## Salt Lake County Council

Committee of the Whole

~Minutes~

Tuesday, April 29, 2014

1:01:28 PM

Committee Members

Present: Randy Horiuchi

 Richard Snelgrove

 Jim Bradley

 Arlyn Bradshaw

 Aimee Newton

 Sam Granato

 Max Burdick

 Michael Jensen, Chair

Excused: Steven DeBry

Citizen Public Input (1:01:37 PM)

 No one appeared for Citizen Public Input.

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Behavioral Health Area Plan (1:01:44 PM)

*During the April 22, 2014, Committee of the Whole meeting, the Council reviewed changes to the Salt Lake County Local Authority Area Plan for Behavioral Health Services for State Fiscal Year 2015, and forwarded the matter to today’s meeting for final approval.*

 **Mr. Tim Whalen**, Co-Director, Behavioral Health Services Division, reviewed the Area Plan for State Fiscal Year 2015, stating the deadline to have it into the State is Thursday, May 1, 2014.

 **Council Member Bradshaw, seconded by Council Member Horiuchi, moved to adopt the FY2015 Area Plan for Behavioral Health Services and forward it to the 4:00 p.m. Council meeting for formal consideration. The motion passed unanimously. Council Members Snelgrove and Granato were absent for the vote.**

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Cultural Facilities Master Plan Update (1:27:16 PM)

 **Ms. Erin Litvack**, Director, Community Services Department, delivered a PowerPoint presentation updating the Council on the Cultural Facilities Master Plan. She reviewed the original Cultural Facilities Master Plan, the establishment of the Cultural Facilities Support Program, and the Master Plan recommended cultural projects, and updated the 15 recommended projects. The update also covered funded projects for 2011, 2012, 2013, and 2014 applications

 **Council Member Jensen** asked how the Ballet West project was coming along.

 **Ms. Litvack** stated last week, the Center for the Arts had a ceremony for topping off the steel for the building. Floors, walls, and steel are up. The Council will be invited to a ribbon cutting ceremony when the project is completed. This project is a great example of public/private partnership. The Quinney family saved the day when the New Market Tax Credits for the project did not materialize.

One of the key components of the Master Plan was to partner with schools to utilize the theaters within the schools. This has been done in Cottonwood Heights with Butler Middle School. Other school partnerships are planned. Overall, the County is on the right track addressing the cultural needs of the community.

 **Council Member Horiuchi** stated the County has been doing great work upgrading the Salt Palace Convention Center. He asked if any major projects or expansions were planned for the facility.

 **Ms. Litvack** stated a few years ago, the County looked at the Salt Palace holistically while deciding how to maximize the utilization of space. The County is looking at some projects that came out of that endeavor, such as upgrading the Radisson Hotel plaza to make a grand entrance on the north end of the Salt Palace. However, now is not the time to look at expanding. Once the proposed convention center hotel comes online, the County can evaluate what is next for the Salt Palace. Right now, the priority is deferred capital maintenance, and extraordinary inroads are being made on the list of maintenance needs. Carpet has been replaced, escalators will be fixed, and signage is being addressed.

 **Mayor Ben McAdams** stated he was not working in County government when this Cultural Facilities Master Plan was proposed, and it caused a great deal of consternation. However, the process has brought a sense of planned investment where the County wanted to go. Cultural facilities are being done in a wise and prudent fashion throughout the valley, looking at where people live and not catering to the loudest applicant. The master plan also allows the County to take advantage of private and philanthropic investments, as with the Ballet West project.

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Update on the Regional Parks and Trails Bond (1:54:57 PM)

 **Mr. Martin Jensen**, Acting Director, Parks & Recreation Division, delivered a PowerPoint presentation updating the Council on the following regional parks and trails (Park Bond) projects that were approved by voters during the 2012 General Election:

*Magna Regional Park Acquisition*

 **Mr. Martin Jensen**, Acting Director, Parks & Recreation Division, stated 60 acres have been purchased for the Magna Regional Park. The master plan for the park has been completed, but the land will not be developed at this time. The Park Bond did not include funds to develop it.

