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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, June 10, 2026** in the City Council Chambers, 220 East Morris Avenue, Suite 200, commencing at **6:55 p.m.**, or as soon thereafter as possible.

To watch the meeting live click the link below to join:
https://zoom.us/j/93438486912

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Conducting: Council Vice-Chair Thomas

Matters for Discussion:

1. Appointment by the Mayor: Mayor Wood, 5 min
   Stewart Okobia – Finance Director

Adjourn

Posted June 5, 2026

Those needing auxiliary communicative aids or other services for this meeting should contact Ariel Andrus at 801-483-6019, giving at least 24 hours' notice.

In accordance with State Statute and Council Policy, one or more Council Members may be connected electronically.

Have a question or concern? Call the connect line 801-464-6757 or email connect@sslc.gov

RESOLUTION NO. R2026-______

A RESOLUTION OF THE SOUTH SALT LAKE CITY COUNCIL PROVIDING ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE MAYOR ON THE APPOINTMENT OF STEWART OKOBIA AS THE FINANCE DIRECTOR AND BUDGET OFFICER FOR THE CITY OF SOUTH SALT LAKE.

WHEREAS, effective June 10, 2026, the South Salt Lake City Council (the "Council") met in regular session to discuss, among other things, the appointment by the Mayor of Stewart Okobia as the Finance Director for the City of South Salt Lake (the "City"); and

WHEREAS, Utah Code § 10-3b-202 grants authority in the Mayor of the City to appoint a budget officer and each department head and statutory officer of the municipality subject to budget constraints and with the council's advice and consent; and

WHEREAS, South Salt Lake City municipal code 2.04.030(G) further authorizes the Mayor of the City to appoint, with advice and consent of the City Council, a qualified person to serve as the Director of Finance; and

WHEREAS, South Salt Lake City municipal code 2.08.060(D) requires the Council to consider and, where appropriate, give its advice and consent to the Mayor on a proposed appointment of a city officer; and

WHEREAS, the Uniform Fiscal Procedures Act (the "Act"), Utah Code § 10-6-101 et seq., provides qualification requirements for a Budget Officer; and

WHEREAS, the Act designates the Mayor or an appointee of the Mayor, with advice and consent of the Council, to act as the Budget Officer of the City; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor has designated the Director of Finance as the City's Budget Officer and seeks the Council's advice and consent to have Stewart Okobia appointed to that role; and

WHEREAS, the Council has considered the qualifications of Stewart Okobia to serve as Director of Finance and as the City's Budget Officer pursuant to the Act and finds that he is qualified to serve in that capacity; and

WHEREAS, after careful consideration, the Council has considered the impact this resolution may have on family health, stability, and formation, and determined by majority vote that it is in the best interests of the residents of the City of South Salt Lake to give its advice and consent to the Mayor on the appointment of Stewart Okobia as the Director of Finance and Budget Officer for the City of South Salt Lake.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of The City of South Salt Lake:

1. That the City Council hereby gives its advice and consent to the Mayor on the appointment of Stewart Okobia as Director of Finance and as the Budget Officer for the City of South Salt Lake;
2. That prior to entering the duties of his office as Director of Finance and Budget Officer for the City that Stewart Okobia shall take, subscribe, and file the constitutional oath of office as required by Utah Code § 10-3-826; and
3. That this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

(signatures appear on following page)

DATED this ____ day of June, 2026.

BY THE CITY COUNCIL:

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Sharla Bynum
Council Chair

ATTEST:

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Ariel Andrus, City Recorder

City Council Vote as Recorded:

Bynum	________
deWolfe	________
Mitchell	________
Thomas	________
Williams	________
Glad	________
Jones	________

Stewart Okobia

[redacted]

SUMMARY OF SKILLS

- **Strategic Financial Leadership:** Proven expertise in directing all accounting and financial operations for municipal governments and districts while ensuring strict compliance with state and local statutes.
- **Credentials & Expertise:** Certified Internal Auditor (CIA) and MBA with deep knowledge of GAAP, GASB, internal controls, and governance.
- **Executive Communication:** Skilled at translating complex financial data into actionable insights for city councils, boards, and stakeholders.
- **Operational Excellence:** Expert in implementing organization-wide financial strategies, optimizing resources, and meeting high-pressure deadlines.
- **Technology:** Highly proficient in MS Office Suite, SQL, and Pelorus accounting software.
- **Team Leadership:** Experienced in building, leading, and mentoring high-performing teams to achieve operational success.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Greater Salt Lake Municipal Services District, Director of Finance
07/2022 - Present

- Oversee the accounting and financial functions for seven municipalities and one district; track revenues and expenses separately by fund; complete bank reconciliations for all bank accounts; prepare and distribute monthly financial reports to each municipality monthly.
- Lead the preparation and adoption of the fiscal year budget for each municipality and the district; implemented an annual budget calendar to streamline the budget process.
- Facilitate the completion of the annual financial statements audit.
- Helped with the transition of the Engineering Department from Salt Lake County to the district; implemented a new process for selecting and adding new capital projects and a new payroll software.
- Responsible for all financial compliance and filings.
- Report to the audit committee quarterly.
- Manage and motivate staff.
- Provide financial guidance to mayors and council members.
- Prepare a variety of studies, reports, and related information for decision-making purposes.

