

MINUTES OF THE SALT LAKE CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MEETING

THURSDAY, JUNE 6, 2019

The City Council met in Work Session on Thursday June 6, 2019, in Room 326, Committee Room, City County Building, 451 South State Street.

In Attendance: Council Members Andrew Johnston, Amy Fowler, Chris Wharton, Erin Mendenhall, Charlie Luke, James Rogers, and Analia Valdemoros.

Staff in Attendance: Cindy Gust-Jenson, Council Executive Director; Jennifer Bruno, Council Executive Deputy Director; David Litvack, Mayor's Deputy Chief of Staff; Lynn Pace, Acting City Attorney; Lehua Weaver, Council Associate Deputy Director; Allison Rowland, Council Policy Analyst; Benjamin Luedtke, Council Policy Analyst; Isaac Astill, Fleet Management Director; Jennifer McGrath, Community and Neighborhoods Acting Director; Karl Lieb, Fire Chief; Samuel Owen, Council Policy Analyst; Vicki Bennett, Sustainability Environment Director; Mary Beth Thompson, Chief Financial Officer; Baylee White, Housing and Neighborhood Development Programs Specialist; and Kory Solorio, Assistant City Recorder.

Councilmember Luke presided at and conducted the meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 12:19 p.m.

AGENDA ITEMS

#1. [12:21:21 PM](#) WRITTEN BRIEFING ABOUT THE PROPOSED BUDGET FOR THE OFFICE OF THE SALT LAKE CITY ATTORNEY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020. [View Attachments](#)

Written Briefing only.

Councilmember Fowler thanked Katherine Lewis for stepping in (as Interim Acting City Attorney) and acknowledged her hard work on the budget.

#2. WRITTEN BRIEFING ABOUT THE PROPOSED INSURANCE AND RISK MANAGEMENT FUND BUDGET, WHICH ACCOUNTS FOR EMPLOYEE INSURANCE PLANS, FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020. [View Attachments](#)

Written briefing only.

#3. [4:49:33 PM](#) BRIEFING REGARDING THE PROPOSED FLEET FUND BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020, WHICH PROVIDES VEHICLES, FUEL, AND

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Benjamin Luedtke and **Isaac Astill** briefed the Council with attachments and a [PowerPoint presentation](#). Mr. Luedtke stated the major point in the budget this year was the proposal to add \$4 million (on-going) to the Fleet Fund for Police vehicles. Mr. Astill reviewed the budget. Comments included: statistics, objectives, 10-year plan, operational changes, committee recommendations, take home policy evaluation, and funding history/need.

Discussion was held regarding Take Home Vehicle Fees (collected revenue) relative to vehicle maintenance/gasoline/depreciation costs, current fleet status, vehicle purchasing and funding scenarios, and potential of police vehicles being covered by impact fees.

A unanimous Straw Poll was conducted to support funding the proposed Fleet budget (including the \$4 million for Police).

Councilmember Luke said the Council would meet again on Tuesday. He said he believed Staff had everything needed to prepare the budget for a vote. He said if anyone (public/constituents) had any thoughts/concerns about today's decisions to let the Council know.

Council Members requested the following item from Staff:

- Provide details/explanation of vehicle replacement and potential lower costs of maintenance/fuel over time.

#4. [12:23:53 PM](#) BRIEFING REGARDING UNRESOLVED ISSUES RELATING TO THE PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020. [View Attachments](#)

Benjamin Luedtke, Jennifer Bruno, Lehua Weaver, Allison Rowland, Jennifer McGrath, Karl Lieb, Mary Beth Thompson, Samuel Owen, Vicki Bennett, and Baylee White briefed the Council. Review and discussion were held regarding the unresolved budget issues.

Councilmember Luke stated the budget ordinance this year was substantially beefed-up, because of the importance of transparency and to ensure money collected from tax payers through the Funding Our Future Bond was appropriated exactly the way it was communicated to the public.

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Ms. Bruno noted the [Unresolved Issues Tracking](#) sheet being reviewed was slightly different than what the Council had received.

Councilmember Luke stated the Council was creating an Unappropriated Holding Account (a separate line item) for projects the Council had questions on and were not yet ready to fund.

Councilmember Luke acknowledged false information going around the Community about the Council's intent of housing money going to the Redevelopment Agency (RDA) and eliminating the low income/affordable housing piece. He stated if housing money was moved to the RDA (or anywhere else) the low income/affordable housing piece would be attached.

Unanimous Straw Polls *(unless otherwise indicated)* **were conducted:**

Revenue Items [12:28:27 PM](#)

- **Item 6:** Support approval (recognition/acceptance) of \$235,488 for the extra judgement levy revenue (one-time).

