

CITY OF SOUTH SALT LAKE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING

COUNCIL MEETING Wednesday, April 27, 2016
7:00 p.m.

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

PRESIDING Council Chair Debbie Snow

CONDUCTING: Council Member Sharla
Beverly

SERIOUS MOMENT OF REFLECTION/
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Kevin Rapp

SERGEANT AT ARMS Bill Hogan

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:
Sharla Beverly, Mark Kindred, Portia Mila, Ben Pender
Kevin Rapp, Shane Siwik and Debbie Snow

Council Member Portia Mila participated electronically via telephone.

STAFF PRESENT:
Mayor Cherie Wood
Charee Peck, Chief of Staff
Lyn Creswell, City Attorney
Kyle Kershaw, Finance Director
Jack Carruth, Police Chief
Ron Morris, Fire Chief
Dennis Pay, City Engineer
Mont Roosendaal, Public Assets Director
Craig D. Burton, City Recorder
Paula Melgar, Deputy City Recorder

OTHERS PRESENT:
See attached list.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

April 13, 2015 Work Meeting. Council Member Rapp moved to approve these minutes.

MOTION Kevin Rapp
SECOND Debbie Snow

Voice Vote:

Beverly	Aye
Kindred	Aye
Mila	Aye
Pender	Aye
Rapp	Aye
Siwik	Aye
Snow	Aye

April 13, 2015 Regular Meeting. Council Member Kindred moved to approve these minutes.

MOTION	Mark Kindred
SECOND	Kevin Rapp

Voice Vote:

Beverly	Aye
Kindred	Aye
Mila	Aye
Pender	Aye
Rapp	Aye
Siwik	Aye
Snow	Aye

NO ACTION COMMENTS

1. **SCHEDULING.** The Deputy City Recorder informed those at the meeting of upcoming events, meetings, activities, etc.
2. **CITIZEN COMMENTS/QUESTIONS.** **Steve Norr, 3162 Park Ct.** He thanked Council Chair Snow for bringing up residential zoning and asked that the Council doesn't rezone property that is already zoned R-1. He feels that is a pretty basic first step.

Trent Fargher, Shades of Pale, 2160 South West Temple. He thanked the City and Police Department for the work they are doing in his area. They have seen a decrease in the problems. He thanked everyone for helping and listening to them.
3. **MAYOR COMMENTS.** Mayor Wood advised the Council that there were fifty employees from American Express in Fitts Park last Friday doing landscape maintenance and it looks good.
4. **CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS.** Council Member Kindred reported that he toured the Columbus Center and suggested if others haven't been over to go check it out.

Council Member Pender apologized for missing the last Council meeting. He was out of town on a work assignment. He saw Council Member Beverly's comments on investing in your employees and he thought that was very good.

On Saturday, March 26, he took some donuts over to the Fire Stations. At Station 42 on 900 West he had a conversation with one of the firemen. The ambulance service was brought up and they had a discussion about it similar to what has been discussed in the Council meetings. Later Council Member Pender learned that he had caused a problem with the Fire Department and the administration of the Fire Department by visiting. He doesn't know the details but he believes people were questioned about why he was there, what he was doing there, and what he was asking. It really bothered him. He heard it from an outside source. He hasn't been approached about it. It troubles him if employees are getting in trouble and being interrogated for talking to him. He wasn't giving directives or asking numbers, he was just having a conversation. He recommended that if this happened, the Fire Chief, or whoever talked to the firefighter, should apologize.

He also had a concern with one of the rules given to the Council from the Mayor that said the Mayor will act as the liaison between the administrative staff and the City Council. He asked if they could direct questions directly to the Mayor rather than to Chief of Staff, Charee Peck, just because it is one more layer they have to go through. The rule states it will be through the Mayor.

Council Member Beverly reported attending the Firefighter banquet and feels they are huge for morale. She likes to see activities like that.

- 5. INFORMATION. Update on Crime in Community Policing Zone #1.** Police Chief, Jack Carruth, gave an update on the crimes in this area. They have increased patrols and made several arrests. They are trying to keep as many resources as possible in the area.

Council Member Pender said he has driven through the area several times in the last couple of months and has seen a lot of improvement there. He commended the police department for all they have done and for going the extra mile.

ACTION ITEMS

UNFINISHED COUNCIL BUSINESS

- 1. Review of Council Rules and Procedures.** Council Chair Snow reviewed the redline edits she has made to the Council Rules which were the suggestions made by the Council.

