

ORDINANCE NO. 2018- 11

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SOUTH SALT LAKE CITY COUNCIL
AMENDING SECTION 2.08.060, CITY COUNCIL POWERS AND DUTIES**

WHEREAS, the City of South Salt Lake operates under a council-mayor form of government, which separates the duties and responsibilities of each; and

WHEREAS, this council finds that it should have the ability to hire and direct staff to assist the council in formulating policy pursuant to State law and carrying out its legislative functions;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of South Salt Lake:

Section 1. Section 2.08.060 of the City of South Salt Lake Municipal Code is amended to read:

2.08.060 - Powers and duties.

A. The city council shall act as the legislative body of the city government. It shall have the power to enact city policies, but the power of enforcement of such policies rests with the mayor.

B. The city council shall pass ordinances, appropriate funds, review municipal administration, and perform all duties that may be required of it by law.

C. The city council shall have power to pass resolutions and ordinances concerning matters such as:

1. Tax levies;
2. Adoption of the city budget;
3. Sewer, water, and other service rates;
4. Licensing fees and other fees set forth in the South Salt Lake Municipal Code;
5. Zoning and building regulations.

D. The city council shall consider and give, where appropriate, its advice and consent to the mayor on all proposed appointments of city officers and appointments to commissions, committees or other bodies established to provide advice or assistance to the operation of the city government.

E. The council shall supervise, appoint, and direct its own staff and establish job descriptions, job functions, job classifications or reclassifications and compensation therefor, within the budgeted appropriations and consistent with state law.

F. The city council shall have power to make and enforce any additional rules and regulations for the government of the council, the preservation of order, and the transaction of the business of the council as may be necessary.

~~F~~G. The city council shall, by ordinance, provide for the manner in which:

1. Municipal property is bought, sold, traded, encumbered, or otherwise transferred; and
2. Subdivisions or annexations are approved, disapproved or otherwise regulated.

Ordinance Amending 2.08.060

Section 2. Repealer. Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.


Section 3. Effective Date. This ordinance will take effect upon execution by the Mayor or after fifteen days from transmission to the office of the Mayor if neither approved nor disapproved by the Mayor.

DATED this 8 day of August, 2018.

BY THE CITY COUNCIL:


Ben Pender, Council Chair

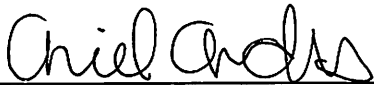
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~~Craig D. Burton, City Recorder - Deputy~~
Ariel Andrus

City Council Vote as Recorded:

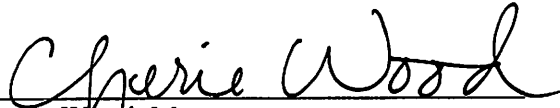
Beverly	<u>NO</u>
deWolfe	<u>YES</u>
Kindred	<u>YES</u>
Mila	<u>NO</u>
Pender	<u>YES</u>
Siwik	<u>YES</u>
Thomas	<u>YES</u>

Transmitted to the Mayor's office on this 9 day of August, 2018.



~~Craig D. Burton, City Recorder - Deputy~~
Ariel Andrus

MAYOR'S ACTION: Veto

Dated this 23 ay of August, 2018.


Cherie Wood, Mayor

ATTEST:


~~Craig D. Burton, City Recorder - Deputy~~
Ariel Andrus



MEMORANDUM

TO: South Salt Lake City Council
FROM: Mayor Cherie Wood
DATE: August 23, 2018
RE: Veto of Ordinance No. 2018-11

On August 9, 2018, City Recorder Craig Burton transmitted Ordinance No. 2018-11 to the Office of the Mayor for consideration and action. In reviewing previous Council direction regarding City budget needs and my responsibility to the taxpayers, I issue this veto.

As the Council has communicated in recent meetings, the City's budget often places constraints on desired outcomes. Just a little over a month ago, the City concluded its annual budgeting process. During that process, City staff, the Council, and I carefully evaluated how to best utilize the City's limited budget to achieve the best outcome for the taxpayers of South Salt Lake. The annual budget process provides a unique opportunity for us to reflect upon what the City has and continues to achieve with its finite resources.

Upon reflection of those conversations, I cannot support the hiring of additional administrative staff for the Council. In FY2017 the Council allocated \$40,000 to hire its own legal counsel. The Council now proposes to hire additional staff at a combined expense of over \$100,000 annually to the City. Given the increase in public safety concerns that have come with the announcement of the new State mandated homeless resource center set to open during the current budget year, I believe a more appropriate use of funds would be to hire additional police and/or fire personnel.

As I updated the Council earlier this month, the City's financial request to the State for public safety needs as a result of the State mandated shelter was an estimated \$2.6 million annually. Although a portion of that request was approved on August 8, 2018, by the State Homeless Coordinating Committee, that request falls short of the City's anticipated need. This, and other unanswered questions about the Homeless Resource Center, leaves the City in a difficult position of planning for our public safety needs. I cannot in good conscience support the hiring of the Council's desired clerical staff under these circumstances.

I also believe that there are more cost-effective ways to provide the Council with administrative services. Throughout the City's 80-year history, the Council has relied on the expertise and experience of the City's administrative and executive personnel. I have offered, and I continue to offer, the resource of dedicated existing South Salt Lake staff to support the Council in their efforts. The City employs highly qualified professionals who collectively possess a wide-array of skills in multiple disciplines. In addition to the budgetary benefits, I am confident that the City's current staff would yield better results in a more efficient manner than an attempt to onboard a new staff member with an unidentified skill set and potentially no experience in dealing with the unique opportunities and challenges faced by our community.

In the event that an arrangement does not work out and the Council would like to explore hiring additional staff for exclusive use by the Council, my staff and I would appreciate the opportunity to discuss some of our questions and concerns, a few of which were raised but left unanswered in the May 9, 2018, Council Meeting.

I would hope that the Council would agree and at least give it a try before saddling the City with a budget commitment of \$100,000 annually. I am open to additional discussion about my offer but to ignore it at such a high cost seems fiscally irresponsible, especially in light of the imminent public safety needs of our City. I hope we can find a solution that works for both the Council and the taxpayers.

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MAYOR

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