

CITY OF SOUTH SALT LAKE
CITY COUNCIL WORK MEETING

COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, October 14, 2015
6:45 p.m.

CITY OFFICES

220 East Morris Avenue #200
South Salt Lake, Utah 84115

PRESIDING
CONDUCTING

Council Vice-Chair LeRoy Turner
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COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ryan Gold, Kevin Rapp, Michael Rutter, Debbie Snow and LeRoy Turner

COUNCIL MEMBERS EXCUSED:

Irvin H. Jones, Jr. and Sharla Beverly

STAFF PRESENT:

Mayor Cherie Wood
Charee Peck, Chief of Staff
Lyn Creswell, City Attorney
Hannah Vickery, Attorney
Corby Talbot, Sewer Division Manager
Sharen Hauri, Urban Design Director
Dwayne Ruth, Deputy Chief of Police
Craig D. Burton, City Recorder
Paula Melgar, Deputy City Recorder

OTHERS PRESENT:

See attached list.

Matters for Discussion

- 1. Officer Involved Critical Incident and Mutual Aid Agreements.** Dwayne Ruth, Deputy Chief of Police, explained that a previous Salt Lake County District Attorney's Office protocol guided agencies on how to approach investigations that involved law enforcement officer's deadly use of force. This interlocal agreement provides more structure to the previous protocol and is a needed agreement in the valley. It essentially structures the investigation and guides agencies to build credibility with officers involved in deadly use of force. It provides guidance on who should be involved in the investigation and who should not. There are currently 19 agencies involved in this interlocal agreement in cooperation with the Salt Lake County District Attorney's Office; so if South Salt Lake was involved in an officer involved shooting, another agency would be assigned to investigate the shooting. This agreement was developed in response to a newly enacted statute that went into effect in May and it needs to be in place by December of 2015. A copy of the interlocal agreement is attached to these minutes and incorporated by this reference.

Council Member, Kevin Rapp, informed Deputy Chief Ruth of some new legislation that will be proposed this coming year that might affect this agreement but he supported the idea of an independent agency investigating a South Salt Lake officer involved shooting.

Council Member, Debbie Snow, described two interlocal agreements provided to Council: one was the multi-jurisdictional mutual aid agreement for sheriff and police services and the other one was the critical incident task force interlocal agreement; and asked what the difference is between the two agreements.

Deputy Chief Ruth, explained that the first allows for South Salt Lake to provide services to other jurisdictions or for other jurisdictions to provide services to South Salt Lake; and provides the basis for the critical incident task force.

Ms. Hannah Vickery, Attorney, explained that the mutual aid agreement sets forth the sharing of resources to make the task force effective, where the critical task force agreement sets forward the terms under which the protocol is going to be established and the integrity of the investigations.

Council Member, Ryan Gold, inquired about the rotation protocol among the 19 agencies involved.

Ms. Vickery explained that is still being worked on but the agreement establishes that a rotation protocol will be established. This agreement just sets forward the legal terms of establishing the rotation protocol and task force.

Council Member LeRoy Turner, asked if this would have been useful to have in the past 2 years. Deputy Chief Ruth stated that there have been several incidents, including one in 2013 in which the old protocol was used. The jail is another agency where South Salt Lake investigates and has used the existing protocol.

Deputy Chief Ruth explained that there will be an advisory board, several teams and several detectives assigned under these teams.

Council Member, Mike Rutter, asked if this is a good thing and everyone is on board.

Deputy Chief Ruth confirmed that this is a good thing.

Council Member Turner asked the Mayor to please keep Council informed of the progress on this.

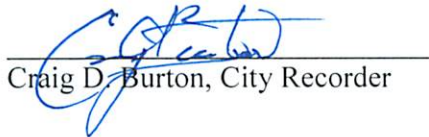
Mayor Wood agreed to do so.

Ms. Vickery explained to the Council that this agreement does not need to be approved by them but the City wanted to keep them informed. The Mayor will be signing this agreement.

The meeting adjourned at 6:57 p.m.



Irvin H. Jones, Jr., Council Chair



Craig D. Burton, City Recorder

