

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH
WORK SESSION
TUESDAY, JUNE 8, 2010**

The City Council met in Work Session on Tuesday, June 8, 2010, at 4:00 p.m. in Room 326, Committee Room, City County Building, 451 South State Street.

In Attendance: Council Members Carlton Christensen, Van Turner, Jill Remington Love, JT Martin, Stan Penfold, Luke Garrott and Søren Simonsen.

Also In Attendance: Cindy Gust-Jenson, Executive Council Director; Mayor Ralph Becker; David Everitt, Mayor's Chief of Staff; Jennifer Bruno, Council Deputy Director; Kurt Cook, Fire Chief; Sylvia Richards, Council Research and Policy Analyst/Constituent Liaison; Lehua Weaver, Council Research and Policy Analyst; Karen Halladay, Council Policy Analyst; Frank Gray, Community and Economic Director; Gordon Hoskins, Chief Financial Officer; Rick Graham, Public Services Director; Ralph Chamness, Senior City Attorney; Tom Ward, Public Utilities Deputy Director; Patrick Nelson, Public Utilities Watershed Manager; John Naser, Deputy City Engineer; and Scott Crandall, Deputy City Recorder.

Councilmember Martin presided at and conducted the meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 4:58 p.m.

AGENDA ITEMS

#1. [4:59:29 PM](#) RECEIVE A BRIEFING REGARDING A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL OF AN INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN SALT LAKE CITY CORPORATION AND THE UNIFIED FIRE AUTHORITY REGARDING A PILOT PROJECT TO CREATE SHADED FUEL BREAKS. [View Attachments](#)

Tom Ward, Patrick Nelson and Lehua Weaver briefed the Council with the attached handouts. Councilmember Martin said the issue would be scheduled for consideration at the next formal meeting.

#2. [6:06:37 PM](#) RECEIVE A FOLLOW-UP BRIEFING REGARDING THE PROPOSED NORTH TEMPLE BOULEVARD SPECIAL ASSESSMENT AREA (JOB NOS. LC-109017 AND M-109018). [View Attachments](#)

John Naser and **Frank Gray** briefed the Council with the attached handouts. Mr. Naser said the Council would be requested to adopt a Notice of Intention on June 15, 2010. He said if the district was defeated again, the Administration's intent would be to pull amenities and money out of the project.

Councilmember Martin said alternative plans needed to be made to redirect resources/funding to other areas in the City in the event the district failed. Councilmember Garrott said the public needed to be informed that the North Temple area was open for business during construction.

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#3. [8:55:57 PM](#) DISCUSS UNRESOLVED ISSUES RELATING TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2010-2011 BUDGET. [View Attachments](#)

Jennifer Bruno, Lehua Weaver, Karen Halladay, Gordon Hoskins, Rick Graham, David Everitt and Mayor Becker briefed the Council with the attached handouts. Discussion was held on the following categories:

REVENUE ITEMS:

Property Tax/Judgment Levy. Ms. Bruno said property tax numbers received from the County indicated a range of new growth (\$895,078 - \$1,161,205). She said judgment levy figures were either \$270,000 or \$1 million. She said these figures still needed to be verified. A straw poll was taken on whether the Council wanted a judgment levy. A majority of the Council was in favor.

Ms. Bruno said new legislative changes required cities to build delinquent property tax collections into their base budget instead of collecting them in the following year as a separate line item. She said this was a complicated issue and staff would present the Council with a detailed briefing.

EXPENSE ITEMS:

Restore Real Property Agent Position (\$74,572): A majority of the Council was in favor of restoring the position.

Local Energy Assurance Planning Grant: Ms. Bruno said most of the money would go towards a contract to develop an energy assurance resource plan. She said the Administration's recommendation was to keep this in the budget so the grant could be accepted. She said the general fund budget would not be impacted. A majority of the Council was in favor.

(CED) Increase Funding for Neighborhood Business Grant Program: A majority of the Council was in favor of utilizing \$10,000 from interest earnings.

(Finance) Collections staffing: A majority of the Council was in favor of the Administration's proposal. Councilmember Simonsen said he felt the number of FTEs being proposed was excessive.

(Public Services) Restore Flowers-(\$248,000) (Original reduction - \$396,463): A majority of the Council was in favor of Option B.

(Public Services) Eliminate Speed Board Deployment (\$40,000): A majority of the Council was in favor of allocating \$20,000. Mr. Graham said that figure did not include major repairs that might be needed.

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(Non-Departmental) New Sales Tax Rebate (Komatsu) (\$30,000): A majority of the Council was in favor of not funding the proposal. A straw poll was taken on allocating \$30,000 to an economic fund that could be utilized by more entities. A majority of the Council was opposed.

(Non-Departmental) Funding for Northwest Quadrant Follow-up (\$100,000): A majority of the Council was in favor of allocating \$82,000 to a non-departmental fund controlled by the Legislative Branch.

(Non-Departmental) Reduce Funding for Sugar House Park Authority (\$18,000): A majority of the Council was in favor of allocating \$18,000.

(Non-Departmental) Parley's Nature Park Management Plan implementation: Ms. Bruno said some Council Members had expressed an interest in seeing the plan before discussing funding.

(Non-Departmental) Begin Shift to Automated Payroll System (\$15,000): A majority of the Council was in favor of allocating \$15,000 to begin the analysis process.

(Non-Departmental) Begin Other Updates to Financial System (\$35,000): A majority of the Council was in favor of skipping this item.

(Non-Departmental) Twilight Concert Series (\$15,000): Ms. Bruno said the Administration found the \$15,000 to allocate in the current budget year so the extra line item was not needed in next year's budget. She said the budget included \$150,000 for special event funding which the Twilight Concert Series could apply for.