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*Lodestone Regional Park*

 **Mr. Angelo Calacino**, Park Development Project Manager, Parks & Recreation Division, stated this park contains 62 acres, and is located at 6200 South 6200 West. In 2010, the master plan was completed and Phase 1 was built. The park has a mining theme due to its proximity to Kennecott Copper. The design drawings and specifications for Phase 2 are 95 percent complete. Work is underway to obtain jurisdictional approvals. Construction on the park is targeted to begin June 2014.

 **Ms. Erin Litvack**, Director, Community Services Department, stated a trail will be completed around the park, which will enable residents to have access to the open space that exist on the site.

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*Southwest Regional Park*

 **Mr. Morgan Selph**, Park Development Project Manager, Parks & Recreation Division, stated this park contains 80 acres and is located at 14000 South 2700 West, in Bluffdale. The park has a nature or outdoor theme and includes a 25-foot fire tower. The design drawings and specifications are 90 percent complete. Work is underway to obtain jurisdictional approval. Construction on the park is targeted to begin in July 2014.

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*Wheadon Farm Park*

 **Mr. Morgan Selph**, Park Development Project Manager, Parks & Recreation Division, stated this park contains 64 acres and is located at 13800 S. Bangerter Parkway, Draper. The land has a conservation easement over it. The park has a farming theme and includes a barn as part of the playground equipment. Currently, part of the park is being used for urban farming. The design drawings and specifications are 95 percent complete, and the access agreements are being finalized with Draper City and the adjacent property owner. Construction of Phase 1 is targeted to begin June 2014.

 **Ms. Erin Litvack**, Director, Community Services Department, stated when the property was purchased, the County was aware of the conservation easement. The easement limits how much hard surface development can be done on the site.

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 **Mr. Martin Jensen**, Acting Director, Parks & Recreation Divisionstated the bids for the parks will be awarded within the next 30 to 45 days. Construction will take 18 to 24 months to complete.

 **Council Member Jensen** asked why the proposed parks had so much un-programmed space when there is a huge demand for additional sports fields.

 **Mr. Emery Crook**, Associate Director, Parks & Recreation Division, stated according to the surveys that were done and input received from citizens at town hall meetings, un-programmed green space is a top priority. However, all the proposed parks have additional sports fields.

 **Council Member Jensen** stated the Granite School District has imposed restrictions on its grounds, which prohibits sports teams from practicing on its fields. This has placed a bigger demand on the County’s fields. He suggested the County meet with the Granite School Board to discuss this restriction.

 **Council Member Granato** stated he would like to participate in that discussion.

 **Council Member Jensen** stated he thought it would be a good idea if Council Members Granato, Bradshaw, Newton, and himself participated in these discussions because their districts are within the Granite School District boundaries.

 **Ms. Erin Litvack**, Director, Community Services Division, stated the County has many partnerships with the school districts. This could be patterned like the dual use of the theaters within the school districts.

 **Council Member Burdick** asked if the Parks & Recreation Division was working with the police departments to make sure no spaces were created that would draw crime.

 **Mr. Jensen** stated Parks & Recreation has not been working with the police departments. He appreciated the suggestion.

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*Jordan River Trail*

 **Mr. Lynn Larsen,** Park Development Project Manager, Parks & Recreation Division, stated work is underway to complete the following segments of the trail. Once these segments are completed, the trail will run 70 miles from Saratoga Springs in Utah County to Davis County.

* North Temple to 200 South

 Salt Lake City is acquiring trail easements from Questar Gas and the Utah Division of Facilities Management. The plan to cross the Union Pacific Railroad on-grade has been denied. Salt Lake County is talking with Salt Lake City, Garfield, and Western Railroad regarding the crossing.