There was discussion regarding clarification of how a sign-up card or sheet for

citizen’s comments would be utilized as well as language regarding Council Members sponsoring agenda items.

Council Member Beverly suggested having outside legal counsel look at this before they make the changes.

Council Member Pender moved to place this on Unfinished Business for the May 25, 2016 Council meeting.

MOTION	Ben Pender
SECOND	Shane Siwik
<u>Voice Vote:</u>	
Beverly	Aye
Kindred	Aye
Mila	Aye
Pender	Aye
Rapp	Aye
Siwik	Aye
Snow	Aye

NEW COUNCIL BUSINESS

1. Presentation of tentative budget for fiscal year 2016/2017

- a. **Acceptance by Council of each fund of the Tentative Budget for fiscal year 2016/2017.** Finance Director, Kyle Kershaw, passed out a copy of the tentative budget to the Council and reviewed with them the tentative budget highlights page. A copy of each is attached and incorporated by this reference.

Mr. Kershaw advised the Council that there are no proposed increases in taxes or fees. There is a proposed three percent step increase for public employees and a one percent cost of living increase for public safety employees.

Mr. Kershaw pointed out that this is the first budget in the post hold harmless era and the years of planning for this have paid off. He is really happy with the way things have turned out.

Mr. Kershaw said in the Capital Fund there is about \$425,000 that staff is recommending coming out of Fund Balance. Seventy-five thousand of that is for an elevator project in the Police Department. This was supposed to happen in the current year budget but for various reasons was unable to be done. So the money will not be spent this year but go into Fund Balance and then be reallocated in this next budget for the project.

In his opinion, Mr. Kershaw feels they have been really conservative in revenue and sales taxes. He does not think they will need to go into Fund Balance at all for the Capital Fund or the General Fund because they are being very conservative. He believes there will be growth this year in sales taxes which will offset going into Fund Balance.

In the General Fund there is \$250,000 allocated from Fund Balance. There are two parts to it. Right now staff is analyzing some storm water situations confronting them. The State water quality people are enforcing storm water regulations and plans that the City has to abide by. Right now the City has no funding mechanism for storm water except to come out of general tax revenue. As some of the studies go on and recommendations are made, the Council will be presented some options on how to deal with storm water. The other part of the \$250,000 is for the raises. They budget that they will be fully staffed in every department for the entire year, which has never happened. There will be some savings and Mr. Kershaw guaranteed that the departments will be underspent in this allocation which means they will not have to use any Fund Balance.

In December last year there was a sewer rate increase approved and adopted which took effect February first of this year. With that, staff is thinking they can dig out of the negative situation in the Sewer Fund. They are excited to get some additional revenue and be able to do some additional projects. The thing that drives expenditures in the Sewer Fund is the City's membership in the Central Valley Water Reclamation Facility. Every budget year those costs go up two, three, or more, percent and they are passed on to the City and the rate payers. The City does not have any control over them; we just have to react to them.

There is no proposed rate increase in the Garbage Fund. There is a slight increase in the contract but staff feels they have sufficient funds to absorb those costs.

With the Medicaid increase, at the end of March the City has realized about \$175,000 of actual increased revenue in the Ambulance Fund. Annualized over a twelve month period, that would be close to a \$234,000 increase in revenue which is applied in this budget. The Ambulance Fund is still requiring about an \$80,000 transfer from the Capital Fund to cover operating costs. The State is going to increase some of the rates modestly but we don't know what they are yet and it is not included in this budget. Any increased revenue that comes in will reduce the \$80,000. Mr. Kershaw also expects that they will under spend on the expense side which will also offset the \$80,000.

The Housing Fund is where they fund the Community Connection

Program. It is funded by federal funding and some revenue off of apartments the City owns.

The Insurance Reserve Fund is an internal service fund where each of the departments contributes their share of costs for liability and property insurance. Each department has an insurance line item and it all ends up here so they can pay the bill and capture the costs under on fund so they can see what is happening. This is one area where staff doesn't have the best information. They are currently out for renewal with property and liability. They could be looking at a five percent increase and that is built into the General Fund budget but, depending on when the information comes in, they may need to take another look at it before the Council adopts the budget.

The Council needs to adopt the budget by June 22 and the last scheduled Council meeting is June 15.

Council Member Rapp confirmed that a five percent shortfall on the budget would be \$500,000.

