

CITY OF SOUTH SALT LAKE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING

COUNCIL MEETING	Wednesday, June 15, 2016 7:00 p.m.
CITY OFFICES	220 East Morris Avenue South Salt Lake, Utah 84115
PRESIDING	Council Chair Debbie Snow
CONDUCTING:	Council Member Mark Kindred
SERIOUS MOMENT OF REFLECTION/ PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE	Debbie Snow
SERGEANT AT ARMS	
COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:	
	Sharla Beverly, Mark Kindred, Portia Mila, Ben Pender, Kevin Rapp, Shane Siwik and Debbie Snow
STAFF PRESENT:	
	Mayor Cherie Wood Charee Peck, Chief of Staff Lyn Creswell, City Attorney Kyle Kershaw, Finance Director Ron Morris, Fire Chief Terry Addison, Deputy Fire Chief Jack Carruth, Police Chief Dennis Pay, City Engineer Michael Florence, Community and Economic Development Director Alexandra White, City Planner Mont Roosendaal, Public Assets Director Corby Talbot, Waste Water Division Manager David Alexander, Streets Division Manager Jason Taylor, Water Division Manager Kari Cutler, Promise South Salt Lake Director Kristin Reardon, Court Administrator Craig D. Burton, City Recorder Paula Melgar, Deputy City Recorder
OTHERS PRESENT:	
	See attached list.

The meeting was scheduled to begin at 7:00 p.m. but began at 7:09 p.m.

NO ACTION COMMENTS

1. **SCHEDULING.** The Deputy City Recorder informed those at the meeting of upcoming events, meetings, activities, etc.
2. **CITIZEN COMMENTS/QUESTIONS.** Council Member Kindred read three statements from citizens into the record:

Aaron and Jackie Pearman, 173 East 2400 South. They expressed their desire that the Council keep the City's Animal Services and not contract with the County.

Cindy Jones and the Neighbors on 1000 West. They also asked that Animal Services be kept in the City and not contracted out.

Sheila Hutchison, 3491 South Citrus Circle. She spoke against the City Council's decision to hire their own attorney.

A copy of all three statements are attached to these minutes and incorporated by this reference.

3. **MAYOR COMMENTS.** Mayor Wood advised the Council of a service project on June 25, 2016 by the K2 Church. They are expecting two hundred volunteers.

Mayor Wood read a statement regarding the City Council contracting for their own legal counsel. A copy of her statement is attached to these minutes and incorporated by this reference.

4. **CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS.** Council Member Rapp enjoyed the Huck Finn event which was a lot of fun. He also thanked the police officers who helped resolved a situation in his neighborhood.

Council Member Beverly thanked Council Member Pender for the providing the experience of going to the Unified Police range to experience what police officers have to do in spit second decisions. It was an eye opener.

Council Member Kindred enjoyed Huck Finn Day and the Lion's Club Breakfast. Reflecting on the tragic mass shooting in Orlando, he is grateful for the public safety officers.

Council Member Snow agreed with Council Member Kindred. She expressed gratitude for those who protect the City and nation.

Council Member Mila agreed with what everyone else has said. She congratulated Officer Brian Singleton for being recognized as the Metro Gang Unit detective of the year.

Council Member Pender agreed with everyone else’s comments. He suggested we all need to be accepting of one another.

ACTION ITEMS

UNFINISHED COUNCIL BUSINESS

- 1. Final plat approval and adoption of a PUD Overlay Zone for a 3-lot planned unit development R-1 Single Family located at Harper Lane (3705 South 500 East).** City Planner. Alexandra White, reminded the Council that this is a 3-lot planned unit development for two new single family homes. There is an existing home on the western most part of the property that would be renovated. The Planning Commission unanimously recommended approval.

Council Chair Snow moved to approve the resolution.

MOTION Debbie Snow

SECOND Portia Mila

Roll Call Vote:

Beverly Aye

Kindred Aye

Mila Aye

Pender Aye

Rapp Aye

Siwik Aye

Snow Aye

Council Member Pender moved to amend the motion to approve the ordinance rather than a resolution.