Community and Neighborhoods [12:31:34 PM](#)

- **Items 9 and 10:** Support to moving (Item 9) \$106,374 for the Equity Administrator and (Item 10) \$106,374 for the ADA Administrator to the Unappropriated Holding Account. Councilmember Valdemoros was absent for the vote.
- **Item 25:** Support appropriating \$20,000 (one-time) for Fleet Block Consultant work contingent upon the Council's review and approval of the Fleet Block Master Plan (as well as similar projects with a Master Plan and involved appropriations). Councilmember Valdemoros was absent for the vote.
- **Item 26:** Oppose recapture of funding \$20,000 for Fairmont Park Tennis Court Study.
- **Item 28:** Support allocating \$100,000 for a Traffic Calming FTE (Transportation) into the Unappropriated Holding Account and ensure funding not yet encumbered/expended was not re-allocated (not taken away).
- **Item 29:** Support transferring the Fire Inspector FTE (from Fire) to Community and Neighborhoods (CAN).

Economic Development [1:02:36 PM](#)

- **Item 30:** Council requested addressing this item later in the discussion (restore \$11,747 for Economic Development for travel/training budget).

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- **Item 31:** Council requested addressing this item later in the discussion (adding another FTE).

Fire [1:06:11 PM](#)

- **Item 32:** Support transferring \$168,000 from Item 37 (one-time savings for 2 months of budget assuming October hiring date) to Item 32 (adding 6 more Fire Fighter FTEs).
- **Item 33:** Support adding 10 unfunded Fire Fighter FTEs with no budget impact.
- **Item 34:** Support transferring \$121,367 from Item 37 (one-time savings for 2 months of budget assuming October hiring date) to Item 34 (reinstate funding for training). The Council also requested addressing this item later in the discussion to consider additional funding for full restoration.
- **Items 34 and 35:** Support creating a new category by combining Items 34 (reinstate funding for training) and 35 (expand Paramedic Incentive Program). The Council also requested addressing this item later in the discussion to consider additional funding. Council Members Johnston and Valdemoros were absent for the vote.

Public Services [1:21:59 PM](#)

- **Items 39 and 40:** Support funding \$328,850 for Item 39 (adding two Urban Forestry positions) and Item 40 (equipment for the positions).
- **Item 38:** Support funding \$46,000 for re-planting as many trees as were removed.
- Support adding a \$20,000 line item to fund the Menstrual Life League (one-year pilot project) to provide free feminine hygiene products at City Hall and the Main Library with the intent to determine costs to fund/expand providing products at all City facilities and libraries.
- **Item 41:** Oppose funding \$7,500 for additional crossing guards with the intent to discuss with Public Services the current status of collaboration with the School District to find a resolution to fund Crossing Guards, consider utilizing volunteers, and include workable solutions to traffic calming for children (involving other departments as necessary).
- **Item 42:** Item pulled

Non Departmental [1:38:48 PM](#)

- **Item 43:** Support allocating \$356,500 to Fund Balance (deferring transition expenses to Budget Amendment) with the

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intent to fund in the fall. Councilmember Valdemoros was absent for the vote.

- **Item 44:** Item pulled.
- **Item 45:** Support Council expectation (increase General Fund transfer to Fund Balance) of maintaining the Fund Balance of at least 13%.

Other Funds [1:54:04 PM](#)

- **Item 49:** Support additional funding of \$100,000 for Insurance and Risk Management to add a compensation study for American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees (AFSCME).

Compensation Plan Changes [1:57:17 PM](#) (no net budget impact)

- **Item 50:** Support additional funding of \$69,000 for longevity pay for appointed employees.
- **Item 50: Revised Straw Poll (Failed 5-2)** to oppose funding \$69,000 for longevity pay and include it in a discussion with Items 51 and 52 (other compensation plans). Council Members Johnston and Valdemoros were in support.
- **Item 51 and 52:** Support delaying action on Item 51 (limiting supplemental one-time lump sum payment to \$1,000) until a more in-depth discussion was held.

Legislative Non-Departmental [2:38:41 PM](#)

- **Items 53, 54, 55, and 56:** Support the creation of a Legislative Non-Departmental Fund, transferring Item 53 (Annual Financial Audit), Item 54 (funding for induction), Item 55 (municipal memberships), and Item 56 (transition funding) to that fund.

Police [2:47:21 PM](#)

- **Item 36:** Support a contingent appropriation (2019) for the Administration to develop a proposal for moving the Park Ranger Program out of Public Safety.

Sustainability [3:05:46 PM](#)

Ms. Weaver stated there was a typo in the dollar amount on line Item 46: \$857,015 should be \$850,715.

