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Municipal Services District

GREATER SALT LAKE MUNICIPAL SERVICES DISTRICT (MSD)

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES

October 23, 2019 at 6:00 p. m.
2001 South State Street, COW Room N2-800
Salt Lake City, Utah 84190

Trustees Present:

Joe Smolka, Chair
Paulina Flint, Vice-Chair
Dan Peay
Kelly Bush
Sean Clayton
Max Burdick (part-time via speaker phone)

Staff Present:

Bart Barker, General Manager
Brian Hartsell, Associate General Manager
Mark Anderson, Legal Counsel
Cathy Jensen, Chief Financial Officer
Lupita McClenning, Director of Planning and Development Services
Ina Oviatt, Office Coordinator & Records Officer

Others Present:¹

Ron Faerber, Sandy Hills Community Council
Michael Shea, Salt Lake County Environmental Program Manager
Travis Tanner, Rocky Mountain Power

1. Call to Order

Chair Smolka called the meeting to order.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

¹ Other individuals may have been present who were not specifically recognized by the Chair.

3. Public Comments

Ron Faerber asked about a liaison for the unincorporated area community councils, noting that they have not had the benefit of a liaison since 2016. He also asked the MSD for administrative help. Bart Barker explained that Brian Hartsell, the new Associate General Manager, has been with the District for only one week. Mr. Hartsell will work with Mr. Barker to determine how to help the community councils. Mr. Barker also noted that Salt Lake County is considering the employment of a liaison to be assigned to the community councils.

4. Consideration of minutes

There were no meeting minutes to be considered by the Board.

5. Introduction of Brian Hartsell, new MSD Associate General Manager and Treasurer

Bart Barker introduced Brian Hartsell, the new MSD Associate General Manager and Treasurer. Mr. Barker explained that Brian Hartsell has vast experience in the states of Washington and Indiana, in addition to having served in the U.S. Air Force. Mr. Barker declared that Mr. Hartsell will be a valuable asset for the Olympia Hills development.

6. Presentation and summary of HB 411, the Community Renewable Energy Act, for consideration by Utah local governments

Michael Shea, the County's Environmental Program Manager for Regional Development, discussed H.B. 411, sponsored by Representative Steve Handy, which passed during the 2019 legislative session. This Bill creates a regulatory pathway for participating communities to pursue a goal of 100% net renewable energy by 2030. Communities are being given the opportunity to participate in a Rocky Mountain Power program that will help achieve that goal. There is a minimal participation cost for each municipality. If a municipality served by Rocky Mountain Power elects to participate, Rocky Mountain Power customers in that municipality will automatically be included in the program, but they can opt out. Mr. Shea explained that shifting to renewable energy sources will be good for the environment and air quality. In response to a question from Trustee Clayton, Mr. Shea agreed to provide a Resolution template that can be used by the Metro Townships.

Trustee Flint asked Mr. Shea to clarify the Resolution and to explain the impact of H.B. 411 on big power companies. She also asked for clarification concerning the cost and benefit numbers so they can be given to the community councils. Mr. Shea responded that it won't be possible to flesh out the numbers until the communities that will participate have been identified. He noted that there are a number of steps that must be taken before any money will be exchanged, and that multiple public meetings will be held. Trustee Bush asked that the Resolution template be provided to Mr. Barker, who will forward it to the Metro Townships to consider and distribute to their community councils. It was noted that electricity rates for participating customers likely will go up. Trustee Flint commented on anti-solar aspects of the legislation.

Mr. Barker asked, if a Resolution is adopted by a municipal council, will the municipality be committed to complete the process or merely to move the process forward. Mr. Shea clarified that adoption of the Resolution will only move the process forward for that municipality. He indicated that the Resolution needs to be passed by municipal legislative bodies by December 31, 2019, after which there will be a 90 day window to move forward to the next stage of the process. A Program Regulatory Filing will be made, there will be a hearing, and the program will be considered by the Public Service Commission. Mr. Shea anticipates that it will take two to three years for the program to be finalized.