* 8300 South to 9000 South

 The trail is completed from 8300 South to 8600 South, the bridge over the river has been completed as well. West Jordan City is constructing the trail from 8600 South to 9000 South, and the tunnel under 9000 South. It should be completed during the summer of 2014. Sandy City is constructing the trail south of 9000 South, which is scheduled to begin May 2014.

* 14400 South to 15000 South

 The negotiation for land acquisition of the final parcel is underway. The County has received preliminary State approval for on-grade crossing at 14600 South. The cultural and wetland surveys for trail alignment will be completed in May 2014. Negotiations are also underway with UTA, Salt Lake City Public Utilities, and Rocky Mountain Power for license agreements and easement acquisition. Construction on this part of the trail is targeted to begin November 2014.

* 15900 South to 16500 South

 Salt Lake County is partnering with Jordan Valley Water Conservation District (JVWCD), which is designing a water line from Utah County to 15000 South. This provides Salt Lake County an opportunity to build within the property purchased by JVWCD. Trail construction is targeted to begin in the spring of 2016.

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*Parleys Trail*

 **Mr. Walt Gilmore**, Park Development Project Manager, Parks & Recreation Division, stated funds have been budgeted towards the following sections:

* Jordan River to 900 West

 This portion is not funded by the Park Bond. Construction is pending future redevelopment of 900 West by South Salt Lake City.

* 900 West to 300 West (Spaghetti Bowl and Rail Yard Crossing)

 The design for this area is 90 percent complete. Negotiations are underway for an easement agreement with a private owner and UTA. Most of the construction will be in a UTA and UDOT right-of-way corridor. Construction is targeted to being August 2014.

* 300 West to State Street

 South Salt Lake City Redevelopment area (not funded by Park Bond)

* State Street to 500 East

 The construction on this portion should be finished by June 1, 2014.

* 500 East McLelland Street (1050 East)

 Salt Lake City Redevelopment Area money has funded this project. It is opened to public use with landscaping scheduled to be completed by June 2014.

* McLelland Street to Hidden Hollow Park

 This portion of the trail is not being funded by the Park Bond.

* 1300 East to 1700 East

 The project was completed in September 2013. The trail is now in public use, with the grand opening of “The Draw” scheduled for June 6, 2014.

* 1700 East to Tanner Park

 The trail will be aligned on the south side of Interstate 80. A lot of easement and property acquisitions will need to be made. Most of the project is within Utah Department of Transportation’s (UDOT) right of way. The project will go out for bid in July 2014.

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*Parks and Recreation Master Plan*

 **Mr. Martin Jensen**, Acting Director, Parks and Recreation Division, stated work is currently underway to update the master plan for parks and recreation. This is done every 10 years. The master plan will show the Parks & Recreation Division where the citizens within Salt Lake County are served adequately and where additional service is needed. Public meetings will be held throughout May.

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Health Savings Account and the County’s Contribution for Employees Age 65 and Over (2:47:02 PM)

 **Mr. Michael Ongkiko**, Director, Human Resources Division, stated Human Resources needs direction on how to address the Health Savings Accounts (HSA) for enrollees who have reached age 65.

 **Ms. Michelle James**, Manager, Employee Benefits, Human Resources Division, explained at the age of 65, a citizen is eligible for Medicare. An employee who enrolls in Medicare, or receives Social Security benefits and thereby automatically enrolled in Medicare Part A, will lose their HSA eligibility. An employee enrolled in Medicare is ineligible to open and contribute to an HSA. If an employee does not stop contributing to their HSA, the Internal Revenue Service will tax and penalize any contribution into that account. When a County employee enrolls in the High Deductible Health Plan and opens an HSA account, the County contributes $600 or $1,200 into their HSA. Human Resources is recommending the County not continue to make contributions to HSAs of employees who are 65 years of age or older and enrolled in Medicare. The County needs to protect its employees from that penalty.

 **Council Member Jensen** stated he was concerned with treating these employees differently.

 **Mr. Darrin Casper**, Chief Financial Officer, Mayor’s Office, stated no enrollee in an HSA account can enroll in another insurance plan.

