

CITY OF SOUTH SALT LAKE
CITY COUNCIL WORK MEETING

COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, April 22, 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:

Sharla Beverly, Ryan Gold, Irvin H. Jones, Jr., Kevin Rapp,
Michael Rutter, and LeRoy Turner

COUNCIL MEMBERS EXCUSED:

Debbie Snow

STAFF PRESENT:

Mayor Cherie Wood
Charee Peck, Chief of Staff
Lyn Creswell, City Attorney
Paul Roberts, Deputy City Attorney
Mont Roosendaal, Public Assets Director
Glenn Smith, Urban Livability Director
Debbie Pedersen, Animal Services
Sharen Hauri, Urban Design Director
Craig Burton, City Recorder
Paula Melgar, Deputy City Recorder

OTHERS PRESENT:

See attached list.

Matters for Discussion

- 1. Urban Livability update.** Urban Livability Director, Glenn Smith, reviewed a power point presentation on what their Department has accomplished the last four years. A copy is attached to these minutes and incorporated by this reference.
- 2. Disposal of property to non-profit organizations.** Mayor Wood advised the Council that staff is concerned that after the computer is stripped down if the demographic it will be given to will be able to use it, and how useful of a tool would it be if they don't have wi-fi. Promise South Salt Lake has ten neighborhood centers and they always have a need for laptops. They don't have to be wiped as clean when they are the City's property and they can leave software on them. Promise doesn't have wi-fi at all the neighborhood centers yet but, it is a goal to get it there. Promise

puts learning software on these computers until they have internet access. She asked if there is a way to direct the youth that need computers to Promise.

Council Member Rutter said some of the refugees that he works with are not children, they are young adults and adults and could use these tools to further their education and a few could probably use them in their work. He feels if they looked broader they could do more good in the long run.

Mayor Wood said another concern is that the person who receives the computer would have to put \$150 dollars into it to make it function and staff wonders if that would be possible for the recipient to do.

Council Chair Jones said he would rather the City maintain ownership and keep control of them.

Council Member Rapp agreed that software is not cheap and if it is wiped clean, how are they going to use it?

Council Member Rutter felt that a recipient who needed a computer could easily find the means to equip it to what their needs are.

The Mayor advised that the Promise neighborhood centers serve adults as well as the children. They have citizenship and ESL classes there. So, they do support more than just children K through 12.

Council Member Rutter feels that these people need these tools to use in their employment and further education outside of the neighborhood centers.

Council Member Beverly suggested that they could equip the neighborhood centers first and once they are equipped, then they could look at expanding the program.

Mayor Wood said staff is happy to do whatever, she is just sharing with the Council the concerns and issues staff has brought up.

The Council took a straw poll and the majority wanted to give them to Promise.

- 3. Downtown Arts District.** Urban Design Director, Sharen Hauri, introduced South Salt Lake Arts Council Director, Lesly Allen.

Ms. Hauri reviewed a handout with the Council. A copy is attached and incorporated by this reference. She showed an area of town where there is already a large concentration of artistic businesses, creative businesses, inventors and innovators. There are also a lot of new businesses there doing food and beverage, outdoor recreation or arts and design. With that in mind, she recently gave Salt Lake County two applications; one for a film and digital media center and the other for an arts district and arts hub feasibility study.

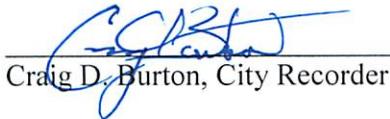
With the feasibility study they want to look at the area and figure out what kinds of things they can do that are creative place making to enhance the appearance of our downtown, highlight the creative people who are working there and make it a place where they can actually contribute. Second, what can they do to build an arts hub there? Meaning a building or a facility where artists can go and perform, rehearse, exhibit, and invite the public to participate.

The last project is the film and digital media arts center. Salt Lake County would like to have this facility not just to watch movies but to anchor the industry here. Currently, people go to school here and then leave the State for employment. Last year they thought they had a site in Salt Lake City but it was too expensive to build there. The Salt Lake County Mayor's Office pursued us because we have artists, space and good transit access. Staff came up with some ideas and presented them to the County and last week they said they would like to keep moving forward with City as one of three sites they would like to pursue. The site staff proposed to the County is on West Temple and Commonwealth Avenue. There is a great potential for this whole block to turn into a nice destination focused on the arts.

The meeting adjourned at 6:37 p.m.



Irvin H. Jones, Jr., Council Chair



Craig D. Burton, City Recorder

