City Council Announcements March 4, 2008

A. Information Needed by Council Staff

1. This year, the Mayor is presenting his budget to the Council on Tuesday, May 6th. This leaves only 2 regularly scheduled meetings in May in which to hold all department briefings. The Chair and Vice Chair have recommended holding a meeting on the last Tuesday in May, in addition to starting all of the regularly scheduled meetings in May and June at 2pm, until the budget is adopted. This would give the Council 5 meetings in which to have department briefings and handle unresolved issues to balance the budget (the budget must be adopted on June 17th).

Is the Council ok with this approach?

2. Søren Simonsen has requested that Jill Love, Council Chair, add a letter of support from the council for a federal appropriation request for the next phase of Parley's Trail. The Pratt board has reported that PRATT is in the process of coordinating applications for federal funding through the offices of Senators Hatch and Bennett and Congressman Matheson for future non-funded construction, including the stretch between Hidden Hollow and Roper Yard where the trail will be in the corridor with the planned trolley line. PRATT is requesting a letter of support from the Salt Lake City Council. Attached is a printout from PRATT'S website to provide the Council Members some background information on the project. To find out more information, visit www.parleystrail.org.

A draft letter of support from Council Chair will be made available to the Council for Tuesday night's meeting.

Is the Council interested in providing PRAT a letter of support? Draft letter is attached. Does Council approve of the letter?

3. The Downtown Alliance is extending and invitation to Council Members to tour the possible sites for Public Market to be located in Salt Lake City.

Are any Council Members interested in this tour?