

CITY OF SOUTH SALT LAKE
CITY COUNCIL WORK MEETING

COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, June 15, 2016
6:00 p.m.

CITY OFFICES

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

PRESIDING
CONDUCTING

Council Chair Deborah A. Snow
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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
Ron Morris, Fire Chief
Terry Addison, Deputy Fire Chief
Jason Nicholl, Battalion Chief
Jack Carruth, Police Chief
Kyle Kershaw, Finance Director
Mike Florence, Community and Economic Development Director
Alexandra White, City Planner
Mont Roosendaal, Public Assets Director
Aaron Wiet, Recreation Director
Kari Cutler, Promise South Salt Lake Director
Kristin Reardon, Court Administrator
Jason Taylor, Water Division Manager
Dave Alexander, Streets Division Manager
Corby Talbot, Wastewater Division Manager
Antoinette Evans, Urban Livability Supervisor
Debbie Pedersen, Animal Control Supervisor
Scott Turnblom, Information Technology Manager
Craig Burton, City Recorder

OTHERS PRESENT:

See attached list.

Matters for Discussion

- 1. Additional funding request – Promise SSL.** Promise South Salt Lake Director, Kari Cutler, explained that they applied for a \$803,000 grant for program expansion this spring that she did not anticipate getting but they have received confirmation of

\$300,000 of it so far. They are in the final running for the other \$500,000. She is asking for an additional \$120,000 to use to write for additional funds and to manage the \$3.1 million total they would be receiving which is a net increase of \$40,000 for her administrative fees.

Council Chair Snow asked what the additional funding would be used for.

Ms. Cutler advised that it will be used to open a Promise South Salt Lake program at Cottonwood High, at Kearns St. Ann's School, Moss Elementary School, and a secondary performing arts based after school program in South Salt Lake's new Downtown at the Rock Church building.

- 2. City Council Budget Discussion.** Council Member Siwik said he would like more funding put into street lighting in the residential community.

Council Chair Snow suggested since they don't know what the street lighting projects would cost, that they estimate some amount they feel comfortable putting towards those projects in the next year to get the ball rolling.

Council Chair Snow confirmed with City Engineer, Dennis Pay, that to fix the storm drain issue in the Lincoln subdivision would cost about \$280,000.

Mr. Pay agreed saying that would be to put new pipe in the ground, replacing all the boxes and taking the water out to 300 East. Staff has been looking at a couple of things to try to be more cost effective. They did try the weep holes which didn't work. One thing they would like to try is to drill a twelve inch diameter hole in the bottom of the boxes and back fill it with a four inch perforated pipe surrounded by gravel. He believes if they do that it will be a lot less expensive than the other. It is something they would like to try.

Council Chair Snow feels they need to address this issue because they have a City park there. They need to preserve the asset and not have standing water there with the stagnation, bugs and debris.

Council Member Kindred asked why the Capital Fund is down this year compared to prior years.

Mr. Kershaw said one of the big reasons is the 2016 implementation date. Everything was conservative this year. He feels they have done a fantastic job over the last six or seven years preparing for 2016. With normal growth in the sales taxes in the coming twelve months, plus with some of the costs savings and paring down they have done over the years, holding tight on salaries, on positions, refinancing debt so it would be retired by now; he thinks they have closed the gap. The Mayor requested the departments just fund the bare necessities and what they need on equipment, repairs and infrastructure and that's what they did. That is why this year is modest compared to previous years. The last two or three years they had the huge Streetcar project that has been coming out of the Capital Fund. As that project tapered down they have

been spending less out of the Capital Fund. The money came out of Fund Balance. In 2013 Fund Balance took a hit of \$3.5 million. So, basically, the Council used savings. That year he believes they funded about \$4.5 million in streetcar construction. Over the last couple of years they have replaced all but \$500,000 of what the streetcar cost, putting it back into savings.

Council Member Kindred asked if the City has a “rainy day fund.”

Mr. Kershaw said yes, it is in two places. In the General Fund there is about \$3.5 million in Fund Balance. The Fund Balance in the Capital Fund is really for projects. Currently there is about \$6 million of unappropriated Fund Balance. According to State law, the Capital Fund Balance should really be looked on with projects in mind.