Utah State Board of Education, Financial Performance Manager
10/2018 - 07/2022

- Reviewed all Utah charter school financial statements to monitor for financial performance and long-term financial viability; assessed the fiscal management of state funds; provided targeted financial and compliance support to schools; reviewed program fund expenditures for compliance with program requirements; and monitored macroeconomic events and trends that impact schools.

- Helped to develop the Utah charter school financial accountability framework; conducted risk assessments of financial internal controls; and assisted schools in identifying gaps and implementing internal controls.
- Forecasted internal department expenditures and help prepare the $4.5 million annual budget; calculated fiscal impact notes on proposed legislation; and prepared monthly budget reports.
- Reviewed annual changes to state code that impact education; made recommendations to the board of education to create or update administrative board rules and policies to better align with changes to code; and created and implemented internal policies and procedures.
- Reviewed all charter school facility leases, lease-purchase agreements, or other contracts or agreements relating to the school's facilities or financing of the school's facilities either through bonds or notes; provided advice and recommendations before the charter school enters the lease, agreement, or contract to help mitigate financial risks and avoid common pitfalls; and helped schools facilitate effective debt service management.
- Managed the Charter School Revolving Loan fund; reviewed charter loan application and provide recommendations for approval or denial; monitored loan repayments and accounts receivable risks; adjusted the interest rates charged on new loans to ensure that the Revolving Loan fund is solvent; and provided updates and loan performance reports to the Finance Committee of the Utah State Board of Education.
- Helped implement internal policies and procedures to comply with record retention rules and helped schools identify documentation requirements to ensure that adequate supporting documentation were stored appropriately.
- Conducted in-person or online financial trainings for charter school governing boards, administrators, and finance managers to help improve their financial operations.
- Increased charter school unrestricted days cash on hand by about 7% for two consecutive years; reduced the total number of charter school financial statement audit findings for two consecutive years; and reduced the number of charter school closing due to financial mis performance.

Destination Hotels, Internal Audit Manager
08/2016 - 08/2018

- Completed about 65 on-site audits of hotels and resorts across the U.S. covering both finance and operations.
- Evaluated and reported on the effectiveness and efficiency of each hotel's implemented internal controls within cash management, accounts payable, accounts receivable, financial reporting, payroll, purchasing, contract

management, vendor management, risk management, human resources, and sales.
- Collaborated with senior management in areas where deficiencies were identified and approved their corrective actions plans.
- Helped management develop key performance indicators based on each hotel's unique brand, operating structure, and location.
- Created and updated internal standard operating procedures and policies.
- Improved productivity and cost-saving initiatives by recommending best practices and cost saving opportunities observed at one hotel that could be implemented at other hotels.

Air Methods Corporation, Senior Internal Auditor

05/2015 - 04/2016

- Completed Sarbanes Oxley (SOX) testing of financial and operational internal controls.
- Updated SOX control narratives, testing procedures, and related documentation.
- Conducted risk-based internal control tests that evaluated the effectiveness and efficiency of implemented controls, enhanced the integrity of financial operations, and protected company assets.
- Removed internal control redundancies and designed new internal controls when necessary.
- Developed audit recommendations to mitigate risks and achieve business objectives.

Sinclair Oil Corporation, Internal Auditor

06/2012 - 09/2014

- Helped coordinate the annual external audit, year-end closing tasks, and Prepared by Client
- (PBC) lists.
- Reviewed all corporate balance sheet account reconciliations quarterly.
- Performed financial analysis of significant business units and processes in areas such as sales, accounts receivable, accounts payable, inventory, wholesale billing, payroll, and tax.
- Improved the accounts payable’s duplicate payment system and saved about $77,000 by identifying conditions that bypassed the current system.
- Performed internal control assessments of acquired and joint venture companies.
- Conducted joint venture audits of about $50 million of drilling wells for accuracy and reasonableness of contractor invoices.
- Recovered about $200,000 from a vendor that incorrectly charged sales tax on per diem.
- Assigned to special projects in fraud research, physical inventory, transfer accounting on company acquisitions etc.

Sinclair Oil Corporation, Excise Tax Accountant (Financial Analyst)
04/2008 - 06/2012

- Executed monthly closing procedures, posted journal entries, and reconciled about 30 balance sheet accounts.
- Calculated monthly market indicators for senior management which included global and domestic supply and demand of crude oil and finished products, domestic imports and exports of crude oil and finished products, commodity futures prices and spreads, and changes in competitor market share.
- Built financial models that incorporated sensitivity and scenario analyses.
- Accounted for assets purchases, depreciation, and disposition of fixed assets.
- Filed all fuel, sales, and excise tax returns for 8 western states.

EDUCATION & CERTIFICATION

- Master of Business Administration, Weber State University; Ogden, UT; 04/2012.
- Graduate Certificate in Environmental Sustainability for Business, Weber State University; Ogden, UT; 04/2012.
- Bachelor of Science in Finance, Utah Valley University; Orem, UT; 06/2006.
- Certified Internal Auditor, Institute of Internal Auditors, 10/2020.

VOLUNTEER

- Utah International Charter School, Board Treasurer; South Salt Lake; 10/2021 – 11/2023.
- Big Brother and Big Sisters, Operation Hope; Denver, CO; 01/2017 - 12/2017.