

CITY OF SOUTH SALT LAKE
CITY COUNCIL WORK MEETING

COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday May 24, 2017
6:00 p.m.

CITY OFFICES

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

PRESIDING
CONDUCTING

Council Chair Ben Pender
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COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sharla Beverly, Mark Kindred, Johnny McConnell, Portia Mila
Ben Pender, Kevin Rapp and Shane Siwik

STAFF PRESENT:

Lyn Creswell, City Attorney
Hannah Vickery, Assistant City Attorney
Kyle Kershaw, Finance Director
Mike Florence, Community and Economic Development Director
Mont Roosendaal, Public Assets Director
Kari Cutler, Promise South Salt Lake Director
Craig Burton, City Recorder
Ariel Andrus, Deputy City Recorder

Matters for Discussion

- 1. Granite High School – Items to be preserved before Demolition.** Community and Economic Development Director, Mike Florence presented items are up for bid at the Granite High School site. A copy is attached to these minutes and incorporated by this reference. He said the buildings over at the site are going to be demolished sometime the end of June and the City could pay to preserve some of the items. He said that the City could hire someone else to do the excavation of these items if they choose to. He advised the Council that Granite School District already has the Granite seal and a couple of other items.

Council Member Kindred asked if any of the alumni on the Council saw any items that they thought needed to be preserved.

Council Member Siwik feels that the seal is the most iconic part of the school. He thinks the items that are the oldest are the most valuable.

Council Chair Pender said the murals with the football players are something that should be preserved.

Council Member Rapp said the City has some Granite memorabilia right now and he asked if that was given to the City or purchased.

Mr. Florence believes those items were given to the City and those items are currently stored at City Hall.

Mayor Wood said that the City has a lot of memorabilia. She said the City has a list.

Mr. Florence said the District is willing to negotiate once a library is built for how much they would like to sell the seal for.

Council Member Rapp asked if the Granite High Alumni has purchased any items.

Mr. Florence said that the contractor has not opened these items up to the public. He said that the contractor has no plans on contacting the Alumni association.

Council Member Siwik asked if the City could contact the Alumni association to see they would be interested in purchasing any of the items.

Council Chair Pender suggested that someone from staff reach out to the Alumni to see if they have any interest in any items or contact another contractor to see how much it would cost to take some of the items.

Mr. Florence said if the Council wants to set an amount that they would like to spend on the items he could contact the contractors and see what items they would preserve for a set amount.

Council Member Rapp feels that purchasing the items should be up to the alumni and not up to the tax payers of the City. He said there are residents of the City that did not attend Granite and these things may not mean anything to them.

Council Chair Pender said Granite High was a staple in the community for many years and he feels like it is a historical landmark. He feels that the City has some obligation to preserve some items.

Mr. Florence advised the Council that he needs to have an answer to the contractor by next week so they have a chance to schedule the work if need be. He also added that they are going to set aside a pile of bricks for people to come by and take one if they would like. He said he will get some bids together for the Council and get back to them.

- 2. Administrative Law Judge Discussion.** Rusty Vetter came before the Council to be asked questions. He is being considered for the Administrative Law Judge for South Salt Lake.

Council Chair Pender asked Mr. Vetter how long he had been an attorney for Salt Lake City and if he has any ties to South Salt Lake.

He said he has lived in Salt Lake City but he has spent a fair amount of time working with staff in South Salt Lake. He feels like he has a lot sense of the economic development that goes on in the City. He is the Deputy City Attorney for Salt Lake City.

Council Member Siwik asked if he knew the City Attorney, Lyn Creswell.

Mr. Vetter said he received a call from Mr. Creswell asking him if he would like to be considered for the administrative law judge for the City.

Council Chair Pender asked if he had performed the duties of an administrative law judge in the past.

Mr. Vetter said he has worked as a small claims judge before. He also added he has been a commercial litigator and was going to court on a daily basis during that time.

Council Member Beverly asked he was going to be able to fit this into his busy schedule.

Mr. Vetter said that court would be once a month and it would be on his own time and he is not too concerned about adjusting his schedule for this. He added that he talked to the City attorney about this and she thought it was a good idea.

Council Member Siwik said he would like to see an administrative law judge that tries to get the residents and business in compliance without being unfair. He said he is someone that has to come before the administrative law judge and he would like to see someone who is willing to work with the citizens of the City.

Assistant City Attorney, Hannah Vickery, said based on policy direction from the Council compliance is the goal of the City. She added that sometimes a fine is what get people motivated to come into compliance but she said a lot of times those fines get waved at the end of the process. She said this is not a profitable thing for the City and there is no intention of that. She said the administrative law judge's job would be to interpret the law and apply the law.

Council Member Siwik asked if it was up to the ALJ to set the fine that is placed upon a person.

Ms. Vickery said there is a consolidated fee schedule set and those are the fines that the judge would go by.

Council Member Siwik said that the ALJ has the discretion to set the fines to the max or to wave the fines they choose to and he would like to see an ALJ that is willing to work with people in this way.

Mr. Vetter advised the Council that he is in favor of finding practical solutions and getting the issues resolved and moving on.

3. Budget Discussion.

- a. **Fire.** Council Chair Pender said that the tuition reimbursement went up from last year’s budget and asked why that was.

Fire Chief Ron Morris said that more firefighters are getting their degrees because in the near future if they want to become a captain or battalion chief they will need a bachelor’s degree.

Council Chair Pender asked why the professional services went up from last year.

Chief Morris said he balanced out the ambulance fund and he fire budget to pay for the physician advisor out of both instead of just out of ambulance.

Council Member Kindred asked if the three ambulances are remounted if it will take care of all the issues with those vehicles.

Chief Morris said the problem with the ambulances is the chassis and the cabs are getting beat up. He said they are about seven years old and they were intended to be used for about five years. Overall the ambulances should last about fifteen years with having to remount the chassis three times over that time. He said the cabs need a few updates as well.


Council Member Kindred asked how the fire department is doing on the fund balance.

Chief Morris said last year the fire department was about \$80,000 short the amount for the vehicle replacement fund and the actual cost for year to year the department was close to breaking even. He said the State should pay the Medicaid rate for the nonpayers for ambulance transfers and that should help the ambulance make money in the future.

The meeting adjourned at 6:48 p.m.



 Ben Pender, Council Chair



~~Craig D. Burton, City Recorder~~
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