MOTION Ben Pender

SECOND Kevin Rapp

Roll Call Vote:

Beverly Aye

Kindred Aye

Mila Aye

Pender Aye

Rapp Aye

Siwik Aye

Snow Aye

2. 2016/2017 Certified Tax Rate

- a. Resolution adopting Certified Tax Rate and establishing the amount of revenues generated by said tax rate.** Finance Director, Kyle Kershaw, advised the Council that the Certified Tax Rate gives the City \$4,723,370 for 2016. This is a bump in revenue of about \$91,000. The reason is because of new growth in the City.

Council Member Beverly moved to approve this resolution.

MOTION Sharla Beverly

SECOND Portia Mila

Roll Call Vote:

Beverly	Aye
Kindred	Aye
Mila	Aye
Pender	Aye
Rapp	Aye
Siwik	Aye
Snow	Aye

Council Member Siwik moved to table Item 3 and move to New Business Item Number 1.

MOTION Shane Siwik

SECOND Kevin Rapp

Voice Vote:

Beverly	Aye
Kindred	Aye
Mila	Aye
Pender	Aye
Rapp	Aye
Siwik	Aye
Snow	Aye

NEW COUNCIL BUSINESS

- 1. Approval of 2015/2016 financial audit engagement letter.** Mr. Kershaw advised that staff recommends the Council retain the services of Pinnock, Robbins, Posey & Richins to perform the 2015/2016 audit.

Council Member Siwik moved to place this item on Unfinished Business on the July 13, 2016 Council meeting.

MOTION Shane Siwik

SECOND Portia Mila

Voice Vote:

Beverly	Aye
Kindred	Aye
Mila	Aye
Pender	Aye
Rapp	Aye
Siwik	Aye
Snow	Aye

The Council moved back to Unfinished Business Item Number 3.

UNFINISHED COUNCIL BUSINESS

- 3. Budget Discussion.** The Council had a lengthy discussion regarding multiple budget issues and cuts they proposed to the General Fund to be able to increase the Capital Fund and fund projects they would like to see completed in the City.

The Council discussed the ambulance service and decided they did not want to rush into a change but may want to do a request for qualifications. The Council took a poll to see who was in favor of conducting an RFQ for ambulance services. The poll was unanimous in the affirmative.

The Council next discussed the Urban Livability Department. Council Chair Snow suggested doing away with the Urban Livability department and move Code Enforcement and the Community Connection Program under the Community and Economic Development Department and also proposed a five percent cut. She also suggested that Animal Services move under the Police Department.

Council Member Siwik explained that the budget decreased capital down from six million last year to \$2.9 million this year. He would like to see street lighting, curb, gutter and sidewalks. He feels that is putting something back into the community.

Mayor Wood agreed. But suggested if you knew you were going to lose your job would you buy vehicles and remodel your house or do you let the year pass, which is what staff chose to do, and see what the impacts of 2016 are before they get back into the other? She doesn't understand why, when they have been preparing for this year, they are going to take on a lot of capital projects. See agrees; she wants street lighting, sidewalks, curb and gutter. She would like to go through a prioritization list with the Council and do master plans for the items.

Council Chair Snow said the reverse question is why the budget has been balanced without making a single cut to any department except Capital Funds. She stated it is the Council's legislative responsibility to decide how they want

to balance the budget. Do they want to do it by getting a little leaner in some departments and still be able to offer improvements to the neighborhoods, streets and safety? It's a function of Council priorities.

There was a lengthy discussion regarding the pros and cons of moving Animal Services under the Police Department.

Finance Director, Kyle Kershaw, explained to the Council that almost every year for the last six or seven years, departments have been asked to cut line items. If the proposed raises were taken out of the proposed budget, every department would be lower than last year's budget.

Regarding the Administration Budget, Mr. Kershaw also explained that since 2010 they have moved an information technology position from Police to Administration because the police officer, who was also an IT person who was filling that position, retired. There has also been upgrading of positions in order to keep people. The people became more technical and more proficient and received formal training. The City was hiring consultants for master planning and public outreach on parks and downtown so Sharen Hauri was hired in administration to fill that function which cut costs in professional services and engineering. There was also reallocation of salaries of a few people when they no longer spent so much time in other departments and so their salaries were brought back to Administration.

