

MINUTES OF THE SALT LAKE CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MEETING

TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 2020

The City Council met in Work Session on Tuesday, March 17, 2020, in Room 326, Committee Room, City County Building, 451 South State Street.

In Attendance (electronically): Council Members Chris Wharton, Analia Valdemoros, Daniel Dugan, Andrew Johnston, Amy Fowler, James Rogers, and Darin Mano.

Staff in Attendance: Katherine Lewis, City Attorney; Cindy Lou Trishman, Council Office Policy Analyst; Rachel Otto, Mayor's Chief of Staff; and Kory Solorio, Assistant City Recorder.

Staff in Attendance (electronically): Cindy Gust-Jenson, Council Executive Director; Erin Mendenhall, Mayor; Jennifer Bruno, Council Executive Deputy Director; Benjamin Luedtke, Council Public Policy Analyst; Nick Tarbet, Council Senior Policy Analyst; Mayara Lima, Principal Planner; Mary Beth Thompson, Chief Financial Officer; Lisa Shaffer, Mayor's Deputy Chief of Staff; Nick Norris, Planning Director; and Ben Kolendar, Economic Development Acting Director.

Guests in Attendance: Peter Corroon, Applicant (Item #2).

Councilmember Wharton presided at and conducted the meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 3:52 p.m.

AGENDA ITEMS

#1. [3:54:12 PM](#) WRITTEN BRIEFING ABOUT A DONATION THE CITY RECEIVED FOR A TRADITIONAL KOREAN PAVILION TO BE PLACED IN THE INTERNATIONAL PEACE GARDENS IN JORDAN PARK. *In commemoration of the Sister-State relationship between the State of Utah and the Gyeonggi Province, Republic of Korea, the new pavilion will replace a previously donated pavilion which was removed in the late 1990's. Construction is anticipated to begin in March 2020 and be completed in June 2020. [View Attachments](#)*

Written briefing only.

#2. [3:55:50 PM](#) BRIEFING REGARDING AN ORDINANCE THAT WOULD AMEND THE CENTRAL COMMUNITY MASTER PLAN FUTURE LAND USE MAP AND THE ZONING MAP PERTAINING TO A PROPERTY AT 1430 SOUTH 400 EAST. *The*

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rezone and amendments would allow the applicant to build a seven-unit development. The proposal would change the Central Community Master Plan Future Land Use Map from Low Density Residential to Medium Density Residential and rezone the property from RMF-35 (Moderate Density Multi-Family Residential District) to FB-UN1 (Form Based Urban Neighborhood District). Petition Nos. PLNPCM2019-00189 and PLNPCM2019-00190. [View Attachments](#)

Nick Tarbet, Nick Norris, Mayara Lima, and Peter Corroon briefed the Council with attachments. Discussion was held regarding compatible zoning concerns, public engagement, driveway location/street interaction, Planning Commission approval/conditions of parking/garage location, and pedestrian entry features.

#3. PULLED BRIEFING REGARDING A PROPOSAL TO VACATE A CITY-OWNED ALLEY KNOWN AS THE FERN SUBDIVISION ALLEY LOCATED BETWEEN 1000 EAST AND 1100 EAST AND BETWEEN WOOD AVENUE AND LOGAN AVENUE. The east-west portion of the alley runs behind eight homes between 1019 East and 1053 East Logan Avenue. The applicant originally wanted to vacate just the alley segment adjacent to her property, but during departmental review vacation of the entire alley was recommended due to lack of use and multiple encroachments into the alley. Petition No. PLNPCM2018-00468. [View Attachments](#)

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#4. PULLED FOLLOW-UP BRIEFING ABOUT A REQUEST TO INCREASE THE BUILDING HEIGHTS WITHIN A PORTION OF THE G-MU (GATEWAY MIXED USE) ZONING DISTRICT FROM A CURRENT MAXIMUM OF 120 FEET UP TO 190 FEET ACROSS PORTIONS OF TWO SEPARATE BLOCKS LOCATED BETWEEN 500 WEST AND THE RAILROAD TRACKS (APPROXIMATELY 625 WEST) AND 200 SOUTH AND 400 SOUTH. The applicant was requesting the change for a specific development project and was not seeking to alter height limits across the entirety of the zone. Petition No. PLNPCM2019-00639. [View Attachments](#)

*The Planning Commission forwarded a negative recommendation; therefore, an ordinance has not been drafted. If the Council decides to approve the zone amendment, an ordinance would be drafted and considered for approval.

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#5. PULLED UPDATE FROM TRANSPORTATION DIVISION PLANNERS ON THE GOALS, PRIORITIES, AND FORMAT OF AN UPDATED TRANSPORTATION MASTER PLAN. *The city-wide plan would replace the plan adopted in 1996. The update was part of the Division's process to develop a request for proposals to write the new master plan.* [View Attachments](#)

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#6. 5:36:13 PM BRIEFING REGARDING BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 5 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020. *Budget amendments happen several times each year to reflect adjustments to the City's budgets, including proposed project additions and modifications. The proposed amendment includes funding for the purchase of real property.* [View Attachments](#)

Jennifer Bruno, Benjamin Luedtke, Mary Beth Thompson, and Lisa Shaffer briefed the Council with attachments. Discussion was held regarding property acquisition and allocating funding for expenses incurred/related to the current pandemic (COVID-19).