7. Update on Emergency Services municipal employee hiring process

Lupita McClenning, who participated in the interviews, reviewed the process that led to the selection of two new Emergency Services employees out of approximately 40 applicants. Six finalists were interviewed for the positions. Mrs. McClenning asked each Metro Township to commit to the number of days of each week the Metro Township will use one of the Emergency Services Specialists. Trustee Bush, who is the Mayor of the Kearns Metro Township, indicated that Kearns would reserve 1½ days. Trustee Flint, the White City Metro Township Mayor, committed to one-half of a day for her municipality. Trustee Peay, the Mayor of the Magna Metro Township, specified two days for Magna. Trustee Clayton, the Copperton Metro Township Mayor, reserved one-half of a day for Copperton. Chair Smolka, the Emigration Canyon Metro Township Mayor, specified one-half of a day for Emigration Canyon. Mrs. McClenning will inform Clint Mecham, the Salt Lake County Emergency Management Division Chief, concerning the amount of time desired by each of the Metro Townships. The MSD may also want some time, as may Salt Lake County (for the unincorporated area) and the Town of Brighton.

8. Consideration of a contract among UDOT, the MSD and TEA Group for Construction Engineering Management (CEM)

This agenda item was tabled until the November 13, 2019 Board meeting.

9. Public Hearing on the tentative 2020 MSD Budget

Cathy Jensen presented the Tentative 2020 MSD Budget. She noted that certain challenges may result from reduced Class B road revenues and the risk of reduced sales tax revenues, should there be a recession. She also briefly discussed the resolution of a dispute with Salt Lake County dealing with money held by the County that belonged to the MSD. She also mentioned two new capital projects: a sidewalk and storm drain project in Magna and a street project in White City. Mrs. Jensen then went through a breakdown of the Tentative 2020 Budget. Bart Barker noted that the 2020 Budget qualifies the MSD for a GFOA (Government Finance Officers Association) award. Mr. Barker stated that the actual 2020 Budget is much more detailed than the power point presentation to the Board, but described the Budget Summary is the “meat” of the 2020 Budget. After the Board has adopted the MSD’s 2020 Budget, the Metro Township Councils will be in a better position to finalize their budgets.

It was moved by Trustee Flint and seconded by Trustee Clayton as follows:

That the public hearing on the 2020 Tentative MSD Budget be opened.

The motion carried with Trustees Smolka, Flint, Bush, Clayton and Peay each voting “aye”, and the public hearing was opened. The telephone connection with Trustee Burdick was lost. Consequently, no votes were recorded for Trustee Burdick.

Scott Baird, the Director of the Salt Lake County Public Works Department, inquired about a portion of the Budget. Bart Barker agreed to provide the requested Budget information to the Salt Lake County Council.

No members of the public desiring to comment on the Budget, it was moved by Trustee Flint and seconded by Trustee Peay as follows:

That the public hearing on the MSD 2020 Tentative Budget be closed.

The motion carried with Trustees Smolka, Flint, Bush, Clayton and Peay each voting “aye”, after which the public hearing was closed.

10. Possible adoption of the 2020 MSD Budget

Mark Anderson explained that the 2020 Budget is required by law to be approved through the adoption of a Board Resolution, and explained that Resolution 2019-10-1 was prepared for that purpose. It was moved by Trustee Flint and seconded by Trustee Bush as follows:

That Resolution 2019-12-1 be adopted, thereby formally approving the District’s 2020 Budget as presented and discussed.

The motion carried with Trustees Smolka, Flint, Bush, Clayton and Peay each voting “aye”.

11. Set a date for the adoption of the 2020 MSD Budget, if not adopted during this meeting

Since Resolution 2019-12-1 was adopted by the Board, this agenda item was no longer necessary.

12. Consideration of a resolution authorizing access to the MSD’s Public Treasurers’ Investment Fund (PTIF)

After Cathy Jensen explained the necessity of adopting a Resolution to authorize access to the District’s Public Treasurers’ Investment Fund (PTIF) account, which is administered by the Utah State Treasurer, it was moved by Trustee Clayton and seconded by Trustee Bush as follows:

That the Resolution authorizing access to the MSD’s Public Treasurers’ Investment Fund account be adopted as presented.

The motion carried with Trustees Smolka, Flint, Bush, Clayton and Peay each voting “aye”.

13. Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the Board, it was moved by Trustee Bush and seconded by Trustee Flint as follows:

That the Board meeting be adjourned.

The motion carried with Trustees Smolka, Flint, Bush, Clayton and Peay each voting “aye”.

Approved by the Board of Trustees on the ____ day of April, 2020.

Joe Smolka, Chair

ATTEST:

Marla Howard, Clerk

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