

CITY OF SOUTH SALT LAKE  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING

COUNCIL MEETING Wednesday, June 8, 2016  
7:00 p.m.

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

PRESIDING Council Chair Debbie Snow

CONDUCTING: Council Member Mark  
Kindred

SERIOUS MOMENT OF REFLECTION/  
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Shane Siwik

SERGEANT AT ARMS Amanda Gencarella

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

STAFF PRESENT:  
Mayor Cherie Wood  
Charee Peck, Chief of Staff  
Lyn Creswell, City Attorney  
Hannah Vickery, Deputy City Attorney  
Kyle Kershaw, Finance Director  
Randy Sant, Economic Development Consultant  
Ron Morris, Fire Chief  
Frank Lilly, Deputy Community and Economic Development Director  
Mont Roosendaal, Public Assets Director  
Sharen Hauri, Urban Design Director  
Kari Cutler, Promise South Salt Lake Director  
Craig D. Burton, City Recorder  
Paula Melgar, Deputy City Recorder

OTHERS PRESENT:  
See attached list.

Council Member Mila participated electronically via telephone.

The meeting was scheduled to begin at 7:00 p.m. but started at 7:26 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**May 18, 2015 Work Meeting.** Council Chair Snow moved to approve these minutes.

MOTION Debbie Snow  
 SECOND Sharla Beverly  
Voice Vote:  
 Beverly Aye  
 Kindred Aye  
 Mila Aye  
 Pender Aye  
 Rapp Aye  
 Siwik Aye  
 Snow Aye

**May 25, 2015 Regular Meeting.** Council Member Beverly moved to approve these minutes.

MOTION Sharla Beverly  
 SECOND Ben Pender  
Voice Vote:  
 Beverly Aye  
 Kindred Aye  
 Mila Aye  
 Pender Aye  
 Rapp Abstain  
 Siwik Aye  
 Snow Aye

Council Member Rapp abstained because he was not in attendance at the meeting.

**NO ACTION COMMENTS**

1. **SCHEDULING.** The Deputy City Recorder informed those at the meeting of upcoming events, meetings, activities, etc.
2. **CITIZEN COMMENTS/QUESTIONS.** **Jeanette Potter, 133 East 2400 South, and Kim Casey, 167 East 2400 South.** Ms. Potter requested increased police patrol in their neighborhood. With Burton and Truman closed they don't see as much police presence and it allows people to hide in their neighborhood. She recounted the incidents that have happened in the neighborhood in the last week. She again asked the Council to requests more patrol in their neighborhood. It is getting extremely worse than it ever has been in the nineteen years she has here.

Ms. Casey speculated on who might be the problem in the area. There is no lighting at the end of the street. It has been spreading down the street. There are a lot of problems in the area.

Ms. Casey asked about mosquito abatement with the standing water at Granite High.

Council Member Pender said he will follow up with the District on the issue.

**Boyd Marshall, 238 E. Cordelia Avenue.** He asked what the City Council hopes to accomplish, or achieve by hiring an attorney.

Council Chair Debbie Snow said she has not personally ever sought to hire an attorney but feels like this has been forced upon them because of incidents that have occurred. There have been allegations of misconduct from outside the City that have come to their attention, that have created a discomfort. She has also been notified of an internal investigation that's been begun too concerning these outside allegations about the legal department. These have come to the attention of the Council. It's not something they sought out, and certainly wish hadn't happened, but at this point she doesn't feel like they have any other choice but to get outside counsel.

Mr. Marshall said the perception from out in the City is they are hiring an attorney because the Mayor vetoed something they did, which makes no sense. That happens all the time in politics.

Council Chair Snow said that is not what is happening.

Mr. Marshall said the Council doesn't trust the legal department for the City. He heard a comment that one of them made saying the Attorney works for the Mayor. The Attorney actually works for the whole City. Yes, he does work for the Mayor but he's open to see any one of the Council at any time. There's always going to be disagreements between the Council and the Mayor and even between Council Members. That's part of the makeup of government so that you have diverging opinions on what's going on. The main thing about that divergence is at some point there should be compromise because they all represent every citizen in this City, not just those who elected them.

Mr. Marshall also didn't like that the Council only gave Department Heads a small time slot, yet none of them understand what goes into those budgets and why. If they are going to pass the budget for the City, they should have enough sense to delve into what it takes to run the City from bottom to top.

**John Weaver, 670 E. Kings Lane.** He believes everyone is here because they care. As they look at potential cuts he encouraged the Council to be willing to look at everything and to not look exclusively at large ticket items. Prioritization will be one of the greatest challenges. He feels clean water and sewer are the highest priority. Public safety is high on the list of vital services the City offers. He explained that the Council in his time came from a situation of having hired out services and discovered what was promised wasn't delivered and the quality of what was being offered wasn't to appropriate standards. It was a high priority of a basic service. It is really a misnomer to call the department a fire department because ninety plus percent of all calls are medical. To farm that out, they would be giving up a significant

part of what in-house control they have of the quality of service, continuity of care, and all the expenses of sending engines up to the hospital. He thinks they made the right decision at the time. The City runs three handed engines instead of five because they set up the ambulance service so they can cross-train and get the most service out of the employees as possible. It will probably always run at a deficit but government is not a for profit operation.