Jordan River Commission Funding (\$14,000): Ms. Bruno said the Blueprint Jordan River Plan called for funding but some Council Members wanted to either not approve funding until the Council received a briefing from Envision Utah or make funding contingent upon reviewing the Jordan River Commission's by-laws. Councilmember Christensen said funding should be contingent on Council approval of the interlocal agreement.

Constituent Liaison Position in the Mayor's Office (\$68,000): Councilmember Love suggested restoring this position. A majority of the Council was in favor.

Refuse Fund Changes: Ms. Bruno said staff wanted to ensure Council Members reviewed changes and were supportive of the proposal. A majority of the Council was in favor.

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Library Audit: Ms. Gust-Jenson said during the Library Budget a discussion was held on conducting a "best practices" study with the Library. She said she understood the Library planned to hire a management consultant in the near future. She said in order to avoid having multiple activities occurring at the same time, the Council could revisit the issue later or appropriate funding now and then wait. A majority of the Council was in favor postponing the funding allocation.

Council Contract Attorney Funding: Ms. Gust-Jenson said some Council Members had expressed interest in converting the Council's contract attorney to an FTE or expanding the hours within existing budgets. A majority of the Council was in favor.

(Public Services) Eliminate Streets Response Team Positions (3 lay-offs) (\$233,840): A majority of the Council was in favor of allocating \$76,244.

(Public Services) Discontinue Global Artways Program Positions (\$363,786): The item was re-opened for further discussion. A majority of the Council was in favor of staying with the prior week's decision.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS:

Professional Employees Council (PEC) Reference Removal: A majority of the Council was in favor of handling this item as a legislative intent which needed to include a formal process for these employees to participate in compensation matters.

Neighborhood Block Parties: Council Members expressed concerns that costs/regulations were making it difficult for neighborhoods to hold events. Ms. Gust-Jenson said the Council could eliminate the \$35 street closure fee. She said further investigation was needed to see if the \$100 special events application fee could also be modified as part of this budget. She said neighborhoods could choose to avoid costs/regulations by holding events on their own property. Councilmember Love said work/review could continue on the issue but not as part of this budget.

#4. RECEIVE AN UPDATE REGARDING THE LEGISLATIVE INTENT STATEMENTS FROM LAST FISCAL YEAR 2009-2010, INTERIM STUDY ITEMS AND DISCUSS POSSIBLE LEGISLATIVE INTENT STATEMENTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2010-2011.
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Item was not discussed.

#5. [5:11:32 PM](#) INTERVIEW CHARLIE LUKE PRIOR TO CONSIDERATION OF HIS APPOINTMENT TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION. (ITEM H1)

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Councilmember Martin said Mr. Luke's name would be forwarded to the Consent Agenda for consideration. A presentation was made to Timothy Chambless for 20 years of service on various City boards.

#6. 5:20:02 PM INTERVIEW CURTIS HARING PRIOR TO CONSIDERATION OF HIS APPOINTMENT TO THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION. (ITEM H2)

Councilmember Martin said Mr. Haring's name would be forwarded to the Consent Agenda for consideration.

#7. 5:25:07 PM CONSIDER A MOTION TO ENTER INTO CLOSED SESSION, IN KEEPING WITH UTAH CODE § 52-4-204, FOR THE PURPOSE OF STRATEGY SESSIONS TO DISCUSS COLLECTIVE BARGAINING, PURSUANT TO UTAH CODE § 52-4-205 (1) (b); FOR THE PURPOSE OF STRATEGY SESSIONS TO DISCUSS THE PURCHASE, EXCHANGE, OR LEASE OF REAL PROPERTY (INCLUDING ANY FORM OF WATER RIGHT OR WATER SHARES) WHEN PUBLIC DISCUSSION OF THE TRANSACTION WOULD DISCLOSE THE APPRAISAL OR ESTIMATED VALUE OF THE PROPERTY UNDER CONSIDERATION OR PREVENT THE CITY FROM COMPLETING THE TRANSACTION ON THE BEST POSSIBLE TERMS PURSUANT TO UTAH CODE § 52-4-205(1) (d); STRATEGY SESSIONS TO DISCUSS PENDING OR REASONABLY IMMINENT LITIGATION PURSUANT TO UTAH CODE § 52-4-205(1) (c); FOR THE PURPOSE OF STRATEGY SESSIONS TO DISCUSS THE SALE OF REAL PROPERTY (INCLUDING ANY FORM OF WATER RIGHT OR WATER SHARES) IF (1) PUBLIC DISCUSSION OF THE TRANSACTION WOULD DISCLOSE THE APPRAISAL OR ESTIMATED VALUE OF THE PROPERTY UNDER CONSIDERATION OR PREVENT THE CITY FROM COMPLETING THE TRANSACTION ON THE BEST POSSIBLE TERMS, (2) THE CITY PREVIOUSLY GAVE NOTICE THAT THE PROPERTY WOULD BE OFFERED FOR SALE, AND (3) THE TERMS OF THE SALE ARE PUBLICLY DISCLOSED BEFORE THE CITY APPROVES THE SALE; AND FOR ATTORNEY-CLIENT MATTERS THAT ARE PRIVILEGED PURSUANT TO UTAH CODE § 78B-1-137.

Councilmember Christensen moved and Councilmember Simonsen seconded to enter into Closed Session. A role call vote was taken. Council Members Christensen, Turner, Penfold, Love, Garrott, Martin and Simonsen voted aye. See file M 10-2 for Sworn Statement and recording.

#8. 11:04:00 PM REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, INCLUDING A REVIEW OF COUNCIL INFORMATION ITEMS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.

See file M 10-5 for announcements.

The meeting adjourned at 11:13 p.m.

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COUNCIL CHAIR

CITY RECORDER

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