Mr. Kershaw explained that their growth from sales tax has slowed down. As of June 30 staff is anticipating a hold harmless distribution from the State for around \$990,000, which is about \$500,000 better than last year. That means the City would have to make up that \$990,000 in the 2016-17 budget year. In this budget staff has implemented two items that saved about \$520,000. One was they redeemed their sales tax bond which saves \$350,000 a year in sales taxes making that payment. That has been applied in this budget. They have also been reserving every year about \$175,000 in sales taxes from a police federal grant. The City had some grant funded police officers and had to pay the fourth year. After the fourth year those positions were eliminated the three positions through attrition. They have been reserving that money, knowing they would need it, and it has also been applied to this budget. So, they have already applied more than half of the \$990,000 they have to make up before June 2017. If growth still occurs at five percent that will more than make up any lose. He would expect, barring a collapse of the economy or anything else that affects taxable sales, a year from now they will be at the breakeven point. That is the estimate right now.

Council Chair Snow confirmed as of June 30 2016 they expect a hold harmless payment of \$990,000 but on June 30, 2017 they will get zero. There are no further payments being made. So the plan is they can make up half with the sales tax bond retirement and the elimination of the grant positions and the other half through sales tax growth.

Mr. Kershaw agreed.

Council Chair Snow doesn't know of an explanation for how the Council came up with additional money to fund the raises for police and fire. Initially they had not allocated a source for that.

Mr. Kershaw explained that they have gone through a transition where they have lost several senior employees and replaced them with lower paying, entry level employees. They were able to save a lot in expenditures in that way. With conservative forecasting they anticipate sales tax to grow throughout the coming years. What is not in the budget is any revenue off the new development because they don't know when Winco will come on line. They did not anticipate any revenue in this budget from that. When it comes in they will make a determination and try to calculate and quantify what that amount is and give the Council that information. That is why he is almost certain that sales tax is going to be bigger than what they have anticipated. To fund those increases and to do the modest ones being proposed in this budget, there has been a lot of savings, the Mayor asked the departments to come in with flat or very near flat budgets, which is what they did. The City has had a lot of turnover. The Police Department lost six or seven senior people and replaced with entry type people.

Council Member Pender asked if they still do the cops grant.

Mayor Wood explained that it has been restructured and the City now pays seventy-five percent and the grant is for twenty-five percent from the federal government. They didn't feel, with 2016 in front of them, that it was a good thing to do.

Council Member Pender said it is a good deal. It is money well spent. He would be interested to know if they still offer the program.

Mr. Kershaw said they could find out if they still offer it.

Council Member Siwik asked if there was money coming back into the City from the RDA.

Mr. Kershaw advised that if the property sale closes before June 30, 2016, two million won't need to move from the Capital Fund to the RDA. At the end of the transaction there will be \$1.2 million that will flow into the RDA Fund Balance for the Board to consider next year. Mr. Kershaw will talk about it later tonight in the RDA meeting.

Council Member Rapp moved that the Council accept the **Tentative General Fund** budget for 2016-2017 in the amount of \$26,522,317.

MOTION Kevin Rapp
SECOND Shane Siwik

Roll Call Vote:

Beverly Aye
Kindred Aye
Mila Aye
Pender Aye
Rapp Aye
Siwik Aye
Snow Aye

Council Member Kindred moved that the Council accept the **Tentative Leased Equipment Debt Service Fund** budget for 2016-2017 in the amount of \$310,300.

MOTION Mark Kindred
SECOND Kevin Rapp

Roll Call Vote:

Beverly Aye
Kindred Aye
Mila Aye
Pender Aye
Rapp Aye
Siwik Aye
Snow Aye

Council Member Siwik moved that the Council accept the **Tentative Capital Improvements Fund** budget for 2016-2017 in the amount of \$2,989,800.

MOTION Shane Siwik
SECOND Mark Kindred

Roll Call Vote:

Beverly Aye
Kindred Aye
Mila Aye
Pender Aye
Rapp Aye
Siwik Aye
Snow Aye

Council Chair Snow moved that the Council accept the **Tentative Water Utility Fund** budget for 2016-2017 in the amount of \$2,387,000.

MOTION Debbie Snow
SECOND Ben Pender

Roll Call Vote:

Beverly Aye
Kindred Aye
Mila Aye
Pender Aye
Rapp Aye
Siwik Aye
Snow Aye

Council Member Pender moved that the Council accept the **Tentative Sewer Utility Fund** budget for 2016-2017 in the amount of \$2,015,500.

