

**CITY OF SOUTH SALT LAKE  
CITY COUNCIL WORK MEETING**

COUNCIL MEETING	Wednesday November 18 6:30 p.m.
CITY OFFICES	220 East Morris Avenue #200 South Salt Lake, Utah 84115
PRESIDING CONDUCTING	Council Chair Sharla Bynum Council Chair Sharla Bynum

**COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Mayor Cherie Wood  
Hannah Vickery, City Attorney  
Jack Carruth, Police Chief  
Terry Addison, Fire Chief  
Kyle Kershaw, Finance Director  
Dennis Pay, City Engineer  
Mont Roosendaal, Public Assets Director  
Alexandra White, Community Development Director  
Lindsey Edwards, Homeless Outreach & Strategies Director  
Aaron Wiet, Parks and Recreation Director  
Kelli Meranda, Promise South Salt Lake Director  
Sean Lewis, Deputy Community Development Director  
Dave Alexander, Streets Division Manager  
Julie Taylor, Public Relations Coordinator  
Chris Taylor, Police Officer  
Cody Coggle, Police Sergeant  
BJ Allen, GIS Specialist/IT  
Calvin Henninger, Staff Writer  
Craig Burton, City Recorder  
Ariel Andrus, Deputy City Recorder

**Matters for Discussion**

- 1. Central Valley Water Reclamation Facility Update Discussion.** Finance Director, Kyle Kershaw, reviewed a memo with the Council. A copy is attached to these minutes and incorporated by this reference.

Council Member Siwik asked if the revenue projections included the new building that are being projected out for the next five years.

Mr. Kershaw explained that it included all projects with building permits. Staff will update this as Community Development get more precise plans from developers with actual numbers of residential units and whatever else is being built. This is their best estimate based on what they know right now.

At this point, Mr. Kershaw recommended that they go with one of the two loan options. He is leaning towards the EPA loan because of its attractive interest rate, they would probably be one of seven participants, and they don't have to start paying money back until 2024.

The debt the City has to do, and all the costs they've had to pay out to Central Valley for operating and capital costs, has really impacted their ability to put money into their own system. They have pump stations and main lines they need to address and the burden of the Central Valley construction has really impacted City resources available for other city projects.

Council Chair Bynum asked when they would have let them know if they want to participate in the EPA loan.

Mr. Kershaw said it's an annual process with the application due next October.

Council Member deWolfe said he is leaning towards the EPA loan as well. He asked if there is a risk in waiting for the EPA option next October and not applying for DWQ if they do start running out of funds.

Mr. Kershaw said possibly. There are two windows of applying for their funding, December 1 and June 1. He believes they will have some clear direction in the first quarter and they will know whether to apply for the June 1 DWQ funding or hold out for the EPA funding.

Council Member Siwik asked if there is any way they can use impact fees to get out of this. What would be the cost to the residents if there was another substantial increase that they couldn't meet through loans? How locked into Central Valley is the City? Would it be cheaper to leave Central Valley and create their own treatment facility?

Mr. Kershaw advised that it's not legally possible to break away from Central Valley. The EPA mandated regional wastewater treatment facilities. Thirty years ago the City was mandated to join Central Valley.

City Engineer, Dennis Pay, agreed with Mr. Kershaw saying the EPA mandate is the reason Central Valley was created.

Mr. Kershaw said couldn't answer what a rate increase would look like until after the first quarter of next year when they could get more specifics.

Mr. Pay explained that the work that is being done to upgrade Central Valley is not eligible for impact fees.

Mr. Kershaw explained that impact fees are for the cost of increasing capacity in the system and the plant rebuild doesn't increase capacity. It is just upgrading the old equipment with new equipment.

Council member Pinkney asked if Central Valley has fixed the error with the meter.

Mr. Pay said they have replaced all seven member's meters and have recalibrated them. Although South Salt Lake's was reading high previously, after the analysis the flow for South Salt Lake was reduced by about one million gallons a day. It's an ongoing process, but they believe they have it working correctly now.

Council Member Mila wanted to clarify that the cost has nothing to do with the error but rather the costs have increased.

Mr. Pay agreed. Costs have increased rapidly.

The meeting adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

/s/ Sharla Bynum  
Sharla Bynum, Council Chair

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