

South Salt Lake City Council
Work Meeting Agenda

Public Notice is hereby given that the **South Salt Lake City Council** will hold a Work Meeting on **Wednesday, December 10, 2014** in the City Council Chambers, 220 East Morris Avenue, **commencing at 6:00 p.m.**, or as soon thereafter as possible.

Conducting: Irvin H. Jones, Jr., Council Chair

MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION:

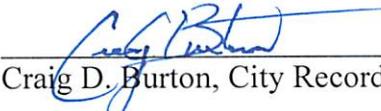
1. 2016 Budget Update
2. Animal Ordinance Discussion – Animal Limits

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CRAIG D. BURTON
CITY RECORDER
December 5, 2014

Each of the Deseret News and Salt Lake Tribune was advised of the Work Meeting of the Council to be held Wednesday, December 10, 2014 by fax transmittal of the foregoing agenda on Friday, December 5, 2014.

Dated this 5th day of December, 2014.



Craig D. Burton, City Recorder

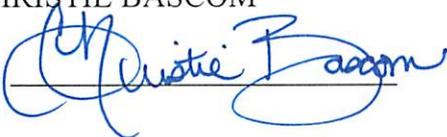
CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE WITH OPEN MEETING LAW

The undersigned, duly qualified and acting City Recorder of the City of South Salt Lake, does hereby certify that on the 5th day of December, 2014, pursuant to Utah Code Annotated Section 52-4-202 (1953), as amended, there was posted (at least 24 hours prior to the meeting time) at the regular meeting place of the City Council of the City of South Salt Lake, written Notice of the Agenda of the Work Meeting of the Council, a copy of which is attached and incorporated herein as Exhibit "A." The undersigned does further certify that there was mailed or delivered to all persons shown on Exhibit "B," Notice of Agenda of the above mentioned work meeting, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein.

Name: CRAIG D. BURTON
Title: CITY RECORDER

Signature: 

Witnessed the 5th day of December, 2014 by
Name: CHRISTIE BASCOM

Signature: 



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CITY OF SOUTH SALT LAKE
CITY COUNCIL WORK MEETING

COUNCIL MEETING Wednesday, December 10, 2014
6:00 p.m.

CITY OFFICES 220 East Morris Avenue #200
South Salt Lake, Utah 84115

PRESIDING Council Chair Irvin H. Jones, Jr.
CONDUCTING Council Chair Irvin H. Jones, Jr.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sharla Beverly, Ryan Gold, Irvin H. Jones, Jr., Kevin Rapp
Michael Rutter, Debbie Snow arrived at 6:02 pm, and LeRoy Turner arrived at 6:17 pm

STAFF PRESENT:

Lyn Creswell, City Attorney
Charee Peck, Chief of Staff
Paul Roberts, Deputy City Attorney
Randy Sant, Economic Development Consultant
Mike Florence, Community Development Director
Mont Roosendaal, Public Assets Director
Kyle Kershaw, Finance Director
Glenn Smith, Urban Livability Director
Sharen Hauri, Urban Design Director
Aaron Wiet, Recreation Director
Myrna Clark, Deputy Recreation Director
Debbie Pedersen, Animal Services
Craig Burton, City Recorder
Paula Melgar, Deputy City Recorder

STAFF EXCUSED:

Mayor Cherie Wood

OTHERS PRESENT:

See attached list.

Matters for Discussion

1. **2016 Budget Update.** Finance Director, Kyle Kershaw, gave a brief update on how City Staff is still planning to address the upcoming 2016 challenges. Mr. Kershaw presented a brief update of where City is on major revenue sources, particularly in the Governmental Fund; General Fund and Capital Improvement Fund. A copy of this presentation is attached and incorporated by this reference.

Mr. Kershaw clarified that any growth in sales taxes in the next couple of years will be dedicated, for the most part, to close the gap. Any major expenditure increase entertained in the next couple of years will have to be funded by some alternate source or revenue stream.

Council Member Jones asked for clarification on new revenue from economic development.

Mr. Kershaw confirmed that new revenue from economic development will be part of the “new growth” piece of the equation and the City does get credit for that. Mr. Kershaw explained that according to news sources, there have been some problems with the County Assessor who hasn’t been calculating new growth correctly. Now, Salt Lake City has brought the question up and it is under review. Still, if there is major construction that gets completed, it goes on the property tax rolls and the City should get credit for it.

- 2. Animal Ordinance Discussion – Animal Limits.** Deputy City Attorney, Paul Roberts, introduced the Ordinance on Animal Limits. Mr. Roberts reported what other jurisdictions are doing and how the City compares. A copy of this presentation is attached and incorporated by this reference.

Animal Control Officer, Deborah Pedersen, addressed the Council to explain the City’s recommendations. Ms. Pedersen hopes to encourage animal adoption by allowing an extra dog or cat, to the existing limit of two animals per household; if a third animal is adopted from a rescue. The limit on exotic animals is to avoid the recent news of individuals being reported as having thirty or more exotic snakes in their basement. The rabbit limit is also to avoid excess. Ms. Pedersen recalls taking over thirty rabbits from a household.

Mr. Roberts clarified that litters are not included, as individuals have four to six months to place them.

Council Member Rapp asked in the situation of the thirty rabbits, if that was a hoarding situation or were the individuals really raising them?

Ms. Pedersen explained that the individual believed that animals are natural creatures and so they could just breathe. In fact, the household contained close to 100 rabbits.

Council Member Snow noted the number of cats was the only number reduced, although if a cat is rescued, then individuals could increase the total number to three. She asked if this changes the expectations of people who currently have three cats.

Mr. Roberts explained that if these individuals have resided in the City and had the animals, they would be grandfathered until one of the cats passed on. An addendum could be added to the ordinance, or left at the discretion of the Animal Control Officers, to look at each situation.

Council Member Snow remarked that this issue has been addressed before in regards to chickens and she would like to see these grandfather provisions written in.

Council Member Gold expressed concern that the only way the City would know is if animals are licensed. He does not believe a lot of people license cats and suggested a notice be mailed to residents advising them to license their animals so they could be grandfathered.

Mr. Roberts explained that the City policy on cat licensing has not been brought up with the Council, and there is not enough time to address it now, but it will be brought up soon.

Council Member Rapp expressed unbelief in Salt Lake City having an unlimited number of cats and asked about the difference between the limits kept at home and the limits on feral cats being fed by the same individuals who already have cats at home.

Officer Pedersen explained that pet cats fall under the same leash law as dogs. Animals are to be kept contained in the owner's property at all times. Cats that are owned and taken to the veterinarian every year for vaccination and exams, as well as those that are kept in the house are the pets that would be licensed.

Mr. Roberts explained that feral cats are being chipped and tagged and if one was captured and kept; that would be a benefit of the licensing and the microchip and would not get re-chipped.

Council Member Gold remarked how in some cities, if an individual is feeding feral cats, the cats are considered to be theirs.

Mr. Roberts explained that feral cats are the communities' cat. They are not the individuals.

Ms. Pedersen explained that this notion was changed with the State's Community Cat Act.

Council Member Jones said this is assuming the Council passes the Community Cat Program. He asked if, the Council does not pass this, are the feral cats not the Communities' cats.

Mr. Roberts explained that feral cats are still community cats under State law. Feral cats that are tagged could not be disposed of, and are considered community cats. The proposal is to have a city-wide program to regulate the numbers of feral cats.

Meeting adjourned at 6:32 p.m.



Irvin H. Jones, Jr., Council Chair



Craig Burton, City Recorder