- **Item 46:** Oppose Sustainability's proposed rate increase.
- **Item 47:** Support of moving funding for all items (new initiatives in order to coordinate with other City Departments, and to increase the financial

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independence/longevity of the Environmental and Energy Fund (E&E) fund) to an Unappropriated Holding Account.

Community and Neighborhoods [3:16:33 PM](#)

- **Item 27:**
 - Support funding \$500,000 for the Volunteers of America (VOA) Street Outreach Pilot Program. Councilmember Johnston was recused.
 - Support funding \$35,000 for "A Place For Your Stuff" and \$44,000 for Advantage Services - Portland Loos Services.
 - (*Passed 6-1*) Support funding \$50,000 for WCG-Green Team/Community Gardens. Councilmember Rogers was opposed. With the intent the Administration develop program metrics for the Council to reassess the programs at the end of the calendar year.
- **Items 17 and 18:** Support moving \$650,000 (Item 17 - Landlord Insurance Pilot Program and Item 18 - Build A More Equitable City) to the Unappropriated Holding Account and have the Administration come back to the Council with more information about the Landlord Insurance Pilot Program (Item 17), Build a More Equitable City (Item 18), and Enhance Existing City Housing Rehab Programs (Item 23).

Revenue Items [4:13:05 PM](#)

- **Item 5:**
 - (**Failed 5-2**) Support of any additional money left over/unspent from Funding Our Future to fall into the Infrastructure pot for CIP Infrastructure. Council Members Valdemoros and Luke were in favor.
 - Support of FY19 available amounts (in the four categories) of Funding Our Future remain in those categories and be re-evaluated by the Council at a future date.

Community and Neighborhoods [4:22:14 PM](#)

Ms. Bruno explained two points: the Unappropriated Holding Account was a mechanism for the Administration to provide the Council with more information before funds were released, and the Contingent Appropriation (which could exist) on top of the Unappropriated Holding Account established contingencies that applied to all Funding Our Future dollars.

- **Items 14, 15, 16, 19, and 20:** Support approval of all items (Item 14 - Shared Housing Opportunities, Item 15 -

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Incentivized Rental Assistance Program, Item 16 - Support for the Most Vulnerable, Item 19 - New House 20, and Item 20 - Down Payment Assistance) with funds going to the Unappropriated Holding Account for Fiscal Year 2020.

- **Item 21: (Passed 5-2)** Support moving \$2,590,000 of funding (Land Discounts and Financing - Housing Trust Fund) from Housing and Neighborhood Development (HAND) to the RDA. Council Members Johnston and Mendenhall were opposed.
- **Item 22:** Support leaving the Community Land Trust dollars in HAND.

Ms. Bruno said the only things left for discussion were Legislative Intents and Contingent Appropriations. She said Staff would include the Council added items to the list (make one comprehensive document), email it to Council (included in packets over the weekend), work with the Attorney's office to ensure language was appropriate, and review the list in Tuesday's briefing. Ms. Bruno asked Council Members to let Staff know if they had any objections to items on the list.

Council Members requested the following items from Staff:

- Consider a potential part-time person for the Arts Council or possibly the potential of the proposed Economic Development FTE taking on the work.
- Future discussion on Transportation funding for a Traffic Calming FTE.
- Provide Transportation information/metrics for current number of projects, how many employees were working on each project, and the number of additional community requests.
- Provide an analysis of Fire/Police pension changes starting next year.
- Future discussion of Item 42 - Expanding City summer programs and Item 44 - adding social workers/counselors in schools.
- Future discussion of Items 50, 51, and 52 regarding compensation plan changes.
- Clarify the intention of a Sustainability rate increase and perform outreach/research (different options) for waste and recycling fees.

#5. FOLLOW-UP BRIEFING REGARDING AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FINAL BUDGET OF SALT LAKE CITY, INCLUDING THE EMPLOYMENT STAFFING DOCUMENT, FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018-19. *Budget amendments happen several times each year to reflect adjustments to the City's*

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*budgets, including proposed project additions and modifications.
(Budget Amendment No. 6) [View Attachments](#)*

Item not held.

STANDING ITEMS

#6. REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, INCLUDING A REVIEW OF COUNCIL INFORMATION ITEMS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS. *The Council may give feedback or staff direction on any item related to City Council business, including but not limited scheduling items.*

Item not held.

#7. REPORT OF THE CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

Item not held.

#8. CONSIDER A MOTION TO ENTER INTO CLOSED SESSION, IN KEEPING WITH UTAH CODE §52-4-205 FOR ANY ALLOWED PURPOSE.

Item not held.

The meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

COUNCIL CHAIR

CITY RECORDER

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