The Council reviewed each person's job responsibilities in the Administration Department.

Council Member Siwik clarified that the Council can't line item the budget but they can affect the bottom line. The Mayor has the ability to move monies within a department. All the Council has the ability to do is adjust the bottom line.

Mr. Kershaw agreed. He advised the Council that there is \$300,000 in the Administration budget for IT and software. It is an incredible cost. Every system purchased to enhance service has a software maintenance contract. It is purchased through the Administration Budget because allocating it would be a nightmare. That is how software companies make their money now. The software is somewhat reasonable but the annual licensing fees are costly.

Council Member Kindred suggested cutting the Administration Budget by \$300,000. A straw poll was taken. Council Members Kindred, Pender, Rapp, Siwik and Snow voted in favor of the proposed cut. Council Member Beverly and Mila were not sure what the amount should be for the cut.

Council Member Pender suggested cutting the City newsletter budget down to \$30,000. The Council straw poll was unanimous in the affirmative.

Council Member Rapp suggested doing an RFQ for animal services to see if they are getting the best bang for their buck. Council Members Beverly, Kindred, Pender, Rapp, Siwik and Snow voted in favor of the RFQ. Council Member Mila said she would like to see the numbers on the items that are not apples to apples first before she says yes.

Council Chair Snow proposed disbanding the Urban Livability Department; putting the Code Enforcement and Community Connection programs under Community Development and Animal Services under Police. Council Members Kindred, Pender, Rapp, Siwik and Snow voted in favor of the proposal. Council Members Beverly and Mila were opposed.

Council Chair Snow proposed a \$93,000 cut in Code Enforcement to bring its budget closer to that of Animal Control.

Mr. Kershaw advised the Council that Code Enforcement has one more employee than Animal Control which is the major cause for the difference in the two budgets.

Council Chair Snow felt that was something that comes to the Mayor's discretion. If she wants to cut an employee, that could happen, but if the department can find other ways absorb that cut, that's the way that goes.

Urban Livability Supervisor, Antoinette Evans, explained that they have a secretary handles calls for Code Enforcement and Community Connection. They need to have one because they are all out in the field.

Community and Economic Development Director advised the Council that his department does not have a secretary.

Council Member Siwik reminded the Council that it is not their intent to cut the Community Connections program and asked that that be added to the Code Enforcement budget cut proposal. He also suggested that what they are doing is adding \$300,000 to Community and Economic Development to house Code Enforcement and Community Connections.

Council Member Kindred called for a straw poll for adding \$300,000 to Community and Economic Development to house Code Enforcement and Community Connections. Council Members Kindred, Pender, Rapp, Siwik and Snow voted in favor of the proposal. Council Members Beverly and Mila were opposed.

Mayor Wood proposed that the Council come up with a total dollar amount they are looking to cut and then let the professionals get a first stab at finding the places to cut that are the least disruptive to current services that are provided to the residents. She believes they can all agree that they don't want to see drastic cuts in services to the residents. Staff would work on it

tomorrow and potentially have something to the Council by Friday.

Council Member Pender suggested that the Council keep going and if the Mayor wants to bring a proposal back they can review it and if they like it they can use it.

The Council took a break at 10:23 p.m. and reconvened at 10:36 p.m.

Council Member Siwik said that City Attorney, Lyn Creswell, graciously offered \$40,000 of his \$50,000 outside attorney fees to the City Council for their attorney fees. He suggested that they decrease the attorney's outside attorney fees from \$50,000 to \$10,000 and increase the City Council professional services from \$10,000 to \$50,000. The straw poll was unanimous in the affirmative.

Council Member Rapp asked if this now satisfied the Mayor's requirements to sign the engagement letter for the City Council's attorney.