 **Council Member Newton** asked if the County educated its employees when they got to that age.

 **Ms. James** stated the County educates its employees on who are ineligible for an HSA when they enroll in the HDHP.

 **Council Member Snelgrove** asked if this proposed change came with any additional expenses to the County.

 **Council Member Jensen** stated there is a cost savings to the County when an employee enrolls in the HDHP. Here, the County is just trying to help its employees who are eligible for Medicare.

 **Council Member Burdick, seconded by Council Member Horiuchi, moved to direct the Human Resources Division not to contribute to Health Savings Accounts of employees who are age 65 or older and enrolled in Medicare. The motion passed unanimously.**

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Planning and Zoning (1:03:36 PM)

 **Mr. Jason Rose**, Legal Counsel, Council Office, reviewed the following zoning reclassification that will be heard during the June 3, 2014, Council meeting:

 Application #28800 – **Charles Thomas** to reclassify property located at 4165-4195 South 700 East from R-1-10 to R-M zone.

 **Mr. Rose** stated the request is for a zone change from R-1-10, which is single family residential, to R-M, which is high density residential. There are four vacant parcels on the property. The Millcreek Community Council recommended approval, but wanted some zoning conditions with regard to height, landscape, and traffic. The Millcreek Township Planning Commission recommended approval with the following zoning conditions: Building height limitation of a maximum of three stories; and uses limited to professional and regular offices, an assisted living facility, senior living, and a nursing home.

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Review of New Hires (1:05:46 PM)

 **Mr. Brad Kendrick**, Assistant Fiscal Analyst, Council Office, reviewed the following requests:

*Salt Lake County Health Department*

 Requests to fill a time-limited Public Health Nurse position and a Medical Office Supervisor 21 position.

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*Recorder’s Office*

 Requests to fill a Land Records Specialist 17 position.

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*Youth Services Division*

 Requests to fill a Group Home Supervisor 26 position, a Youth Services Case Manager 24 position, and a Data & Billing Specialist 19 position.

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*Library Services Division*

 Requests to fill an Assistant Circulation Supervisor 19 position and two part-time Customer Service Specialist 15 positions.

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*Center for the Arts*

 Requests to fill an Administrative and Fiscal Manager 34 position.

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*District Attorney’s Office*

 Requests to fill a CJC Case Coordinator 20 position.

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*Solid Waste Management Division*

 Requests to fill a Solid Waste Heavy Equipment Operator 20 position.

 **Council Member Bradshaw, seconded by Council Member Newton, moved to approve the requests. The motion passed unanimously. Council Members Snelgrove and Granato were absent for the vote.**

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Interim Budget Adjustments (1:06:15 PM)

 **Mr. Brad Kendrick**, Assistant Fiscal Analyst, Council Office, reviewed the following interim budget adjustment requests, which have been placed on the Council agenda for formal consideration:

*Engineering and Flood Control Division*

 Requests an interim budget adjustment of $66,986 for the 3300 South sidewalk project. Funds from the Utah Department of Transportation’s Safe Sidewalk program were deposited into an unearned revenue account in 2010 for this project. The 3300 South sidewalk project is ready for construction and funds now need to be transferred to the correct fund.

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*Engineering and Flood Control Division*

 Requests an interim budget adjustment of $11,075 to recognize revenue and expenses for a grant awarded to Engineering and Flood Control from the Utah Division of Homeland Security. The grant is being used to replace outdated heavy equipment radios and held-held radios.

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*Sheriff’s Office*

 Requests an interim budget adjustment of $25,000 from the Prisoner Services Fund for enhancements to the Horticulture Program.

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*Criminal Justice Services Division*

 Requests an interim budget adjustment of $80,572 to hire one time-limited employee as part of a larger grant totaling $284,141 from the Federal Bureau of Justice Administration.

