

CITY OF SOUTH SALT LAKE  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING

COUNCIL MEETING Wednesday, September 7,  
2016  
7:05 p.m.

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

PRESIDING Council Chair Deborah A.  
Snow

CONDUCTING: Council Member Beverly

SERIOUS MOMENT OF REFLECTION/  
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Portia Mila

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  
Ron Morris, Fire Chief  
Jason Nicholl, Battalion Chief  
Mont Roosendaal, Public Assets Director  
Michael Florence, Community and Economic Development Director  
Craig D. Burton, City Recorder  
B.J. Allen, Information Technology

OTHERS PRESENT:  
See attached list.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**August 24, 2016 Work Meeting.** Council Member Kindred and Council Chair Snow requested additional comments be added to these minutes and to bring them back for approval at the next Council meeting.

**August 24, 2016 Regular Meeting.** Council Member Rapp moved to approve these minutes.

MOTION Kevin Rapp  
SECOND Ben Pender

Voice Vote:

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

**NO ACTION COMMENTS**

1. **SCHEDULING.** The Deputy City Recorder informed those at the meeting of upcoming events, meetings, activities, etc.
2. **CITIZEN COMMENTS/QUESTIONS.** **Isaac Higham, 2556 South 300 East.** He likes the Parks Master Plans. One thing that attracted him to South Salt Lake was that he could walk to so many parks. He appreciates that the dog park space is going to stay.

**Jeanette Potter, 133 East 2400 South.** She reported several safety and code enforcement issues in the City. She hasn't seen any police patrol increase in here area since the streets were closed at State Street. She would also like to see more lighting in the neighborhood.

**Richard Williams, 3065 South 572 East.** There are more children in the area than there used to be and more usage of the park. He expressed his approval of extending Fitts Park on the west side. He feels it is a high priority. He cautioned that if they do extend they need to provide the maintenance to keep it looking good and keep it safe.

**Ed Winter, 2992 South 600 East.** There are a lot of new people moving in. He suggested putting information in the newsletter of the services available to the citizens. The people need to know how to get garbage cans repaired. They need to know they have the transfer station available. The water fountain at Fitts Park hasn't worked for four years. He likes the idea of expanding Fitts Park to the west.

3. **MAYOR COMMENTS.** Mayor Wood reported that during the cleanup at Central Pointe they did hit ground water. It has been mitigated and the hole is being filled. She asked that people call the City immediately if they see something like that and the City will get right on it. The City is has been through the bidding process to have someone clean up the area so the weeds will be taken care of. They are working on cleaning up the S-Line with volunteer groups. During the United Way Day of Caring they had over 500 volunteers who worked on six homes and six City properties. The Companies that participated in the City were the Williams Co., O.C. Tanner, Love Communications, Bard, Enterprise Rent-A-Car, Savage, Swire Coca-Cola,

Chase, Holland and Heart, Les Olsen, and Zion's Bank.

The Fire Department won an award for an automatic external defibrillator from Firehouse Subs.

Mayor Wood also reported that the City, in partnership with United Way, the City just submitted a Promise Neighborhood Grant. It is a thirty million dollar grant that would distribute six million dollars a year for five years. It is not to widen the programs in South Salt Lake but to deepen them. They will know by the end of December if they receive that.

Public Assets Director, Mont Roosendaal, reported that when the playground was remodeled at Fitts Park, they abandoned the waterline to the drinking fountain. He doesn't know the reason why but now there is no source going to the fountain. They are in the design stages of how to make that functional or to remove it and put one somewhere else.

4. **CITY ATTORNEY COMMENTS.** City Attorney, Lyn Creswell, said there are some legal issues associated with the buildout of Fitts Park. When they are resolved they will see a broad expansion of the area but until they are resolved they have some limitations on fully developing the concept they have.
5. **CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS.** Council Member Pender said if the City is holding citizens responsible for their weeds they also have to step up and be accountable as well. On September 22, 2016 South Salt Lake Police will host a neighborhood watch in District 1. More information will be forthcoming.

Council Chair Snow appreciates the feedback they have been getting on the Parks Master Plans. It is fun to see people come out to the open houses and get excited about the improvements to the parks in their areas. She hopes they can find a way to put the plans into action and get the funding they need for them.

Council Member Kindred thanked the citizens for their comments. He encouraged them to phone or e-mail the Council if they cannot make it to the Council meetings. He thanked the Police Department for arranging a ride-along for him. He participated in the United Way Day of Caring along the Jordan River. It is a great resource the City has.