**Casey Fitts, 371 East Truman Avenue.** He is here because of phone calls he has received about the ambulance issue the Council is discussing. He feels it was a wise decision. As a resident, he wants the very best care coming to his house if he has to call an ambulance. The City takes a lot of his tax dollars for very few things that he doesn't pay for. He pays for his garbage and sewer. Any other service the City provides, the one he wants at the very best caliber that can possibly come to his door is an ambulance, fire engine and a police department vehicle. He has no doubt if they did an RFQ that the City's Police and Fire would deliver better dollar for the service than any other option. He implored the Council that it is time to answer that in a detailed process. Don't rush to it saying you have two weeks until the budget closes and they have to make a decision. Don't pick and choose who they are going to go with. They need to open it up to everyone. Give the citizens a chance to weigh in and let the Council know what they want. Public safety is not an issue that should be decided alone by the seven members of the Council. He implored the Council that if there are reasons to look at a change that the Council makes a schedule that allows plenty of public input.

**Joe Anderson, 358 E Vidas Avenue, member of the South Salt Lake Fire Department.** The opinions he will give are his own, not the departments. The ambulance service is the best the City has seen. He is not being pressured by anyone to make these comments. He has heard that the Council believes that all of the Fire Department wants to get rid of the ambulance service. For him there is a value to having the ambulances in the City. If he ever has to call an ambulance he hopes it will be a South Salt Lake one. He knows he will get better care than any other service. On Monday, UFA Station 101 had a call come in and they were already on one so the closest engine came from 1800 East 3300 South and the closest UFA ambulance was in Midvale. In South Salt Lake, if their ambulances are busy, they will get the next closest ambulance whether it is UFA, Murray or West Valley. Whoever is closest, they respond if they are busy. He feels South Salt Lake has the best ambulance service that he has seen in his career.

- 3. MAYOR COMMENTS.** Mayor Wood asked the Council for direction regarding future work meetings. There are many conversations that need to be had. It is looking like the Council is positioning to make some serious cuts. They have spent a lot of time hearing from outside agencies and what they can provide but they are not hearing from our department heads and what they provide for the City. They need an additional work meeting scheduled. They still need to hear from Chief Morris to give him the ability to reply to the

presentation that was given. They still need to hear from the Finance Director, City Attorney's Office and Urban Livability.

The Council discussed how to handle this situation and decided they would go back to the work meeting tonight and finish all the agenda items on it. Then they will hold a work meeting prior to next week's Council meeting.

- 4. CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS.** Council Member Mila congratulated all the students in South Salt Lake that just graduated from high school. There was a refugee student in South Parc who was chosen to speak at Cottonwood High School's commencement ceremony, which is a great honor.

Council Member Beverly thanked Station 41. She rode in the ambulance and learned a lot.

Council Member Pender recognized members of the South Salt Lake Police Department who assisted in the Midvale area on a homicide suspect. He appreciates their service.

Council Member Siwik said that over the last three years the City has spent \$1.23 million dollars on outside legal counsel; \$476,000 for prosecution, \$466,000 was land use, RDA and litigation. City Attorney, Lyn Creswell, advised the Council to look for someone with enough land use experience that they might save the City some money in doing this. That is the hope that this can reduce the use of outside legal counsel.

Council Member Siwik expressed appreciation for Mr. Weaver's comments tonight. Sometimes there were the factions and contentions. He appreciates his words. Just taking a self-inventory once in a while is a good thing.

Council Member Siwik advised that they have had a rash of vandalism and car break-ins on Plymouth Avenue over the last week. He asked if the police could do a little increased patrol there. He asked for staff's help in setting up a neighborhood watch meeting with police and neighbors.

Council Member Kindred advised the employees that come out to the meetings that several Council Members are new. It may seem they are knit picking, they are not. A lot of it is just trying to get through the numbers. He personally appreciates all the work the employees do for the City. They do a fantastic job. It was really distressing to hear in the work meeting that morale is so low. That is disappointing. He hopes it is not money, of course it's a big portion of that, but he hopes there are other things they can do as a City to address that as well.

Council Chair Snow echoed Council Member Siwik's concerns with the rash of vandalism on Plymouth and is fully supportive of his suggestions. She wants to have the police department assist them because their property values

matter and their quality of life.

Council Chair Snow explained that the Council is diving deep into each department to the extent that they can and she thinks they've had a lot of in depth discussion over a period of months. She thinks it is their duty. She hopes no one takes offense as they do that job. They have gone through a good process and will continue to do so through the next two weeks.

