

CITY OF SOUTH SALT LAKE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING

COUNCIL MEETING Wednesday, September 20,
2017 7:12 p.m.

CITY OFFICES 220 East Morris Avenue
South Salt Lake, Utah 84115

PRESIDING Council Chair Ben Pender

CONDUCTING: Sharla Beverly

SERIOUS MOMENT OF REFLECTION/
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Shane Siwik

SERGEANT AT ARMS Cody Coggle

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:
Sharla Beverly, Mark Kindred, Johnny McConnell,
Ben Pender, Kevin Rapp and Shane Siwik

COUNCIL MEMBERS EXCUSED:
Portia Mila

STAFF PRESENT:
Mayor Cherie Wood
Hannah Vickery, Assistant City Attorney
Kyle Kershaw, Finance Director
Jack Carruth, Police Chief
Ron Morris, Fire Chief
Terry Addison, Deputy Fire Chief
Mike Florence, Community and Economic Development Director
Mont Roosendaal, Public Assets Director
Craig D. Burton, City Recorder
Ariel Andrus, Deputy City Recorder

OTHERS PRESENT:
See attached list.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

August 23, 2017 Regular Meeting. Council Chair Pender moved to approve these minutes

MOTION: Ben Pender
SECOND: Johnny McConnell

Voice Vote:

Beverly: Yes
Kindred: Yes
McConnell: Yes
Mila: Absent
Pender: Yes
Rapp: Abstain
Siwik: Yes

August 29, 2017 Special Meeting. Council Member Kindred moved to approve these minutes.

MOTION: Mark Kindred

SECOND: Ben Pender

Voice Vote:

Beverly: Yes
Kindred: Yes
McConnell: Yes
Mila: Absent
Pender: Yes
Rapp: Abstain
Siwik: Abstain

September 6, 2017 Work Meeting. Council Member McConnell moved to approve these minutes

MOTION: Johnny McConnell

SECOND: Kevin Rapp

Voice Vote:

Beverly: Yes
Kindred: Yes
McConnell: Yes
Mila: Absent
Pender: Yes
Rapp: Yes
Siwik: Yes

September 6, 2017 Regular Meeting. Council Member Rapp moved to approve these minutes

MOTION: Kevin Rapp

SECOND: Ben Pender

Voice Vote:

Beverly:	Yes
Kindred:	Yes
McConnell:	Yes
Mila:	Absent
Pender:	Yes
Rapp:	Yes
Siwik:	Yes

NO ACTION COMMENTS

1. **SCHEDULING.** The City Recorder informed those at the meeting of upcoming events, meetings, activities, etc.
2. **CITIZEN COMMENTS/QUESTIONS.** None
3. **MAYOR COMMENTS.** Mayor Wood reported that the City had a large national foundation in town that toured the Promise program.

Chief Carruth introduced Emily Addison to the Council. He said that over the years she has expressed interest in the FBI. One adolescent from each state is invited to attend a week long leadership academy at the FBI academy. Ms. Addison applied for the position and was selected. She had to do a service project and she chose to raise money for body armor for the K-9s in South Salt Lake.

Ms. Addison explained to the Council why she chose the service project that she did and she presented the body armor to the K-9s.

4. **CITY ATTORNEY COMMENTS.** None.
5. **CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS.** Council Member Rapp congratulated Ms. Addison on her accomplishments. He thinks the body armor for the K-9s is well deserved. He expressed sympathy for those who have lost their lives and their homes in the natural disasters that have occurred recently around the world.

Council Member Siwik also congratulated Ms. Addison.

Council Chair Pender also congratulated Ms. Addison and added what a great achievement it is to present the body armor to the K-9s. He thanked Chief Carruth and the other officers that attended the meeting.

Council Member Kindred thanked Ms. Addison. He thanked the City for putting on an event at the Riverfront. The director of Green Bike is looking to put a station in South Salt Lake and hopes some of the Council members can make it to an upcoming event Green Bike is holding.

Council Member Beverly said she is impressed by Ms. Addison. She added if anyone is interested in neighborhood watch in their area they should contact their Council member to find out more information.

