

CITY OF SOUTH SALT LAKE
CITY COUNCIL WORK MEETING

COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, February 11, 2015
6:00 p.m.

CITY OFFICES

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

PRESIDING
CONDUCTING

Council Chair Irvin H. Jones, Jr.
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COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ryan Gold, Irvin H. Jones, Jr., Kevin Rapp
Michael Rutter, Debbie Snow and LeRoy Turner

COUNCIL MEMBERS EXCUSED:

Sharla Beverly

STAFF PRESENT:

Mayor Cherie Wood
Charee Peck, Chief of Staff
Lyn Creswell, City Attorney
Paul Roberts, Deputy City Attorney
Glenn Smith, Urban Livability Director
Mont Roosendaal, Public Assets Director
Mike Florence, Community Development Director
Craig Burton, City Recorder
Paula Melgar, Deputy City Recorder

OTHERS PRESENT:

See attached list.

Matters for Discussion

- 1. Animal Ordinance Discussion.** Debbie Pedersen, from Animal Control, explained that one of the advantages of cat licensing is to get a basic census of how many people own cats. Also, when the cats are caught, no one comes forward to pick them up but if they were microchipped they would know where they belong and get the cat returned to the owner. At the same time they could also talk with them about proper cat care and the rules of keeping cats indoors and on their own property.

Council Member Gold asked how they would enforce this.

Ms. Pedersen said it would be on a complaint basis which is similar to how they license dogs.

Council Member Rutter asked is the licensing includes a microchip or does it cost extra.

Ms. Pedersen explained the first year of licensing is \$20.00, which includes the microchip then they would pay the normal annual ten dollar licensing fee going forward. The licensing would be on personally owned cats, not the feral cats.

Mr. Roberts explained that the stray domesticated cats that aren't feral would be micro chipped as well which would be included in the adoption fee.

Council Member Rapp asked what the licensing fees would be for cats.

Mr. Roberts said it would be up to the Council to determine. Staff would probably suggest going with the same fee as the dog license.

Ms. Pedersen said the dog licensing is \$15.00 per year with a \$5.00 discount for having it microchipped. Since the cats would already have the microchip it would be \$10.00 a year. If they aren't spayed or neutered the licensing is \$40.00 a year.

Council Member Turner asked if other cities are happy with the limits they have on the number of cats people can have.

Ms. Pedersen answered that the ones she has dealt with are glad they have limits, and agree that no limits on personally owned cats, or dogs, is a difficult thing to deal with.

Council Chair Jones said everyone he has talked to is against the feral cat community program. If the City does have it he thinks they should be licensed. If a non-profit wants to have a feral cat program then they should pay the cost to have them licensed so they can keep track of them and pay the fee that residents do.

Mr. Roberts said staff could look into it.

Mr. Roberts asked for a straw poll to see how the Council felt about cat licensing.

The Council was in favor of cat licensing and a limit of two cats plus one rescued cat.

Mr. Rapp asked if everyone was comfortable with the dog limit because he has had calls from residents wanting it raised by one.

Mr. Roberts explained that currently they have a two dog limit, a three cat limit and a two ferret limit. Those are the only limits they have on animals. The proposal is two dogs plus one if it is rescued, two cats plus one if it is rescued, two ferrets, four exotic animals, which includes things like boa constrictors, and six rabbits. That is staff's recommendations and the Council is welcome to change it as they like.

The Council liked the staying with two dogs plus one rescued dog.

Council Member Rapp is worried that if they aren't trapping the feral cats they aren't getting vaccinated and if there is a rabies outbreak it could be a real problem with a lot of feral cats around. That's one of the reasons he's against the feral cat situation and he's had others say they are against it as well.

Ms. Pedersen explained that the trap, neuter and release program is lowering the cat numbers quicker than trap and kill. When they are neutered or spayed they are given a rabies vaccine at that time. If the people are unwilling to trap and bring them in because they know they will be destroyed, they won't trap at all and the cats will go unfixed and completely unvaccinated. Most of the feral cats don't live the three to four years to be revaccinated.

2. **A resolution granting permission for the Police Department to appropriate certain property in its possession to public interest use.** Mr. Roberts explained that this item is on the consent agenda of the regular meeting. He asked if there were any questions on the list of items to be appropriated.

Council Member Rutter asked if the cash could go to something else besides the General Fund or could it be put to another Fund that needs it.

Mr. Roberts explained that the cash has to go to the General Fund and then they would need to have a budget amendment to apply it somewhere else.

Council Member Rapped asked if the City has sold bikes in the past and did they get much out of them. He knows the idea is to donate the bikes; he's just curious what they have received in the past.

Mr. Roberts said he doesn't know what they have received in the past. A lot of these bikes are not fancy bikes you would get a lot of money for. Staff feels there is more value giving them to some who are less fortunate in the community.

Council Member Rutter asked if the cash could be used to help the victims of crime.

Council Chair Jones said it is a good question to bring up at budget time. He asked if it would be possible to donate other items, specifically the laptop computers, on the list to one of the community centers for the kids to use in the afterschool program.

Mr. Roberts said the items could be appropriated any way the Council directs them to. They have generally just given the items to be auctioned off but, it could be converted to the public use or, if the City wants to use them, we can. In the case of property in police possession, which wasn't actually purchased with public funds, they can donate them to any charitable organization they want to.

Mayor Wood advised that the City has already passed down the police laptops to Promise South Salt Lake and the community centers are all well stocked.

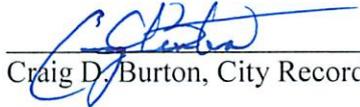
Mr. Roberts reviewed the Council Rules in regards to dealing with consent agenda

items since there haven't been any for quite some time.

The meeting adjourned at 6:31 p.m.



Irvin Jones, Council Chair



Craig D. Burton, City Recorder