

# MEETING MINUTES BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING GREATER SALT LAKE MUNICIPAL SERVICES DISTRICT

Wednesday, **June 23, 2021**, 6:00 p.m.

Members of the Board of Trustees may participate electronically. Portions of meetings may be closed for reasons allowed by statute. Motions relating to any of the items listed below, including final action, may be taken.

### **Trustees Present:**

Joe Smolka, Chair <sup>1</sup>
Paulina Flint, Vice-Chair
Sean Clayton (via Zoom)
Dan Peay
Laurie Stringham (via Zoom)
Keith Zuspan

### **Trustees Excused:**

Kelly Bush

### **Staff Present:**

Bart Barker, MSD General Manager
Brian Hartsell, MSD Associate General Manager
Marla Howard, MSD Chief Financial Officer and Records Officer
Brooke Barnes, MSD Human Resource Manager
Mark Anderson, MSD Legal Counsel
Madeline Francisco-Galang, Salt Lake County Public Works Engineering (via Zoom)
Abby Evans, Salt Lake County Senior Policy Advisor (via Zoom)

#### **Others Present:**

Paul Ashton, Magna Metro and White City Legal Counsel Zac Green (via zoom) Bill Flint (via zoom)

1. Call to Order - Joe Smolka, Chair

Chair Smolka called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3. Public Comments (up to 3 minutes each)

**Trustees** 

Joe Smolka Paulina Flint Kelly Bush Sean Clayton Dan Peay Laurie Stringham Keith Zuspan Chair Vice Chair

Dan Peay read a statement that Greg Schultz due to health problems will be stepping down as city manager. He asked for any references for a replacement. Chair Smolka wished Greg Schultz the best on behalf of the Board.

# 4. Consideration of a budget adjustment for a Cedar Crest storm drain project in Willow Canyon

Madeline Francisco-Galang discussed the project and the reason for the budget adjustment. There is an owner on this road whose property gets flooded during each storm due to the design of the gutter. The budget adjustment will provide the funding to fix the issue.

Trustee Flint moved to approve the budget adjustment of \$29,590 for the Cedar Crest storm drain project in Willow Canyon. Trustee Peay seconded the motion and Chair Smolka, Trustees Clayton, Flint, Peay, Stringham and Zuspan all voted "aye".

# 5. Consideration of a budget adjustment for a Galaxie Drive storm drain project in Sandy Hills

Madeline Francisco-Galang discussed the project and the reason for the budget adjustment due to a complaint from the residents in the area. She is requesting an increase in the amount of \$2,869.20.

Trustee Flint moved to approve the budget adjustment of \$2,869.20 for the Galaxie Drive storm drain project in Sandy Hills. Trustee Peay seconded the motion and Chair Smolka, Trustees Clayton, Flint, Peay, Stringham and Zuspan all voted "aye".

### 6. General Manager report

Bart Barker reminded the Board that Steve Szemerey retired and will be replaced by Alicia Gonzales. She previously reported to Steve and excelled in that job. We now will proceed to fill the empty position left due to her advancement.

We are in the second round in the interview process for the administrative coordinator. As soon as someone had been hired, the GM will notify the Board. There were about 55 applications. We had some staff members who applied.

Brian Hartsell, AGM, shared that:

- 1) the MSD is in the final stages of processing a reimbursement request from FEMA for the two natural disaster emergencies in 2020, and we will receive a reimbursement of about 75% of the costs incurred for contracted services for cleanup and inspection.
- 2) Two days ago, we received guidance regarding the next steps for the Metro Townships and the Town of Brighton for receiving ARPA funds. The application forms request information about each of the Members which we will assist with providing. The form needs to be submitted by July 21. He will work directly with the mayors or their administrators to complete the forms. He will also work with the administrators to get each Member registered with SAM. The Members have the option to decline the receipt

- of the funds. There will be a minimum annual reporting required every October. He will send out a summary email with all the details shared tonight.
- 3) UFA sent out invoices requesting reimbursement from the Members' ARPA funds. The MSD will defer to the Members for authorization of payment.
- 4) Recently, he provided the Trustees information regarding "no firework" signage. If interested in the signage, please contact either Kevyn Smeltzer, Salt Lake County Public Works or himself.

Trustee Flint asked if the ARPA funds can be used for capital improvement projects. The AGM reviewed the eligible projects, which can include storm water, but not road reconstruction. We have until December 2024 to obligate the funds. The GM spoke about the grates that feed to the storm drains and asked if White City has grates on their drains. Mayor Flint informed the Board that the majority of their roads have no grates which causes issues with storm water. Madeline Francisco-Galang asked if they could assist White City by doing a storm drain study.

Trustee Peay referred to Tom Zumbado's choice of wearing a bullet proof vest during his investigations. He asked if code enforcement could supply lightweight vests for the protection of the code enforcement staff. The GM stated that Zumbado has been asked not to wear the vest because it appears intimidating to the public and implies that Zumbado may be carrying a firearm. The GM spoke about the training the code enforcement officers receive to de-escalate and resolve issues . If the code enforcement officers have a concern they can and do take a police officer with them during a call. They spoke of the issue in West Valley a few years ago when a code enforcement officer was shot and killed and that a vest would not have saved her life.

Paul Ashton stated that if a Metro Township has determined and asked that the enforcement officers wear a vest then it should happen. The GM shared his opinion that the vest implies that they are carrying a weapon and are a law enforcement officer. Trustee Flint stated if there is sufficient danger, then the policing powers should be invoked. The GM stated that the MSD's insurance doesn't allow for armed code enforcement officers. Trustee Flint stated that we need to work with the community oriented policy to handle known issues.

## 7. Other Metro Township, Town, Unincorporated County, and Greater Salt Lake Municipal Services District business

There was no other business brought to the Board.

#### 8. Discussion of future agenda items

Trustee Flint stated that at the next meeting White City will present a letter asking for the master agreement be opened and reviewed.

There were no additional future agenda items brought to the Board.

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**9. Adjourn** Trustee Flint moved to adjourn. Trustee Peay seconded the motion. Chair Smolka and Trustees Clayton, Flint, Peay, Stringham and Zuspan voted "aye".

Meeting adjourned at 6:36 pm

**APPROVED:** 

Joe Smolka

Joe Smolka, Chair

August 9, 2021 | 5:25 PM PDT

**ATTEST:** 

Marla Howard

Marla Howard, Clerk

August 10, 2021 | 8:11 AM PDT