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**South Salt Lake City Council
Work Meeting**

Public notice is hereby given that the **South Salt Lake City Council** will hold a Work Meeting on **Wednesday, April 3, 2019** in the City Council Chambers, 220 East Morris Avenue, Suite 200, commencing at **6:00 p.m.**, or as soon thereafter as possible.

Conducting: Ben Pender, Council Chair

MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION:

1. City Council Visioning Session

Adjourn

Posted March 30, 2019

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CITY OF SOUTH SALT LAKE
CITY COUNCIL WORK MEETING

COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday April 3, 2019
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 Bynum, Ray deWolfe, Mark Kindred, Portia Mila, Ben Pender
Shane Siwik and Corey Thomas

STAFF PRESENT:

Mayor Cherie Wood
Hannah Vickery, Deputy City Attorney
Kyle Kershaw, Finance Director
Dennis Pay, City Engineer
Alex White, Planning Division Manager
Corby Talbot, Storm Water Division Manager
Craig Burton, City Recorder
Ariel Andrus, Deputy City Recorder

Matters for Discussion

- 1. City Council Visioning Session.** Council Chair Pender said the purpose of this meeting is for the Council to give their vision for the 2019/2020 City budget.

Council Member Siwik said that four members of the Council signed a letter addressed to the Mayor. This letter is a beginning point as the Council and Mayor look to budget discussions. A copy is attached and incorporated by this reference.

Council Member Thomas would like to know how much of the money set aside for crosswalks has been used so far. She would like to keep an amount in the budget so crosswalks can continue to be improved. Better lighting on 3300 south would be an improvement she would like to see as well.

Finance Director, Kyle Kershaw, discussed what has been spent so far for crosswalks and lighting.

Council Chair Pender was contacted by a resident that lives on Wentworth Avenue and they are experiencing a lot more vehicle traffic since the new Ritz Apartments have been open. There was some traffic calming solutions put in on Commonwealth Avenue and he

wonders if the same could be done on Wentworth.

City Engineer, Dennis Pay, said that traffic calming worked well on Commonwealth because of the location of that street. If something like that was done on Wentworth it would just be moving the problem to a different area. The City and UDOT will need to work on solutions for Wentworth Ave.

Council Member Thomas had a resident contact her regarding no sidewalks on Carlisle to 3900 South on the west side of the street.

Mr. Pay said he would look into that.

Council Member Bynum asked when the Mayor will be presenting the budget to the City Council.

Mayor Wood said that budget will be presented at the May 8th meeting.

Council Member Bynum would like to make sure Community Development is fully staffed, repairs and stormwater drainage is taken care of on Maxwell Lane, and the issue with the stormwater utility fee needs to be taken care of. She would like to address the issue with public safety compensation, prioritizing the update of the sign ordinance, parking issues within the City and dedicating a parking enforcement officer for the City. She would like the City to look into partnering with the Homeless Resource Center to help with a job program for homeless individuals.

Council Member Mila has had discussions with Mr. Pay regarding traffic issues on Millcreek Way. She would also like to see parking issues addressed within the City. Helm and Baird still need some beautification and she would like to see that addressed this year.

Council Member Siwik would like to see a crosswalk put in by the homeless resource center and the bus stop in that area.

Mr. Pay said he would look into that with UDOT.

Council Member Siwik would like to know how much the City spends a year on tree service. According to Councilmember Siwik, the City has one arborist and he would like to budget for some tree equipment such as a wood chipper.

Mr. Kershaw said the City spends about \$25,000 a year on tree maintenance.

Council Member Siwik feels the City could take care of all the City trees and residents could bring green waste to the City to be turned into mulch.

Council Member deWolfe would like to invest in City staff and he would like to hear the needs of each department head as far as staffing. He would like to invest in public safety by raising the pay and benefits for police and fire. Lastly he would like to invest in the

infrastructure such as lighting, crosswalks, and evaluating stormwater.

Council Chair Pender would like to schedule some time with the department heads in an upcoming meeting to discuss the needs of their departments.

Council Member Kindred would like to see some funding put into the Council Chambers to make it easier for residents and Council Members to see presentations.

Council Member Siwik added the idea of having a greenhouse in Fitts Park to grow plants for the City. This would be about a \$50,000 capital project. He also asked if Mr. Kershaw could email the Council on what a one percent increase for public safety would cost.

There is a salary survey being prepared that the City did participate in that will be presented to the Council soon.

Council Member deWolfe asked to discuss the letter that was signed by the four Council members. He would like to know what taking a million dollars out of the Administration budget would do and what that one million dollars would help accomplish for stormwater.

Council Chair Pender said that million dollars wouldn't all go to stormwater, it would also help with raises for public safety. The four Council members didn't know an exact amount so one million is where they started.

Council Member Siwik asked what the estimate for Maxwell Lane is.

Mr. Pay said a couple of years ago that estimate was \$350,000 but construction costs have gone up significantly since that time.

Council Member deWolfe asked how much \$500,000 would help with stormwater.

Council Member Kindred said he had nothing.

Mr. Pay said it has been estimated that the annual operating budget for stormwater is \$1.2 million. That estimate includes capital projects and two employee positions.

Council Member deWolfe asked what sort of impacts taking a million dollars from Administration budget would have.

Mayor Wood said taking a million from the Administration budget would basically take away half of Administration staff that support all other City departments.

Council Chair Pender said in a future meeting the Council will have department heads make a presentation on their needs.

Council Member Kindred suggested a little bit of funding to upgrade the council

chambers to have more than one screen. Perhaps adding some TV's so the residents who come can see better.

The meeting adjourned at 6:37 p.m.



Ben Pender, Council Chair



Craig D. Burton, City Recorder

April 3, 2019

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April 3, 2019

Dear Mayor Wood –

As we ramp up to the 2019-2020 budget cycle, we the undersigned members of the city council propose the following highlights of what we expect to see in the coming fiscal year budget.

We want to emphasize our commitment to coming more into line with stormwater regulations and the changes we propose below are geared towards enabling that to happen. We also will not fund salaries for department heads/managers who have not yet come before us for advice and consent – including the following: Fire Department Chief, City Attorney, Community & Economic Development/Planning Division, Court Administrator and Urban Livability. On a similar note, we also will not budget for the salaries of any administration staff personnel to be paid out of the city council budget.

	Adopted 2018-19 Budget	Proposed 2019-20 Budget
Administration	\$2,180,500	\$1,180,500
Storm Water O&E/Capital	\$0	\$1,000,000

We also realize that public safety – both fire and police – are likely due for an increase in both pay and benefits and we want to pay for them in the most fiscally responsible manner. We are willing to allocate needed dollars for those raises out of the storm water proposed budget noted above.

We realize and fully expect some of these departments, especially Administration, will possibly see a reduction in staffing to comply with this proposed budget outline. We believe it is in the best interests of the residents to provide the services we require at the most efficient level possible and feel the above numbers reflect that.

We look forward to continuing this conversation.

Sincerely,


Ben Pender – Council Chair


Shane Siwik – Council Vice Chair


Mark Kindred


Corey Thomas