6. COUNCIL ATTORNEY COMMENTS. None

7. INFORMATION – AUDIT UPDATE. Council Chair Pender advised the Council that the audit should be completed next week.

ACTION ITEMS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 1. An Ordinance amending the Crossing Master Plan adopted under Section 17.13.190 of the South Salt Lake Municipal Code regulating Master Planned Mixed Use Land Use Districts to permit and establish standards for townhome style buildings in the Transit Subdistrict of the Crossing Master Plan.** Community and Economic Development Director, Mike Florence, advised the Council that the City Attorney’s office would like some additional time to review this ordinance.

Assistant City Attorney, Hannah Vickery, said this draft of the ordinance just came in last week and this is not an ordinance that the City drafted. Legal needs to make sure the zoning is consistent with the current code and they also need to make sure that the Council’s intentions are reflected in this ordinance.

Council Member Beverly asked if the October 11th would give legal enough time for their review.

Ms. Vickery said she would try for the October 11th Council meeting.

Council Chair Pender is concerned that the Council almost passed this ordinance at the last meeting.

Ms. Vickery suggested that she stamp a document “approve as to form” so the Council knows that it has legal review.

Council Member Siwik would like to discuss the changes that will be going into this ordinance and also have a discussion with the Council about the things they may not like about this ordinance.

Council Member McConnell voiced his concerns about this project and expressed his concern that this project doesn’t feel like a downtown.

Council Chair Pender thinks the Council should take a straw poll to see if this is a project they want to pursue.

Council Members McConnell is not okay with this project.

Council Chair Pender and Council Members Rapp, Siwik, Beverly and Kindred are okay with this project.

Council Member Siwik made motion to move this item to Unfinished Business on the October 11, 2017 Regular meeting.

MOTION: Shane Siwik

SECOND: Kevin Rapp

Voice Vote:

Beverly:	Yes
Kindred:	Yes
McConnell:	No
Mila:	Absent
Pender:	Yes
Rapp:	Yes
Siwik:	Yes

2. **A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to expend up to \$475,000 for the renovation of ambulance units.** Chief Morris advised the Council that he and other City staff contacted Professional Sales and Service and there have been some added costs from the numbers that were presented to the Council prior due to some added mandatory features such as a patient securing device. The staff asked during the meeting with the vendor what the cost of three new ambulances would be in comparison.

Public Assets Director, Mont Roosendaal, discussed the cost difference between the three options with the Council. A copy is attached to these minutes and incorporated by this reference. He said this is a time issue and these new ambulances could be on the road in two months rather than waiting eight months and it would be for a lower cost.

Finance Director, Kyle Kershaw, said from a financial standpoint there is no value left in the ambulances that the City currently has and the City has gotten the useful life out of those ambulances. The Council has appropriated \$300,000 and that money was an accumulation of money that had been acquired over the last few years in the ambulance fund as the City was funding the operating deficit in the ambulance fund. Now that fiscal year 2017 has closed there may be another \$50,000-\$60,000 for the 2017 depreciation. One recommendation for the Council is to do a budget amendment and appropriate another \$125,000 from the Capital Improvement fund over to the Ambulance Services fund in addition to the \$350,000 already appropriated. If the enterprise fund is merged into the general fund this issue would be solved but that is a discussion that should be had at a later date.

Council Chair Pender asked if from a financial standpoint if the City should

stay in the ambulance business.

Mr. Kershaw said yes because the ambulance fees that are generated offset a lot of costs that would need to staff up the fire department to get the four-handed crews.

Council Member Beverly said the City won't have maintenance costs from the ambulances if the ambulances are going to be new.

Council Chair Pender has concerns with the ambulance vendor the City is using because of the price increase of remounting the ambulances.

Mr. Roosendaal doesn't think all of these changes come from the vendor some of the changes come from the State. The original plan was to remount the ambulances every five years and there were things that changed and the City used the ambulances longer than the five years because of other issues in the City.

Council Chair Pender asked if there is a way that money can be put aside for things like these ambulance repairs.

Mr. Kershaw said every year the Mayor makes recommendations to the Council on projects that need attention and the Council appropriates that money where they see fit. If the Council wants to take money from fund balance that would be dedicated to vehicles only they can certainly do something like that.