MOTION Ben Pender
SECOND Debbie Snow

Roll Call Vote:

Beverly Aye
Kindred Aye
Mila Aye
Pender Aye
Rapp Aye
Siwik Aye
Snow Aye

Council Member Rapp moved that the Council accept the **Tentative Solid Waste Collection Fund** budget for 2016-2017 in the amount of \$477,000.

MOTION Kevin Rapp
SECOND Shane Siwik

Roll Call Vote:

Beverly Aye
Kindred Aye
Mila Aye
Pender Aye
Rapp Aye
Siwik Aye
Snow Aye

Council Member Kindred moved that the Council accept the **Tentative Ambulance Services Fund** budget for 2016-2017 in the amount of \$1,241,000.

MOTION Mark Kindred
SECOND Debbie Snow

Roll Call Vote:

Beverly Aye
Kindred Aye
Mila Aye
Pender Aye
Rapp Aye
Siwik Aye
Snow Aye

Council Member Shane Siwik moved that the Council accept the **Tentative Housing Fund** budget for 2016-2017 in the amount of \$176,000.

MOTION Shane Siwik
SECOND Kevin Rapp

Roll Call Vote:

Beverly Aye
Kindred Aye
Mila Aye
Pender Aye
Rapp Aye
Siwik Aye
Snow Aye

Council Chair Snow moved that the Council accept the **Tentative Insurance Reserve Fund** budget for 2016-2017 in the amount of \$662,000.

MOTION Debbie Snow
SECOND Ben Pender

Roll Call Vote:

Beverly Aye
Kindred Aye
Mila Aye
Pender Aye
Rapp Aye
Siwik Aye
Snow Aye

b. Set public hearing date to receive public comment on proposed 2016/2017 City Budget

Council Member Pender moved that the Council set **Wednesday, May 25, 2016, at 7:30 p.m.**, or as soon thereafter as possible, as the date and time for a public hearing to receive public input regarding the proposed budget for the City of South Salt Lake for fiscal year July 1, 2016, to June 30, 2017.

MOTION Ben Pender
SECOND Shane Siwik

Roll Call Vote:

Beverly Aye
Kindred Aye
Mila Aye
Pender Aye
Rapp Aye
Siwik Aye
Snow Aye

2. **City Council communications with staff.** Council Member Siwik feels the Council ought to be able to communicate with the City Recorder's Office without going through the Mayor's Office on things. When they go through the budget they will have questions for Mr. Kershaw which could lead to other questions which could be a five minute conversation over the phone. If the Council is to legislate and be proactive in their position they need to do more than just have questions answered. He asked Mayor Wood how they do that.

Mayor Wood feels they have put a great process together that allows for quick turnaround and notifies all Council Members what questions are being asked. Maybe some of them have the same question and three different Council Members are approaching staff at different times asking the same question over. She wants to know if the process hasn't worked for the Council since it has been put in place.

Mr. Siwik answered that it didn't yesterday when the Recorder wouldn't reply with a link or directions on how to find the information online.

Mayor Wood said he didn't follow the process.

Council Member Siwik asked why he should have to go through the Mayor's Office when the Recorder works for the City Council as well. Part of his budget is through the City Council.

Mayor Wood agreed but explained she could appoint a liaison to take all that information, and the requests from the Council, so that she can ensure that in public meeting her staff is not humiliated for not getting information to the Council. It has been working really well.

Council Member Siwik said it is working for the Mayor but not for him. As a citizen, he had better response from staff than he has as a Council Member. He is not trying to call up staff and say he needs a report or he needs them to do x, y, and z. He might just have an idea or whatever. He asked if the Mayor was telling the Council that they are not to communicate with her staff at all without going through her.

Mayor Wood answered yes. She is asking them to follow this process so they can make sure the Council is getting all the same information. There have been complaints from Council Members feeling like some Council Members get more information than others. This way they are all getting the same information, all of the questions are being answered and they are getting it quick. Yesterday's request wasn't done in the established process. It was not followed.

Council Member Siwik stated that the Recorder works for the City Council. Part of his salary comes from the City Council. The Recorder is an executive secretary to the City Council to help with things. If he was to come in to amend his conflict of interest statement he could come in and do that and have a conversation with him but over the phone or over email he seems to get stonewalled. He asked the Mayor that when she answered "yes," is she talking all employees or just the department heads.

The Mayor answered just her department heads.

Council Member Rapp inquired about the City Attorney, since he is supposed to be working for the Council as well.

Mayor Wood advised that she couldn't answer that in this meeting.