6. **COUNCIL ATTORNEY COMMENTS.** City Council Attorney, Doug Ahlstrom, reported that Community Development Director, Mike Florence, notified him of a problem with the City's alcohol ordinance. He has been working on cleaning it up and hopefully they will have something to present to the Council within the next couple of meetings.

**ACTION ITEMS**

**NEW COUNCIL BUSINESS**

- 1. Ambulance budget amendment request.** Council Member, Portia Mila, said they have been hearing that the ambulances are not in the best shape and she would like to see the Council amend the budget and get them taken care of.

Mr. Roosendaal explained that staff has looked into remounting the ambulances which is taking the box off the old chassis and remounting them on new ones. The cost would be about \$145,000 a piece so it would be around \$420,000 to \$440,000 to do all three. They would do them one at a time so they would still be in business.

Council Member Mila said at the last meeting it was mentioned there were some funds that could possibly be used for this.

Chief Morris explained that Finance Director, Kyle Kershaw, mentioned that he had been putting money away every year for replacements. He used some of that to try to pay back some of the loan. The amount he said he had in the last meeting was \$314,000. Chief Morris assumed that he put away another \$80,000 to \$90,000 this year which would get them very close to a little over \$400,000 in the replacement fund. All three need to be replaced.

Mr. Roosendaal said they have an \$18,000 maintenance budget for ambulance and they have spent \$14,600 in first two months of the budget season and one is in the shop right now. Eighty percent of the expense has been the chassis engine regen problems. These are just corrective repairs on these chassis. They are really giving them problems. He said they are hoping to get some direction from the Council.

Council Chair Snow expressed concern about the budget. They have authorized an RFQ to go forward on fire services so deciding to pour that kind of money into the ambulances before they know where that lands is a giant question for her.

Council Member Pender said he was surprised to hear they had \$300,000 in the budget. Had he known it was coming he would not have voted to forgive the loan for \$1.6 million dollars. He thinks it would have been a great payment on the \$1.6 million. His understanding was they didn't have any money coming in. He doesn't think they should invest any money right now until the RFQ comes back and they see where they are at. If the answer comes back they are sticking with Fire then absolutely, and they will need to decide what to do and go forward, but right now he feels it is premature to invest that kind of money into ambulances when they don't know what is going to happen in the next few months. He would hate to waste time and money until an RFQ comes back.

Mayor Wood advised the Council that the money they are talking about using for repairs is depreciation.

Council Member Beverly said she rode in the ambulance and it was not pleasant and was terrible. She thinks it is sad if they don't do something.

Chief Morris said they would not be here tonight if this was not dire straits. There are constituents complaining about the horrific ride in the back of the ambulance almost every time they are transported. In his opinion they are providing a subpar service right now. They are going to get nothing for the ambulances today. They are basically worth nothing. If they invest some money and have them remounted he believes they will get a return on their investment and will provide a better service for their constituents. They are begging the Council to help them provide a better service to the public for what needs to be done.

Council Member Beverly said when the Council went forward with the RFQ for fire services that it was about information. She asked what is wrong with getting information on this point.

Council Member Kindred said he didn't disagree with that.

Council Member Pender said he is not against getting information. He would just hate to spend time, money and resources when the reality is he would still want to see what the RFQ shows before he would invest the money. He would hate to waste staff's time. He wants to see the RFQ before he authorizes the use of about a half a million dollars to repair the ambulances.

Council Member Siwik asked how far out they are from an RFQ.

Mr. Ahlstrom said a letter of inquiry was sent out to nine fire departments yesterday. He would like to hear from somebody within thirty days and he will pass that information to the Council. At the end of the thirty days, if nobody responds, that's the way it is. Then they would be moving on.

Council Chair Snow said they will know within thirty days if anyone is even legitimately interested. They could come back to this in thirty days.

Mr. Ahlstrom suggested that the Council will also want to know what year are the trucks, how much was paid for them and what the difference is between yesterday's suspension and today's suspension. The complaint is "hard ride." If they haven't upgraded the suspension at all then they are not any further ahead with the new truck. Also, how much can they sell the old chassis for to try and recoup some of their losses?

Council Member Siwik moved to place this item on Unfinished Council Business for a yet to be determined date.

MOTION	Shane Siwik
SECOND	Mark Kindred
<u>Voice Vote:</u>	
Beverly	Yes
Kindred	Yes
Mila	Yes
Pender	Yes
Rapp	Yes
Siwik	Yes
Snow	Yes

- 2. Council attorney work assignments.** Mr. Creswell reviewed a handout regarding potential Council legal work. A copy is attached to these minutes and incorporated by this reference.