Mayor Wood said she wasn't sure. She feels this process has been the most disruptive budget process that they have ever been through. It is not collaborative. If staff had known a number, or they knew what capital projects the Council wanted in the budget, they would have come with a different plan with a different budget. But without clearly understanding where the Council was heading, now they are asking each department instead of letting her ask the professionals that run their departments. They are catching a lot of department heads off guard tonight and can they really give a true answer of the impact that this will have on the services they provide the residents? If they know what number the Council is looking for they could give a stab at what they could potentially do differently.

Council Chair Snow disagreed with the Mayor saying that the Council has been talking about almost all of these items since their visioning session. They may not have known the numbers but they knew about the projects. Here they have come together with the numbers. It is the Council's duty to state their priorities and that is continuing to serve the residents through some of these improvements to their safety, their curb and gutter, their street lighting, their storm water, their landscaping and their neighborhood. It's a priority that makes sense to her. She told the Mayor to come back with another proposal and she will take a look at it. But, they will have their plan A ready because they've got to have something passed next Wednesday and this plan articulates the priorities of the majority of the Council at this point.

Council Member Pender suggested that they cut take home vehicles from ten to five and reduce fuel by \$5,000 in the Fire Department. He feels they can get \$30,000 out of five vehicles. He also suggested reducing Fleet maintenance by \$15,000, and cut \$2,500 from Animal Services if they parked two of their three vehicles.

Fire Chief, Ron Morris, said if he had extra vehicles he didn't need he would tell them. They hired him as the fire chief to give them advice. His advice is he doesn't have spare vehicles. If they want to do away with a couple of vehicles they will make do and provide service. It won't be what they have had, but they will provide it.

The Council took a straw poll on reducing the Fire Department budget by \$35,000. Council Members Kindred, Pender, Rapp, Siwik and Snow voted in favor of the proposal. Council Members Beverly and Mila were opposed.

The Council discussed among themselves the amount of overall budget reduction they would like to see in the Mayor's Plan B budget. It was decided that the amount should be one million dollars less the non-public safety employee wage increase of four percent and the public safety employee increase of one percent.

The Council discussed the need for an additional meeting next week and decided to hold a Special meeting Tuesday, June 21 at 7:00 p.m. and again on Wednesday, June 22 at 6:00 p.m.

Council Chair Snow moved to adjourn.


MOTION Debbie Snow
SECOND Sharla Beverly

Voice Vote:

Beverly Aye
Kindred Aye
Mila Aye
Pender Aye
Rapp Aye
Siwik Aye
Snow Aye

The meeting adjourned at 11:57 p.m.


Deborah A. Snow, Council Chair



Craig D. Burton, City Recorder

15-Jun-16

CITY COUNCIL - REGULAR MEETING
LIST OF ATTENDEES

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>REPRESENTING</u>
Mont Roosendaal	220 E Morris Ave	Public Assets
Terry Addison	2600 South Main St.	Fire Department.
Ron Morris	2600 So. Main	FIRE
Jason Nicholl	2600 So. Main	Fire
Kyle Kershaw	220 E Morris	ADMIN
Karl Cutler	623 E. Coatsville Ave	Promise
Ian Nelson	2600 S Main St	Fire
Carson Niederhauer	2600 S. MAIN ST	FIRE
Mike Jones	2600 S MAIN ST	FD
DAVID LARSEN	2600 S. MAIN ST	FIRE DEPT
JACK CAREUTH	2835 So Main St	Police Dept.
Amanda Ruiz	2600 S. Main St.	Fire Dept.
Eric Stanton	2600 S. Main St	F.D.
Coby Talbot	195 W Oakland Ave.	P-W.
David Alexander	195 W Oakland Plk	Public Works / streets
Jared Christensen	2600 S main St	Fire
Eric	"	"
Jared Haas	"	"
LAYNE SCHWENFELD	2600 S- MAIN ST.	F.P.
TIM COLLINS	3075 South 400 East	
Rodger Hoffmann	2600 S. Main St.	FIRE
Joc Andersn	358 Vicks Ave	SELF / Fire
Aaron Wiet	2531 S. 400 E.	SSL REC.

