

CITY OF SOUTH SALT LAKE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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| COUNCIL MEETING | Wednesday, October 14, 2020 7:00 p.m. |
| CITY OFFICES | 220 East Morris Avenue South Salt Lake, Utah 84115 |
| PRESIDING | Council Chair Sharla Bynum |
| CONDUCTING: | Sharla Bynum |
| SERIOUS MOMENT OF REFLECTION/ PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE | Corey Thomas |

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sharla Bynum, Ray deWolfe, LeAnne Huff, Portia Mila, Natalie Pinkney,
Shane Siwik and Corey Thomas

STAFF PRESENT:

Mayor Wood
Hannah Vickery, City Attorney
Kyle Kershaw, Finance Director
Jack Carruth, Police Chief
Terry Addison, Fire Chief
Dennis Pay, City Engineer
Aaron Wiet, Parks and Recreation Director
Lindsey Edwards, Homeless Outreach and Strategies Director
Kelli Meranda, Promise South Salt Lake Director
Alexandra White, Community Development Director
Lindsey Edwards, Homeless Outreach and Strategies Director
Rodger Hoffman, Deputy Fire Chief
Chris Taylor, Police Officer
Cody Coggle, Police Sergeant
Dave Alenander, Streets Division Manager
Corby Talbot, Stormwater Division Manager
Julie Taylor, Public Relations Coordinator
Danielle Croyle, Public Information Officer
Calvin Henninger, Website Design
BJ Allen, GIS Specialist/IT
Craig Burton, City Recorder
Ariel Andrus, Deputy City Recorder

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**August 26, 2020 Regular Meeting
September 9, 2020 Regular Meeting**

Council Member Mila made a motion to approve all minutes listed.

MOTION: Portia Mila
SECOND: Natalie Pinkney

Roll Call Vote:

Bynum: Yes
deWolfe: Yes
Huff: Yes
Mila: Yes
Pinkney: Yes
Siwik: Yes
Thomas: Yes

NO ACTION COMMENTS

1. **SCHEDULING.** The City Recorder informed those at the meeting of upcoming events, meetings, activities, etc.
2. **CITIZEN’S COMMENTS. Susan Bolden, 419 E. Burton Avenue.** She is concerned that one person will appoint all members of the Citizen’s Review Board and that a former, or retired, police officer could be on the board and offered other suggestions.

Liz Marion, South Salt Lake. She is also opposed to former, or retired, police officers, or their family members, being on the Citizen’s Review Board. She feels the Mayor should recuse herself from selecting members because she has a family member that is a police officer.

Desante Alvarez, 448 E. 3400 S. He likes the idea of the Citizen’s Review Board and agrees that former, or retired, police officers, and their family members should not be on the Board. And the Mayor should not select the board members.

Eliza McKinney, 2736 S Adams Street. She is against having a police officer as a voting member of the Citizen’s Review Board. She doesn’t want any police officers attending the board meetings.

Jack Jean, 2735 S. Adams Street. She is also is opposed to former, or retired, police officers, or their family members, being on the Citizen’s Review Board.

Wendy Melling, 3157 S. Park Court. She is against having police officers,

or retired police officers, on the Citizen's Review Board. She feels it is a conflict of interest.

Chad Lethum, President, Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge 15. He reported that none of the members are opposed to the review board coming to South Salt Lake. They are not opposed to retired officers giving some counsel. They don't have to be a voting member. Individuals who have a context of their profession have a better understanding of the force that was used and whether it was reasonable and necessary.

Clarissa Williams, 3392 S. Finlay Drive. She believes you need to have officers on the board because of their expertise in the field. Being a chemist, an accountant, or some other profession does not make them an expert in police work. They don't have the expertise to be telling another person how to do their job. Also, this is not about the Mayor and her brother being a police officer. They can't judge her for being a sister of a police officer.

Council Chair Bynum advised that they are not talking about any current law enforcement officers having a voting right on the board. The Council is nowhere near a final draft. She appreciates the citizen's comments.

- 3. MAYOR'S COMMENTS.** Mayor Wood said it is time to rethink the name of the Columbus Center and how it serves the entire community. She invited the community to get involved. They would like to have a lot of input.

The 2020 Census ends tomorrow. She asked everyone to encourage their family and friends to respond on the Census website.

Regarding the Citizen's Review Board, the Mayor stated she does not want to select the board members. Unfortunately, according to State law, that is her role. She is to bring them before the Council for advice and consent. Where they do have some flexibility is in the selection process. They are looking to have a robust search for individuals to serve on the board. She will bring them forward to the City Council for advice and consent so it will be a collaborative effort that includes the Council.

- 4. CITY ATTORNEY COMMENTS.** None
- 5. CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS.** Council Member Pinkney is excited to hear about the name change discussion of the Columbus Center.

She also feels it is more important that the Citizen's Review Board is an independent oversight on accountability and transparency than a board reflecting perceived experience in the matter of criminal justice. She is against having a police officer being a voting member of the board. She read some comments from some citizens expressing concerns as well.

Council Member Siwik said he feels the Council is on the same page that no current law enforcement officer would be a voting member of the Citizen's Review Board.