Council Member Rapp echoed Council Chair Snow's remarks. It is not easy to try to figure out how to plug all the holes they have in the budget and try to make it so it works for everybody. They have the fiscal responsibility to the taxpayers but they also have to make sure the City runs properly. He hopes no one takes offense to the questions; they are just trying to work it through and find out the best thing that works.

He also congratulated all the youth who graduated from high school, junior high and elementary school as well.

The Council moved next to Unfinished Business Item Number 2 on the agenda.

**ACTION ITEMS**

**UNFINISHED COUNCIL BUSINESS**

2. **An ordinance changing the zone district designation from Single Family Residential (R-1) to Community Facilities (CF) for City-owned property located at 665 and 667 East Spring View Drive, and 3180 South 700 East.** Deputy Community and Economic Development Director, Frank Lilly, advised the Council that this is the necessary first step in allowing the Water Department to expand their facilities.

Council Member Beverly moved to approve this ordinance.

MOTION      Sharla Beverly

SECOND      Shane Siwik

Roll Call Vote:

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

**NEW COUNCIL BUSINESS**

- 1. A resolution approving execution of an interlocal cooperation agreement with Salt Lake County to transfer \$1,000,000 of County Transportation Funds to the City to be used by the City for certain transportation purposes.** Economic Development Consultant, Randy Sant, explained that this resolution allows the City to enter into an interlocal agreement with Salt Lake County which will transfer to the City one million dollars in transportation money that can be used by the City to do transportation projects. It can be used for any road project whether it is new construction, repair, or maintenance. It can be used for trails, pedestrian, or intermodal.

Finance Director, Kyle Kershaw explained that this money has not been budgeted. It will be recognized in the Capital Improvements Fund. It will be a restricted balance and sometime in the future projects will come before the Council and they will approve or disapprove allocations of those funds for those particular projects.

Council Member Siwik moved to suspend the rules.

MOTION Shane Siwik

SECOND Kevin Rapp

Roll Call Vote:

Beverly	Yes
Kindred	Yes
Mila	Yes
Pender	Yes
Rapp	Yes
Siwik	Yes
Snow	Yes

Council Member Siwik moved to approve this resolution.

MOTION Shane Siwik

SECOND Ben Pender

Roll Call Vote:

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

- 2. Final plat approval and adoption of a PUD Overlay Zone for a 3-lot planned unit development R-1 Single Family located at Harper Lane (3705 South 500 East) City Planner, Alexandra White, reviewed a**

presentation with the Council. A copy if attached to these minutes and incorporated by this reference.

Council Chair Snow moved to place this on Unfinished Council Business on the June 15, 2016 Council Meeting.

MOTION Debbie Snow

SECOND Kevin Rapp

Voice Vote:

Beverly Aye

Kindred Aye

Mila Aye

Pender Aye

Rapp Aye

Siwik Aye

Snow Aye

**3. Discussion of adjusting minimum lot size in an R-1 zone.** Council Member Siwik suggested that as the Council has had discussions about creating more infill housing, they may want to look at decreasing the minimum lot size across all R-1 zones in the future.

Deputy Community Development Director, Frank Lilly, advised that changing the lot size would probably require staff to look at the design standards. It also has an impact on neighborhood form. It is a fairly long and involved strategic conversation.

After a brief discussion, the Council determined not to pursue a change at this time.

The Council next went to closed meeting on the agenda.

**MOTION FOR CLOSED MEETING**

Council Member Beverly moved to adjourn to Closed Meeting to discuss strategy for discussion of character, professional competence, physical or mental health of an individual pursuant to Utah Code Annotated, 1953 as amended, Sec. 52-4-204 and Sec. 52-4-205(1)(a).

MOTION Sharla Beverly

SECOND Ben Pender

Voice Vote:

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

The Council adjourned to Closed Meeting at 9:04 p.m.

In accordance with U.C.A. Section 52-4-206, 1953, as amended by Chapter 180, Laws of Utah, 1987, as amended, a recording was made of the Closed Meeting held to discuss the sale, purchase, exchange or lease of real property. Such recordings are protected records under Title 63, Chapter 2, Government Records Access and Management Act.

Closed Meeting ended at 9:27 p.m. Council Members returned to Council Chambers.

The Council next moved to Item Number 1 on Unfinished Business.

**UNFINISHED COUNCIL BUSINESS**

**1. Selection of attorney for the City Council.**

Council Member Siwik moved to retain Douglas Ahlstrom as the attorney for the City Council.

MOTION	Shane Siwik
SECOND	Kevin Rapp

Roll Call Vote:

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

Council Member Beverly moved to adjourn.

MOTION	Sharla Beverly
SECOND	Debbie Snow

Voice Vote:

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:29 p.m.

  
Deborah A. Snow, Council Chair

  
Craig D. Burton, City Recorder

