointments: Equestrian Park Advisory Board** [20-0467](#)
Roberta Chase, Non-Equestrian Event - Gem Show
Sheri Young, Equestrian Event - Barrel Racing
Vernon Parent, Salt Lake County 4-H USU Extension
Representative
Brett Tolman, Affiliated Industry
Steve McIntyre, Equestrian Community Member at Large
Brian Preece, South Jordan City Representative
Holly Yocom, Community Services Department
Representative

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[EQP Board Renewals 4.2020.pdf](#)
[EP Operational Guidelines NOV16.pdf](#)
[Current Board List - EQP.docx](#)
[Brett Tolman Board ReAppointment Approval form.docx](#)
[Brian Preece Board ReAppointment Approval form.docx](#)
[Roberta Chase Board Reappointment Approval form.docx](#)
[Sheri Young Board Reappointment Approval form.docx](#)
[Steve McIntyre Board ReAppointment Approval form.docx](#)
[Vernon Parent Board ReAppointment Approval form.docx](#)
[Holly Yocom Board ReAppointment Approval form.docx](#)

This consent item was approved and forwarded.

5. ITEMS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS

- 5.1. Internal Business

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 6.1 Approval of Committee of the Whole Minutes for April 28, 2020** [20-0471](#)

Attachments: [042820 - COW Minutes](#)

A motion was made by Council Member Bradshaw, seconded by Council Member Jensen, that this agenda item be approved. 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

The meeting was adjourned at 4:07 PM.

SHERRIE SWENSEN, COUNTY CLERK

By _____
DEPUTY CLERK

By _____
CHAIR, SALT LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL