

PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH

TUESDAY, AUGUST 11, 2009

The City Council of Salt Lake City, Utah, met in Regular Session on Tuesday, August 11, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in Room 315, City Council Chambers, City County Building, 451 South State.

The following Council Members were present:

Carlton Christensen
Jill Remington Love
Luke Garrott

JT Martin
Eric Jergensen

Van Turner
Søren Simonsen

Cindy Gust-Jenson, Executive Council Director; Lynn Pace, Deputy City Attorney; Mayor Ralph Becker; and Scott Crandall, Deputy City Recorder; were present.

Councilmember Christensen presided at and Councilmember Garrott conducted the meeting.

OPENING CEREMONY

#1. 7:01:34 PM The Council led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#2. 7:01:59 PM Councilmember Jergensen moved and Councilmember Simonsen seconded to **approve the minutes** of Salt Lake City Council meetings held **July 14, 2009** and **August 3, 2009**, which motion carried, all members voted aye.

(M 09-1)

PUBLIC HEARINGS

#1. **RE:** 7:02:38 PM Accept public comment and consider one or more ordinances **adopting** and **ratifying** the **rate of tax levy**, greater than the Certified Tax Rate, upon all real and personal property within Salt Lake City made taxable by law for Fiscal Year 2009-10. **View Attachments**

Mallie Jowell, Ann Newbold, Farrell Wankier and Mike Tanner spoke or submitted written comments concerning declining property values, tax increases and continued spending.

Councilmember Simonsen moved and Councilmember Christensen seconded to **close the public hearing**, which motion carried, all members voted aye.

Councilmember Christensen moved and Councilmember Jergensen seconded to **adopt Ordinance 47 of 2009 establishing Salt Lake City's certified property tax rate, based on the latest official numbers provided by Salt Lake County Auditor's Office (dated June 30, 2009).** These tax rates are applicable upon all real and personal property

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within Salt Lake City made taxable by law for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2009 and ending June 30, 2010, as follows: 1) General Fund: 0.003349, which will generate \$54,003,556 in property tax revenues; 2) General Fund - Judgment Levy: 0.000015, which will generate \$240,854; and 3) General Obligation Bonds: .000530, which will generate \$8,546,397.

7:12:18 PM Council Members comments on the issue included complex taxation process, ability to maintain steady revenue stream, fluctuating sales/franchise tax revenue, reduction in City staff/services, salary cuts, provide/maintain essential services, impact of school district taxes, correlation between taxes and services, shared frustration with residents, lean budget, modest tax increase and capitalizing on lower construction costs.

Councilmember Garrott called for the question, which motion carried, all members voted aye.

Councilmember Simonsen was recused for the following item. Councilmember Turner moved and Councilmember Jergensen seconded to adopt Ordinance 47 of 2009 - Library Fund Base Budget: 0.000690, which will generate \$11,126,442 in revenue, funding the base budget originally proposed to the Council by the Library Board, which motion carried, all members voted aye, except Councilmember Simonsen, who was recused.

Councilmember Jergensen moved and Councilmember Simonsen seconded to adopt Ordinance 47 of 2009 - Library Fund Property Tax Stabilization and New Growth Rate Setting: 0.000021, which will generate \$338,630 in revenue, which relates to authorized new growth and stabilizing property tax revenues from the previous year, which motion carried, all members voted aye.

Councilmember Simonsen moved and Councilmember Jergensen seconded to adopt Ordinance 47 of 2009 - Library Fund - additional budget for operating/capital: .000049, which will generate \$790,139 in property tax revenues.

7:25:26 PM Council Members comments on the issue included support for additional libraries, sufficient funds for current year, planning/design for new branches, stimulus project, utilize lower building costs, how libraries impact communities, investing in neighborhoods, indentifying potential sites/programs, nominal tax increase, creating jobs and long-term planning/commitment. A clarification was made that two branches would be designed/planned but only one would be constructed.

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Councilmember Garrott called for a role call vote, which motion carried, all members vote aye, except Council Members Christensen and Martin, who voted nay.

Councilmember Simonsen moved and Councilmember Turner seconded to **adopt Ordinance 47 of 2009 - Library Fund - Judgment Levy: 0.000002, which will generate \$39,572 in revenue**, which motion carried, all members voted aye.
(H 09-3)

#2. RE: 7:35:43 PM Accept public comment and consider adopting an ordinance amending **Section 21A.32.140**, Table of Permitted and Conditional Uses for Special Purpose Districts to allow **public parks** in the Public Lands (PL-1 and PL-2) zoning districts pursuant to Petition No. PLNPCM2009-00616. **View Attachments**

Councilmember Love moved and Councilmember Simonsen seconded to **close the public hearing**, which motion carried, all members voted aye.

Councilmember Christensen moved and Councilmember Simonsen seconded to **adopt Ordinance 48 of 2009**, which motion carried, all members voted aye.
(O 09-27)

#3. RE: 7:36:34 PM Accept public comment and consider adopting an **appropriation resolution** for homelessness prevention and rapid re-housing program funds and approving an interlocal cooperation agreement between Salt Lake City and the **U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)**. **View Attachments**

Councilmember Jergensen moved and Councilmember Simonsen seconded to **close the public hearing**, which motion carried, all members voted aye.

Councilmember Jergensen moved and Councilmember Simonsen seconded to **adopt Resolution 43 of 2009**, which motion carried, all members voted aye.
(R 09-14)

#4. RE: 7:37:21 PM Accept public comment and consider adopting a resolution authorizing the **issuance** of up to **\$7,000,000** principal amount of **water and sewer revenue bonds** of the City to finance certain improvements, facilities and property that will be part of the City's water, sewer and stormwater system, including, but not limited to the replacement of existing digester covers, and the potential economic impact that such project would have on the private sector.

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Councilmember Love moved and Councilmember Simonsen seconded to **close the public hearing**, which motion carried, all members voted aye.

Councilmember Christensen moved and Councilmember Simonsen seconded to **approve the resolution**, which motion carried, all members voted aye.

(Q 09-7)

QUESTIONS TO THE MAYOR FROM THE CITY COUNCIL 7:38:40 PM

Council Members Turner, Martin and Christensen thanked the Mayor for the City's assistance/support relating to "Night-Out-Against Crime" activities.

Councilmember Jergensen said he and Mayor Becker attended a celebration regarding the restoration and rebuilding of Memory Grove. He said it had been 10 years since a tornado passed through the City and invited people to visit the site and look at before and after pictures of the area.

Councilmember Simonsen thanked the Mayor for his vision/dedication regarding the proposed Sugar House/South Salt Lake street car project and for working on appropriate ways to fund the project including federal grants.

COMMENTS TO THE CITY COUNCIL 7:45:20 PM

Douglas Cotent spoke concerning Main Street Plaza security and having the City take back ownership of the street.

Vera Miles, Don Barron and Jeanne Larsen spoke or submitted comments in opposition to proposed changes to the taxicab ordinance.

Juan Arce-Larreta spoke in support of proposed changes to the Parley's Trail project and finalizing the interlocal agreement.

CONSENT AGENDA 7:55:51 PM

Councilmember Love moved and Councilmember Simonsen seconded to **approve the Consent Agenda**, which motion carried, all members voted aye.

#1. RE: Setting the date of **September 22, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.** to accept public comment and consider adopting a resolution providing for the holding of a **special bond election** in Salt Lake City, Utah, at the same time as the municipal general election, for the purpose of submitting to the qualified electors thereof the question of whether **general obligation bonds** of the City, in an amount not-to-exceed

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\$125,000,000, shall be issued and sold for the purpose of paying the costs of providing **public safety facilities**; providing for the holding of a public hearing and the publication of a Notice of Public Hearing; declaring official intent with respect to certain expenditures; and providing for related matters.

(Q 09-6)

The meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Council Chair

City Recorder

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