Council Chair Pender said when he is looking at a budget for police and fire he would like to see vehicles included. Without the vehicles included in those budgets it makes those budgets appear smaller than they actually are.

Mr. Kershaw said that can be prepared every year and he knows that was provided to the Council the last budget session.

Council Member Beverly said it looks like the Council has three options in front of them and a fourth option which is to do nothing at all, which is not acceptable to her.

Council Member Rapp said a fifth option would be to just buy two ambulances instead of three then that would keep the cost around the \$300,000.

Mr. Roosendaal believes the deal the City is being offered is because of purchases three ambulances. He would have to check with the dealer to see if buying two would give the City the same benefit. If the City only bought two ambulances that would require keeping one of the old ambulances and the fleet department is having trouble keeping up with the maintenance on these

ambulances right now.

Council Member Beverly clarified that the City only uses two ambulances regularly and the third is on a rotation system.

Council Member Siwik suggested that the City have two ambulances always running and then contract with Gold Cross for a backup.

Council Member Beverly doesn't agree with the level of expertise Gold Cross offers.

Council Member Siwik said the discussion with Salt Lake City Fire the ambulance service with Gold Cross was unlimited. He was okay approving \$300,000 to repair ambulances knowing that the conversation with Salt Lake Fire was still open but now the price has climbed to \$471,000.

Council Member Beverly said when the Council left the last meeting they all knew that Mr. Roosendaal had to check on the numbers and the Council knew the numbers would most likely increase.

Chief Morris said if the City contracted with Gold Cross they would not have any control over the level of service, over the level of training, the location and the personnel if there is a problem with the personnel it is all handled by Gold Cross.

Council Chair Pender said that Gold Cross provides service to a lot of areas and those areas don't have problems. He feels like the cost of the ambulance service keeps going up and there are a lot of people in the City cannot afford to pay these extra costs and he surprised that no one on the Council ever talks about the \$1.6 million dollars that the City wrote off.

Council Member Beverly said the \$1.6 million would just be the cost of starting the City's own ambulance service and that's a cost of starting a business.

Chief Morris said if the Council opts to get out of the ambulance business he would then ask the Council for \$1.2 million to fund the extra fire fighters to get to the four-man staffing on the fire trucks. The ambulance service pays for twelve firefighters.

Council Member Rapp said if the City only purchased two ambulances and kept the old ambulance that would be the one that was kept in reserve. He added that right now the Affordable Care Act is going to change and some State funding may go away after that is changed and the other unknown is what is going to happen with the homeless shelter.

Mr. Roosendaal said the discount for the three ambulances is \$30,000 and

with a cot upgrade it is around \$35,000.

Council Chair Pender said if the ambulance service goes away and Chief Morris asks for an additional \$1.2 million then it is time for the Council to once again look at Salt Lake Fire because there would be a cost savings at that point.

Council Member Siwik said the fire budget right now is \$6.4 million and if another \$1.2 million is added to that the cost is more than Salt Lake Fire.

Chief Morris said that the changes with the Affordable Care Act will benefit the ambulance and fire service and they are working on the projects for the homeless shelter to get funding from the State to help with those added costs.

Council Member Rapp said there are constant changes with the Affordable Care Act so he is not sure how fire and ambulance will benefit from that.

Chief Morris clarified that the fire budget is \$5.3 million and with the additional \$1.2 million his budget would still be a million dollars less than Salt Lake Fire.

Council Member Beverly said there is a timeframe and she feels the Council needs to decide if these ambulances are going to be purchased or not.

Mr. Kershaw said the amount on the original resolution could be adjusted and the Council will come back with a budget amendment on October 11th.

Council Chair Pender thinks the Council should authorize the three ambulances. There are a lot of unknowns but the City cannot continue down the same path because there is too much money being lost.

Council Member Kindred agreed with Council Chair Pender and thinks the Council has a good deal in front of them tonight.

Council Member Beverly said it has been discussed over the last year that a third ambulance will probably need to be put into rotation once the homeless shelter is in the City.

The Council tabled this item and moved to the next agenda item in order to get a new resolution.