Council Member Bynum congratulated former council member, Ben Pender, for making an arrest in the Sherry Black case.

- 6. INFORMATION – COVID-19 Update.** Fire Chief, Terry Addison, gave the Council a current update on the COVID-19 pandemic.

ACTION ITEMS

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Consideration of a Resolution of the City Council (The "City Council") of the City of South Salt Lake, Utah (The "City") Authorizing and Approving the Execution and Delivery of a Bond Purchase Agreement by The City of South Salt Lake Redevelopment Agency (the "Agency") and a Second Amendment Interlocal Agreement between the City and the Agency, Both Pursuant to the Agency's Issuance and Sale of its Excise Tax and Tax Increment Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2020 in an Aggregate Principal Amount not to Exceed \$11,000,000, in one or more Series and with such additional or Alternate Designations as the Agency may Determine (the "Series 2020 Bonds"); and related matters.** Economic Development Consultant, Randy Sant, explained that this is a pledge agreement where the City is pledging to the RDA certain excise tax and other fees for the payment of the bond that is being refunded. The pledge agreement says the City will pledge those funds to the RDA who will use it to make the payment. The City cannot pledge these funds for any other use until a bond test has been reached of two hundred percent coverage. This means for the next ten years these funds will most likely be pledge to this bond. The agreement says the RDA has to make the first pledge. To do this the RDA will use the tax increment generated from the Market Station Project Area. The balance will then come from this excise tax.

City Attorney, Hannah Vickery, clarified that the tax increment financing (TIF) from the Market Station Area is pledged as the primary payment. So this agreement does allow and commits those certain excise taxes of the City to pay the debt in the event the TIF can't cover the debt. There is no current TIF being collected in the area. It is anticipated at some point that will come on line. Once it does it is expected the RDA's own TIF will be covering those debts and the City's excise tax and other pledged obligations will only be used in the event of a deficit.

Mr. Sant advised that they plan on triggering the Market Station tax increment next year.

Council Member Siwik made a motion to suspend the rules in order to act on this Resolution at this meeting.

MOTION: Shane Siwik
SECOND: Natalie Pinkney

Roll Call Vote:

Bynum: Yes
deWolfe: Yes
Huff: Yes
Mila: Yes
Pinkney: Yes
Siwik: Yes
Thomas: Yes

Council Member Siwik made a motion to approve this Resolution.

MOTION: Shane Siwik
SECOND: Portia Mila

Roll Call Vote:

Bynum: Yes
deWolfe: Yes
Huff: Yes
Mila: Yes
Pinkney: Yes
Siwik: Yes
Thomas: Yes

Council Member Siwik took a point of personal privilege to explain that this is a refinance and saves the City approximately \$150,000 annually. It's a good, smart refinance of City debt. It's nothing that affects property taxes or the like. It's just taking excise tax and tax increment from the RDA to help restructure the debt at a considerable lower rate.

Finance Director, Kyle Kershaw said the savings is actually close to \$200,000 annually.

- 2. **Fire Department Annual Report.** Fire Chief, Terry Addison, reviewed the annual Fire Department report with the Council. A copy is attached and incorporated by this reference.

Council Member Siwik asked how many of the increased calls for service can be traced to the Men's Homeless Resource Center.

Chief Addison said he believes it's eight to eleven percent.

Council Member deWolfe asked if the calls were trending to what was anticipated.

Chief Addison said it is trending upward. They do spend a lot of time there. Staff is working diligently with members of the Road Home staff to decrease a lot of these calls.

Council Member deWolfe asked if the Chief could summarize the activities along the Jordan River.

Chief Addison said the Jordan River is an area where they constantly respond to grass fires. There has been an increase of human caused fires along there.

Council Member deWolfe asked what the percentage of voluntary turnover is for the department.

Chief Addison said turnover has basically gone down to zero.

Council Member Siwik asked if there was any progress on making some memorial for Assistant Fire Chief Plant, who passed away in the line of duty in the 1950's.

Chief Addison said they have not made any progress on that because of the COVID outbreak and trying to keep firefighters safe. It has been postponed for the moment. However, Chief Plant has been recognized by the Utah State Firefighter Museum and at the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial in Emmitsburg, Maryland.

Council Member Siwik would like to see something done for Chief Plant in the City.

Council Member Pinkney asked if response time is four minutes anywhere in the City since most of the stations are on the east side.

Chief Addison explained that they have a four minute response time in their districts from the time they go in route to the time they arrive.

Council Member Mila asked if the new system they just put in could speed up response time.

Chief Addison said it absolutely could. Each fire apparatus has a GPS locator on board so the system can locate the closest apparatus and send it. They have only had this system since September 29, 2020 and are still collecting data to evaluate how well it works.

Council Member Mila made a motion to adjourn

MOTION: Portia Mila

SECOND: LeAnne Huff

Voice Vote:

Bynum: Yes
deWolfe: Yes
Huff: Yes
Mila: Yes
Pinkney: Yes
Siwik: Yes
Thomas: Yes

The meeting adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

/s/ Sharla Bynum
Sharla Bynum, Council Chair

/s/ Craig d. Burton
Craig D. Burton, City Recorder