The Council discussed each item on the handout to determine the priority of each item.

Council Chair Snow suggested Mr. Ahlstrom start working on the P.A.L. lease, Community and Economic Development ordinances, and the sign ordinance.

- 3. Update on request for proposals process.** Mr. Ahlstrom reported that he sent out a letter of inquiry to nine fire agencies that went out yesterday. It is an open invitation indicating what type of structure the City has now and asking them if they have any interest at all to get in touch with him. If need be they can do a formal RFP later. This was to see if anybody is really interested because they have heard there is not right now. He will look forward to hearing from them in the next month or so.

Mr. Ahlstrom reminded the Council that in June they directed that he start working on an animal services RFP and he has been trying to set a meeting up with staff to do that. In the meantime he received an email from Council Member Kindred questioning whether this is what they wanted to do. Mr. Kindred was not at the meeting where the Council gave direction. Then he got another email from Council Member Pender saying maybe they should hold off. So, he sent an email to the Council saying he will hold off until they tell him otherwise.

Council Member Rapp said he would like to see what an RFQ on the animal services could be. When he saw the presentation with the County he was impressed. He would like to see what they could do for the City and if they could save them some money. He would be in favor of formalizing the RFQ and getting it out there.

Council Member Kindred reminded the Council they didn't have vehicles in the equation.

Council Member Rapped said they didn't have real property, the vehicles, and maintenance was not included so it made it look even, but it wasn't. It was heavily shifted. The City is paying a lot more to maintain and upkeep the facilities and they are also paying for those vehicles and they are charging ten dollars a year for dog licenses. For the County it is ten dollars period. It is a one-time deal for your dog or cat. The City wants ten dollars a year which is something they are charging the citizens for. It wasn't included either. He doesn't think what the Council saw was a fair comparison.

Council Chair Snow said she is interested in pursuing the RFQ. She thinks there are some additional costs that weren't factored in and she also thinks there were some additional benefits that the County offers such as free sterilization, vaccinations, micro chipping, and things that the City does actually charge for. There were also the veterinary services that are right there on staff. She felt like there were enough differences, and monetary differences as well, that she is still interested in pursuing it.

Council Member Rapp said there was one other question that he would like answered regarding wild animal removal; skunks, raccoons, etc. The County could not give them a lot of information that night but they said they would give it to them later and that it could be contracted out with their services. They couldn't give them any numbers on that one so that is one part on their side he was not comfortable with and they have problems with skunks, raccoons and a few other critters.

Council Member Mila said that could cost them more money if...

Council Member Rapp said if that is going to cost them more money they need to know that. That was something they did not have a good hard figure on.

Council Member Pender said he thought something came back from the County stating that they could that but for an additional cost. He can't remember what the cost was.

Council Member Beverly asked if this was an RFP or RFQ.

Mr. Ahlstrom said it was an RFP.

The Council took a straw poll regarding their interest in pursuing an RFP for animal services. The Council voted unanimously in favor of moving forward with the RFP.

Council Chair Snow moved to adjourn to Closed Meeting to discuss strategy for pending or reasonably imminent litigation pursuant to Utah Code Annotated, 1953 as amended, Sec. 52-4-204 and Sec. 52-4-205(1)(c).

MOTION      Debbie Snow  
 SECOND      Kevin Rapp  
Voice Vote:  
 Beverly      Yes  
 Kindred      Yes  
 Mila          Yes  
 Pender       Yes  
 Rapp          Yes  
 Siwik         Yes  
 Snow         Yes

The Council adjourned to Closed Meeting at 8:30 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.

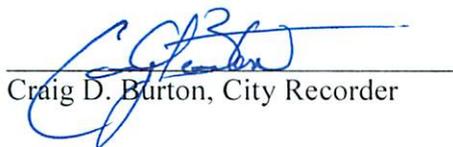
Closed Meeting ended at 8:56 p.m. Council Members returned to Council Chambers.

Council Member Siwik moved to adjourn.

MOTION      Shane Siwik  
 SECOND      Kevin Rapp  
Voice Vote:  
 Beverly      Yes  
 Kindred      Yes  
 Mila          Yes  
 Pender       Yes  
 Rapp          Yes  
 Siwik         Yes  
 Snow         Yes

The meeting adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

  
 Deborah A. Snow, Council Chair

  
 Craig D. Burton, City Recorder

