

CITY OF SOUTH SALT LAKE
CITY COUNCIL WORK MEETING

COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, July 27, 2016
5:30 p.m.

CITY OFFICES

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

PRESIDING
CONDUCTING

Council Chair Deborah A. Snow
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COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

STAFF PRESENT:

Mayor Cherie Wood
Lyn Creswell, City Attorney
Randy Sant, Economic Development Consultant
Mike Florence, Community and Economic Development Director
Marissa Kearns, Business Licensing
Scott Tumblom, Information Technology Manager
Craig Burton, City Recorder

OTHERS PRESENT:

See attached list.

Council Member Mila arrived at 5.48 p.m. Council Member Kindred arrived at 5:53 p.m.

Matters for Discussion

- 1. Discussion of Business Licensing Fees.** Community and Economic Development Director, Mike Florence, explained that in 2010-2011 the City decided they needed to re-evaluate the business license fees. They had a structure that a lot of cities use but it was antiquated and didn't quite comply with some State regulations that had been passed. He reviewed a Business License presentation with the Council. A copy is attached and incorporated by this reference.

Mr. Florence reviewed how several of the business license fees are calculated. They will conduct a new fee study every five years.

Council Member Siwik expressed hope that they are not driving businesses away with the fees.

Council Member Rapp recalled when the new fee schedule was implemented that they reviewed a cost comparison and South Salt Lake was on the low side of the cities

surrounding them. That was one of things that made the difference for him to vote for it.

Council Member Beverly likes that the fees are based on data and it is easy to explain how they are accessed. There is a clear procedure in place and they can track it with data and they can explain it easily.

Council Chair Snow recalled that the new business license approach was implemented in 2011 with fees raises in 2014 and 2015.

City Attorney, Lyn Creswell agreed saying there was an initial decision made and then the Council decided to look at it a year later and there was discussion for almost a year after that. He believes there were two years between the first adopted fee structure based on the study and then a revision of the fee structure based on the same study.

Council Chair Snow is comfortable supporting it. Her preference is that they don't look at it for a couple of more years because she feels there starts to be resentment when the fees go up three times over a five year period.

Mr. Florence said the study could come back next year saying they need to reduce the disproportionate costs. If they do another study next year this will all be re-evaluated then they can have more discussion.

Council Member Rapp agreed with Council Chair Snow. He wants to leave them alone for now.

The meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.


Deborah A. Snow, Council Chair


Craig D. Burton, City Recorder

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LIST OF ATTENDEES

NAME

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REPRESENTING

NONE