Council Member Mila said in regards to street lighting, she would like to see them fund a master plan to find out where street lighting would be the best. She agrees there are some dark places but they want to make sure they spend their money wisely.

Council Member Siwik asked about the million dollars Economic Development Consultant, Randy Sant, was able to get from the legislature.

Mr. Kershaw advised that Randy knew it was coming but didn't know when and it was just finalized a week or two ago.

Council Member Pender said he would like to see a railroad crossing or traffic signal put in on 400 East. He feels that is a top priority. He asked Mr. Pay what would be best there.

Mr. Pay said he thinks it would be better to have a signal. The cost would be approximately about \$200,000.

Council Chair Snow said they had talked about doing more citizen and employee outreach by the Council. This would be group events where the Council interacts more with the citizens and the public employees. She suggested a \$3,500 for this item. This would allow them to take information into the neighborhoods.

Council Member Beverly would like to see the three percent raises for civilian employees happen.

Council Members Pender suggested that it be raised to four percent with the exception of anyone who has been promoted, given a raise in the last twelve months, is a grant funded employee and all elected officials in hopes of getting morale up.

Council Member Show agreed and suggested adding on the one percent cost of living adjustment that had been talked of earlier.

Council Member Pender said he would like to see something in place in the near future in hopes that they can get something implemented regarding pay steps where it

won't be an issue. He doesn't like employees coming up and not having raises for two years and there is nothing in place. He would like to see something implemented where it is not a continual issue for the employees. He thinks they have to be committed to it and stay on top of it.

Council Member Beverly suggested they have a plan in place by next year.

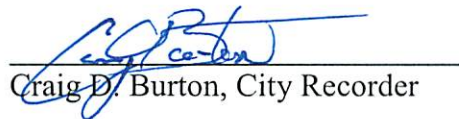
Mr. Kershaw explained that prior to the freeze on sales taxes the last ten years where they've had the whole hold harmless argument, the general City policy was that growth in sales taxes would fund a raise program like the Council it discussing. It did pretty good and kept up with inflation. Then the State froze the City's sales taxes for ten years, they went into a recession and they were struggling to do anything they could over ten years to get some kind of raises to the employees. Now they are to the point where hopefully they will enjoy growth in sales taxes above and beyond the hold harmless amount. He recommended going through some analysis and deciding on some sort of structure but, he cautioned them to wait and see what the revenue side looks like on sales taxes twelve months from now. Then they can do some projections on what increased sales taxes would be able to fund in raises. Raises are a function of revenue because they can't cut enough to fund them every year. They need growth in revenue to do that. He believes a one percent raise for public employees is about \$90,000.

Council Chair Snow said the time was up for the work meeting. There is more time scheduled for budget discussion in the regular meeting that follows this one.

Meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m.



L. Shane Siwik, Council Vice-Chair



Craig D. Burton, City Recorder

15-Jun-16

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LIST OF ATTENDEES**

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>REPRESENTING</u>
Mont Rosendaal	220 E Morris	Public Assets
Terry Addison	2600 S Main	Fire Department
Ron Morris	2600 So. Main	FIRE
Jason Nicholl	2600 S. Main	Fire
Michael Florence	220 E. Morris Ave	CEd Dept.
Alexandra White	220 E Morris Ave	CEd Dept.
Ian Nelson	2600 S Main St	Fire
CARSON NEEDHAMER	2600 S. MAIN ST	FIRE DEPT.
EMILY SAMUEL	2600 S MAIN ST	FIRE
DAVID LARSEN	2600 S. MAIN ST.	FIRE
LAYNE SCHIDENFELD	2600 So. MAIN ST.	FD
JACK CARRUTH	2935 So Main st	P.D
Jared Haas	18E 700 N. Springville	F.D.
Mike Jones	2600 S MAIN ST	F.D.
Brandon Bancraft	195 W Oakland Ave.	Water Dept
Corby Talbot	195 W Oakland Ave	Wastewater Dept.
David Alexander	195 W Oakland Ave	Public Works/streets
Eric Stearns	2600 S. Main St	FIRE
Amanda Ruiz	2600 S. Main St.	Fire
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Kyle Kerasha	220 E Morris	Admin
Jared Christensen	2600 S main st	Fire
Joe Anderson	358 Vides Ave	SRP/Sec