Council Member Kindred asked if they want to have a discussion with a department head, and it is requested through the Mayor's Office, does that get announced to the rest of the Council. Can they sit down with a department head and just have a discussion.

Mayor Wood advised that they can schedule that through her office. It worked really well because a Council Member requested a meeting with a department head and the topic was of interest to another Council Member and they piggybacked it so her staff is addressing it one time rather than two different times. She suggested after the budget is over with, they could always have work meetings and have department heads come to the meeting and answer their questions.

Council Member Kindred said he asked the question because there are departments he didn't even know existed and it would be nice to sit down with as many of them as possible to have a conversation with them.

Mayor Wood said she is not blocking the Council's access to the department heads, she is just asking them to schedule it through her. It is working better for her staff. They are her priority in making sure they can still run their departments, do their daily job duties and support the City Council.

Council Member Beverly explained two years ago, during the budget season, they had people who were left out of the loop and didn't have questions

answered. They had a chair at that time that wasn't necessarily following through so that is why this process was invented, to make sure that doesn't happen again.

Council Chair Snow added that it wasn't just that the Chair didn't follow through. He was inserting himself and making a double layer of who they needed to send their requests through. It was to the Chair and then to the Mayor's Office. That was problematic and not anywhere in the Council Rules that a Chair should have to take on that responsibility of funneling questions through another layer.

Council Member Pender asked if he requests a meeting with a department head, does he need to specify what he is going to talk to them about. One of his concerns is if he goes in to talk about item A, which he said he was going to talk about, but as they begin talking it turns into items B and C and they have a great conversation about other things. If he asks to speak to a department head is that all he needs to do.

Mayor Wood answered yes. They would initially ask what he wants to speak with him about only because there may be others who want the same questions answered. They want to be supportive and there are City resources being wasted and multiple people reaching out for the same information. It is just trying to streamline and get things turned around. A couple of meetings ago it was very clear that people thought there was a block and information wasn't being given, or that someone was trying to hold that up. This process is absolutely working better. There isn't anything she will block the Council from getting. She wants to streamline the process and make it easier.

Council Chair Snow is concerned that as a citizen she had more right to contact the employees and staff of the City than she does now under this policy. She has been at one of the parks and she notices a weed or watering issue and she can shoot an email asking when the next watering will be. Now she can't do that anymore. She feels like she is being told she can't email anyone else but has to email that to Chief of Staff, Charee Peck. It is like as a Council Member she has less right. That communication is being funneled and the citizens aren't funneled that way. Many of the employee's email addresses are online on the City website. They are all public employees and they respond to the citizens that way but they are not going to respond to the Council that way. If what is preventing that line of communication is this one rule that says the Mayor is the liaison; that is a rule they can amend. That is a City municipal code rule. None of the State codes they were sent create that block in communications, only the interpretation of that particular municipal code rule. She sees the purpose of the rules in general is to insure that the Council doesn't start ordering staff around and they don't interfere, but she doesn't believe the spirit and intent of those rules is to funnel information in a certain way and give the Council fewer rights than an ordinary citizen to obtain public information from the City. She asked if the Council could cc

department heads of if the email could only go to Ms. Peck.

Mayor Wood answered that they could cc department heads but they will get a reply from Ms. Peck.

Council Member Siwik clarified that the Council can meet with department heads but just have the Mayor's Office schedule it. They can meet and visit with the other employees freely, they can take them donuts.

Mayor Wood agreed.

Council Chair Snow interjected that that is not scheduled. She asked for clarification that under this new policy they shouldn't be showing up with donuts with any of the employees.

Mayor Wood explained she is only requesting this at the cabinet level. She doesn't see it needing to go any further than that. She does think they need a streamlined process. It has been very broken.

Council Member Pender asked if the Mayor was aware of a problem he caused by taking donuts to the Fire Department.

The Mayor said she is not.

Council member Pender said he feels bad if it did occur. He feels bad for those employees that got in trouble for him doing something he thought the Mayor's staff would encourage. He hopes it is looked into.

Council Member Siwik asked that at least those staff members who have a certain percentage of their wages allocated out of the City Council budget, that there be a little bit more free flowing ability for the Council to communicate with them. That might only be the City Recorder. He thinks it is only fair for them, as Council, to be able to utilize that staff person who has some funding from them.

Council Chair Snow agreed saying if they have funding from the Council part of their duty is to serve them.

Council Member Siwik said he hoped those with funding can have some exception.

Council Member Kindred asked who that applied to.