City staff brought a new resolution to the Council.

Council Member Kindred made a motion to approve this resolution.

MOTION: Mark Kindred
SECOND: Ben Pender

Roll Call Vote:

Beverly: Yes
Kindred: Yes
McConnell: Yes
Mila: Absent
Pender: Yes
Rapp: Yes
Siwik: Yes

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Pioneer Craft House Discussion.** Council Chair Pender would like to request the Mayor work with City staff to start exploring lease options with Pioneer Craft House.

Council Member Kindred made a motion to suspend the rules.

MOTION: Mark Kindred
SECOND: Shane Siwik

Voice Vote:

Beverly: No
Kindred: Yes
McConnell: Yes
Mila: Absent
Pender: Yes
Rapp: Yes
Siwik: Yes

Council Chair Pender made a motion to request that the Mayor work with City staff to start the process of exploring a lease with Pioneer Craft house.

MOTION: Ben Pender
SECOND: Shane Siwik

Roll Call Vote:

Beverly: Yes
Kindred: Yes
McConnell: Yes
Mila: Absent
Pender: Yes
Rapp: Yes
Siwik: Yes

Council Member Kindred took a point of personal privilege and asked

what the timeline will be for the 10-82 study.

Council Chair Pender said that City Attorney, Lyn Creswell is very familiar with 10-82 studies and at the Mayor direction he will be working on that. He would like to put this to the next Council meeting for an update from the Mayor.

2. **A Resolution expressing the City of South Salt Lake’s support for Legislation during the 2018 session providing Law Enforcement stronger tools to address crime that deliberately targets a victim because of an Individual’s Ancestry, Disability, Ethnicity, Gender, Gender Identity, National Origin, Race, Religion or Sexual Orientation.** Council Member Kindred introduced Senator Thatcher to explain this resolution.

Senator Thatcher advised the Council that during a sentencing a judge cannot consider whether a crime was a random act or a crime against someone’s ethnicity or gender. He is bringing this item before City Councils because if an ethnic or religious group within a community was attacked and our police department wanted to make sure that the person received a stiffer penalty it could not be done. If this is passed it sends a message that this matters to this community.

Council Chair Pender suspended the rules to pass this resolution.

MOTION: Ben Pender

SECOND: Kevin Rapp

Voice Vote:

Beverly:	Yes
Kindred:	Yes
McConnell:	Absent
Mila:	Absent
Pender:	Yes
Rapp:	Yes
Siwik:	Yes

Council Member Kindred moved to approve this resolution.

MOTION: Mark Kindred

SECOND: Kevin Rapp

Roll Call Vote:

Beverly:	Yes
Kindred:	Yes
McConnell:	Yes
Mila:	Absent
Pender:	Yes
Rapp:	Yes
Siwik:	Yes

3. **Taiwan Recognition Resolution** Council Member Kindred said this resolution recognizes Taiwan as a democratic entity and addresses National Day in Taiwan.

Council Member Siwik made a motion to suspend the rules.

MOTION: Shane Siwik

SECOND: Ben Pender

Voice Vote:

Beverly:	Yes
Kindred:	Yes
McConnell:	Yes
Mila:	Absent
Pender:	Yes
Rapp:	Yes
Siwik:	Yes

Council Member Kindred moved to approve this Resolution

MOTION: Mark Kindred

SECOND: Johnny McConnell

Roll Call Vote:

Beverly:	Yes
Kindred:	Yes
McConnell:	Yes
Mila:	Absent
Pender:	Yes
Rapp:	Yes
Siwik:	Yes

Council Member Kindred moved to adjourn.

MOTION: Mark Kindred

SECOND: Ben Pender

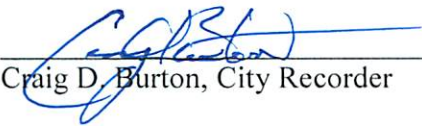
Voice Vote:

Beverly:	Yes
Kindred:	Yes
McConnell:	Yes
Mila:	Absent
Pender:	Yes
Rapp:	Yes
Siwik:	Yes

The meeting adjourned at 9:03p.m.



Ben Pender, Council Chair



Craig D. Burton, City Recorder