Straw Poll: Support the budget amendment and the need to hold a public hearing before authorizing/executing funding. All Council Members were in favor.

#7. DINNER BREAK

#8. 5:49:44 PM BRIEFING FROM THE CITY ATTORNEY ON SEPARATION OF POWERS IN THE MAYOR - COUNCIL FORM OF GOVERNMENT AND WILL HOLD AN INITIAL DISCUSSION ABOUT OPPORTUNITIES TO FURTHER CLARIFY VARIOUS ASPECTS OF THE COUNCIL'S ROLE IN ORDER TO STREAMLINE COUNCIL OFFICE AND CITY OPERATIONS. *The logistics associated with the Council's opportunity to serve as the Local Building Authority*, Redevelopment Agency Board* and Board of Canvassers* will also be discussed.* [View Attachments](#)

* Council-Mayor Form of Municipal Government (Utah Code 10.3b.2)

* Local Building Authority (Utah Code 17D.2)

* Board of Canvassers (Utah Code 20A.4.301)

* Redevelopment Agency (Utah Code 17C)

Katherine Lewis and Cindy Gust-Jenson briefed the Council with attachments. Discussion was held regarding Airport and

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Library budgets, funding tools (Local Building Authority (LBA)), Redevelopment Agency (RDA) separation of powers, and consolidating agendas (City Council, Work Session, RDA, etc.) into one document (rather than separate).

#9. [5:46:10 PM](#) REVIEW VARIOUS SECTIONS OF THE COUNCIL OFFICE POLICIES AND UPDATES PERTAINING TO ELECTRONIC MEETINGS. *The Council Policy Manual reflects the current practices and procedures of common Council Office business. Additional sections of the policy manual may be discussed.*

Cindy Lou Trishman briefed the Council. She said this update was in reference to the Council Electronic Meeting Policy needing to be updated to reference State and City Code appropriately. She said a red-line of the Policy would be brought to the Council which might also include ordinance amendments.

#10. [4:20:54 PM](#) BRIEFING OR DISCUSSION REGARDING PUBLIC HEALTH AND OTHER PUBLIC SAFETY, POLICY AND BUDGET ISSUES STEMMING FROM THE ONGOING COVID-19 OUTBREAK.

Mayor Mendenhall, Lisa Shaffer, Rachel Otto, Mary Beth Thompson, Cindy Gust-Jenson, and Ben Kolendar briefed the Council. Discussion was held regarding duration of the requested funding (\$2 million), payroll costs, employers covering employee sick leave, status of upcoming/future City sponsored events (Arts Festival, etc.), loan program explanation/proposal/process, business stabilization, application/funding rounds, advocacy group application concerns, application selection criteria/priorities, concern/consideration of small businesses (eating establishments), options to administer/allocate the proposed loan/funding program, and deferring Economic Development Loan Fund (EDLF) business loan payments for 90-days.

Unanimous Straw Polls:

1. Support of the loan program as currently presented with the understanding there might be some slight adjustments.
2. Support of asking the Administration to:
 - Start introducing/advertising the loan program and accepting applications (everything except cutting checks).
 - Look at holding a public hearing at the next meeting; where the Council could choose to allocate

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more funding but not allow checks to go out until Wednesday morning (April 25, 2020) at the earliest.

3. Support for giving current EDLF borrowers a 90-day loan payment extension.

Council Members requested the following item from Staff:

- Reach-out to/inform (as soon as possible) the event community concerning the status of upcoming/future City sponsored events.

#11. POSTPONED BRIEFING BY THE ADMINISTRATION REGARDING ISSUES AFFECTING THE CITY THAT MAY ARISE DURING THE 2020 UTAH STATE LEGISLATIVE SESSION.

Item postponed.

STANDING ITEMS

#12. REPORT OF THE CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR.

Item not held.

#13. [6:39:29 PM](#) 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 to scheduling items.*

Cindy Gust-Jenson asked Council Members to keep in mind there were functions on the docket Council Members would typically attend out-of-state (educational/fact finding). She said the Utah League of Cities and Towns cancelled their April function and there had been no correspondence from the Downtown Alliance or other upcoming conferences. She stated the Mayor (administrative branch) determined not to allow travel at this time (unless there was a specific justification). She said that was an example of separation of powers where the Council Office was not subject to that direction (advisory/informational). She said Staff needed to come back to the Council for direction on how they wanted these types of functions handled, which would help Staff know how to spend their time (making/canceling reservations).

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

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Item not held.

The meeting adjourned at 6:24 p.m.

COUNCIL CHAIR

CITY RECORDER

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