Council Member Siwik thought it was just the Recorder. He asked Mr. Kershaw if there were others.

Mr. Kershaw answered no.

Council Member Siwik asked if that was something that could be done.

Mayor Wood answered no. She requested that they go through her office.

Council Member Siwik said okay.

3. **State Street median enhancements.** City Engineer, Dennis Pay, reported to the Council that this is the median at State Street and about 2800 South. It has a deficient landscape system and has been an eyesore for a number of years. Staff put together a project to repair the irrigation and put in some additional plantings. This all had to be coordinated with UDOT because it is in the middle of the right-of-way. They have bid the project twice. The first time in March, no contractors bid on it. It was put out again in April and received one bid for \$29,600 which he feels is excessive. Mr. Pay feels there are some reasons for that. It is a small project, being in State Street, it is a difficult work area and there are the danger of vehicles which he feels contributed to the costs as well. The City has \$20,000 in Gateway Funds available from last year's budget that they could put toward this however, what they have right now is a considerable shortfall. He asked what direction the Council would like them to take on this. He sees a few options. One would be to just drop it and do nothing. The contractor did indicate that they could talk about some value engineering to see if they could reduce costs. Mr. Pay thinks they may get some savings there. Another option would be to award the project now and schedule it to overlap into the next fiscal year's budget so they could allocate funds to complete it or they could not award now and try bidding it later in the year with the hopes there would be more interest but there is no guarantee.

Council Member Beverly asked if the Gateway Funds disappear or do they have a time limit to use them?

Mr. Pay answered that they have them and they could be rolled over to the next year.

Council Member Kindred asked what would be done here.

Mr. Pay said it would be to excavate out some of the material on the surface, put in some top soil, redo the landscaping, put a new irrigation controller in, and some new plantings.

Council Member Pender asked if it was a project the City could take on.

Mr. Pay said it was a possibility. They would have to talk to the Parks and Public Works Departments and see if they could coordinate it. They have the capability but it would take from other projects that need to be done.

Mr. Kershaw advised there is another option. They will be underspent in a lot of other areas in the Capital Improvements Fund and if the Council is okay

with being overspent in one area and under spent in another. As far as State law goes, the bottom line of the Capital Improvements Fund has to be under budget but you can horse trade a little bit within the fund itself. So that is another option if the sentiment is to go ahead with the project.

Council Member Pender asked if there were other alternatives for the irrigation, \$29,000 seems outrageous to him. He thinks they could do some things a lot less expensive there.

Council Member Rapp said they don't have to do the project right now. They can wait and see if other bids come in.

Mr. Pay clarified that they would have to tell the contractor it is over budget and rebid the project later.

Council Member Beverly agreed with Council Member Rapp. She felt they should bid at least one more time. But if it is over budget she likes the option Mr. Kershaw suggested.

Council Chair Snow suggested that they take the bid and run with it. This median has bugged her for several years. She drives by it every day and many times it is grown over with weeds, depending on the time of year. It is an eyesore and she thinks creating more of a boulevard feel for State Street helps the businesses and helps the image of the City. This is something viewed by probably hundreds and thousands of people every week. To her it is worth it to take care of it and make it beautiful. She knows it is over budget but that would be her feelings.

Mr. Pay advised that if they move forward they could talk to the contractor and see if they have some ideas where they could achieve some savings. He thinks they may be able to cut a few thousand dollars out of it. They couldn't completely close the gap but make it more tolerable.

Mayor Wood advised that they have been notified by Salt Lake County that Salt Lake City and South Salt Lake are the recipients of some grant funding from the County. They are analyzing what they call "Life on State" from the State Capital to 3300 South. That will look at transportation, infrastructure and land use along State Street which will help.

Urban Design Director, Sharen Hauri, advised that landscaping usually does not get better in the fall because it is the last thing they have to do with a road project and the project usually takes longer than anticipated.

The Council took a straw poll and agreed that they should accept the bid and take care of the project now.

Council Member Rapp moved to adjourn.

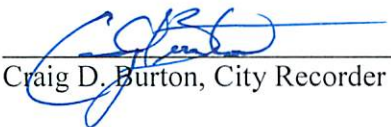
MOTION Kevin Rapp
SECOND Ben Pender

Voice Vote:

Beverly Aye
Kindred Aye
Mila Aye
Pender Aye
Rapp Aye
Siwik Aye
Snow Aye

The meeting adjourned at 8:48 p.m.


Deborah A. Snow, Council Chair


Craig D. Burton, City Recorder