 **Council Member Bradshaw, seconded by Council Member Burdick, moved to approve the requests and forward them to the 4:00 p.m. Council meeting for formal consideration. The motion passed unanimously. Council Members Snelgrove and Granato were absent for the vote.**

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***CONSENT AGENDA*** (1:09:30 PM)

Resolution & Interlocal Agreement

 The Council reviewed the following resolution and agreement. The resolution authorizing execution of the agreement has been placed on the Council agenda for final approval and execution:

 *Wasatch Front Regional Council* regarding funding for the Local Planning Resources Program partnership.

 **Council Member Bradshaw, seconded by Council Member Horiuchi, moved to approve the resolution and agreement and to forward them to the 4:00 p.m. Council meeting for formal consideration. The motion passed unanimously. Council Members Snelgrove and Granato were absent for the vote.**

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Returned Uncollectible Checks

 Mr. K. Wayne Cushing, County Treasurer, submitted a letter requesting approval that 22 uncollectible returned checks totaling $1,965.00, and uncollectible returned check fees and charges totaling $1,056.50 be purged from the records, and the items and related files transmitted to archives for destruction.

 **Council Member Bradshaw, seconded by Council Member Horiuchi, moved to approve the request and forward it to the 4:00 p.m. Council meeting for formal consideration. The motion passed unanimously. Council Members Snelgrove and Granato were absent for the vote.**

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Gifts to Salt Lake County

 The Council reviewed the following gifts to Salt Lake County. The Declaration of Gift forms have been placed on the Council agenda for final approval and execution:

Salt Lake County Health Department

 *Kenneth O. Melby Family Foundation* has offered to donate $2,500 to be used for the Salt Lake County Health Department’s Nurse Family Partnership program.

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*Parks and Recreation Division*

 *Land O’ Frost* has offered to donate $26,400 to be used to sponsor 550 youth sports teams.

 *East County Advisory Board* has offered to donate $5,555.42 to be used equally by the Holladay Lions Fitness and Recreation Center, and the Millcreek Community Center.

 **Council Member Bradshaw, seconded by Council Member Horiuchi, moved to accept the gifts and forward the Declaration of Gift forms to the 4:00 p.m. Council meeting for formal consideration. The motion passed unanimously. Council Members Snelgrove and Granato were absent for the vote.**

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Real Estate Matters

 The Council reviewed the following real estate matters. The resolutions authorizing execution of agreements have been placed on the Council agenda for final approval and execution:

*Agreement for Release and Grant of Easements, Release of Easement, and Easement*

Releasing an easement to *S & A Leasing Partners* in exchange for an adjacent alternative easement to preserve the Bingham Creek channel.

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*Interlocal Agreement and Quit Claim Deed*

 Declaring property located at 6356 South 900 East as surplus and conveying it to *Murray City* for no fee.

  **Council Member Bradshaw, seconded by Council Member Horiuchi, moved to approve the resolutions and forward them to the 4:00 p.m. Council meeting for formal consideration. The motion passed unanimously. Council Members Snelgrove and Granato were absent for the vote.**

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Tax Liens

 Ms. Liz Fehrmann, Chair, Property Tax Committee, submitted a letter recommending liens be recorded on the following properties that were deferred from the May Tax Sale:

 Parcel Nos.

 15-11-405-006

 15-27-328-019

 16-27-204-024

 16-30-205-005

 21-20-234-012

 26-24-476-026

 27-02-131-002

 **Council Member Bradshaw, seconded by Council Member Horiuchi, moved to approve the recommendation and forward it to the 4:00 p.m. Council meeting for formal consideration. The motion passed unanimously. Council Members Snelgrove and Granato were absent for the vote.**

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Other Business (1:09:30 PM)

*Approval of Minutes*

 **Council Member Bradshaw, seconded by Council Member Horiuchi, moved to approve the Committee of the Whole minutes for Tuesday, April 22, 2014. The motion passed unanimously. Council Members Snelgrove and Granato were absent for the vote.**

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 The meeting adjourned at 2:51:54 PM.

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