



**South Salt Lake City Council
Work Meeting Agenda**

Public notice is hereby given that the **South Salt Lake City Council** will hold a Work Meeting on **Wednesday, March 22, 2023** in the City Council Chambers, 220 East Morris Avenue, Suite 200, commencing at **6:15 p.m.**, or as soon thereafter as possible. The link can be found on the City Council page on the City's website sslc.gov

CITY COUNCIL

MEMBERS:

LEANNE HUFF
COREY THOMAS
SHARLA BYNUM
PORTIA MILA
SHANE SIWIK
NATALIE PINKNEY
CLARISSA WILLIAMS

Conducting: Sharla Bynum

MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION:

1. Discussion of Consolidated Fee Schedule Update Josh Collins & Jonathan Weidenhamer
2. Discussion of Ranked Choice Voting Ariel Andrus

Adjourn

Posted March 17, 2023

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In accordance with State Statute and Council Policy, one or more Council Members may be connected electronically.

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CITY OF SOUTH SALT LAKE
CITY COUNCIL WORK MEETING

COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday March 22, 2023
6:15 p.m.

CITY OFFICES

220 East Morris Avenue
South Salt Lake, Utah 84115

PRESIDING:
CONDUCTING:

Council Chair Sharla Bynum
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COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sharla Bynum, LeAnne Huff, Clarissa Williams,
Natalie Pinkney, Shane Siwik, Corey Thomas (on the phone)

COUNCIL MEMBERS EXCUSED:

Portia Mila

STAFF PRESENT:

Mayor Cherie Wood
Josh Collins, City Attorney
Jack Carruth, Police Chief
Terry Addison, Fire Chief
Jim Anderson, Police Lieutenant
Sharen Hauri, Neighborhoods Director
Aaron Wiet, Recreation Director
Corby Talbot, Stormwater Division Manager
Jonathan Weidenhamer, Community & Economic Development Director
Eliza Ungricht, Deputy Community Development Director
Ariel Andrus, City Recorder

OTHERS PRESENT:

See list

Matters for Discussion

1. Discussion of Consolidated Fee Schedule Update

City Attorney, Josh Collins, began with a brief overview of the subject. The fee sections that would be impacted are Animal Services, Code Enforcement, and Business Licensing. Part of the suggested changes come from a study that was conducted by Zion's Public Finance. The study provides suggested fees to the City, a copy of which is attached and incorporated by this reference, and has been reviewed by City staff. He said that they are not asking for any action at this time but are providing the information to the Council for their feedback with what they have so far.

Community and Economic Development Director, Jonathan Weidenhamer, went over the types

of fees in the Business Licensing section. He said that basic administrative fees cover the cost of the City doing business, such as providing gas when employees go out to inspect businesses or zoning areas. Disproportionate fees cover costs for not as common, but necessary, expenses when alerts come through for public safety related issues such as Fire or Police Department calls to bars or sexually oriented businesses.

He talked about how the City created new business classes that didn't exist before and how that helps businesses know where they are reflected in the fee schedule. Things such as reduced renewal fees and lower initial fees for alcohol related businesses are also a part of the update.

Lastly, there were five business classes that had disproportionate costs. The Zion's Bank study identified bowling alleys, convenience stores, golf courses, large grocery stores, and movie theatres as the business types that were paying a much lower amount than what the study and other cities were found to be charging in fees. Staff has decided to propose a flat 100% increase for each of those business type categories for the upcoming fiscal year, as well as a 3% annual increase. He said that doing an annual increase would avoid a future situation where the City finds itself in a position where it hasn't raised anything in the last ten years and is in deficit.

Council Member Pinkney wanted to share her thoughts on how she is in full support of the fee increase but would like to see staff involve businesses in the conversation during this process and shared how she feels that businesses in South Salt Lake aren't as supported through a public relations means like they are in other cities like Salt Lake City.

Council Member Williams said that this increase concerns her as it is something that should have been addressed on a yearly basis over the last several years. She said that when matters like this aren't addressed and the current Council is forced to address them, they are made out to be the bad guys with the public. She referenced last year's property tax increase which created a huge outcry with residents because of the amount of the increase and said that she feels that it would've been more manageable to have been increasing in smaller amounts all along. Regardless, she supports the fees being what they should be and is willing to make the needed changes.

Neighborhoods Director, Sharen Hauri, spoke on the changes to Animal Services and Code Enforcement. The results of these two sections in the study were based off how much time staff spends on certain tasks.

Raising the adoption fees at the Animal Shelter was kept to a minimum to continue to encourage adoptions, especially since the shelter regularly tends to be at full capacity. What was increased was surrendering fees, as they don't want people to surrender animals unless necessary and to help cover the costs of taking in additional animals when this happens. There are also increases to fees for boarding or nuisance issues.

For Code Enforcement, Ms. Hauri said that their wish is to see residents in compliance with the City Code. Parking vehicles on paved surfaces, having vehicles registered and licensed if they're parked on the street, debris, proper display of garbage or outside storage, and vacant buildings are some of the main issues they come across when enforcing the City Code.

Council Member Pinkney asked about the Vacant Property fee and if there has been one in

place. Ms. Hauri answered that they have had the fee in place and send out annual letters to the property owners. Costs such as cutting down trees, weeds, fixing something that can be dangerous, etc. are included in the Vacant Property fee.

Based off the input and request for more and specific information received by the Council members, staff said that they would gather more information for the next time that they present.

2. Discussion of Ranked Choice Voting

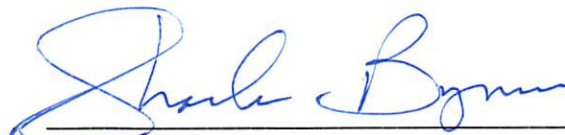
City Recorder, Ariel Andrus, discussed the option of a traditional or ranked choice voting for this year's coming election. She went over the cost-savings and voter turnout factors, and said that, overall, the numbers between both options were mostly the same. The cost for ranked choice voting could vary depending on how many other cities opt in. It could range from \$26,000-\$61,000, with the higher end being if South Salt Lake was the only city to opt in. The deadline to opt in is April 28, 2023. The cost for a traditional election with a primary election is estimated to be around \$38,000 and would have a longer election cycle.

Council Member Pinkney stated that Midvale, Millcreek, and Salt Lake City are the three cities that have chosen to do ranked choice voting this year.

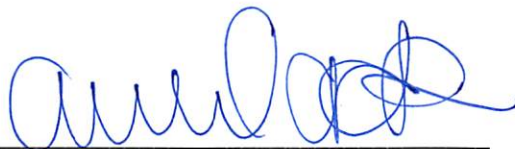
Ms. Andrus said that one of the pros about ranked choice voting is the shortened cycle time. The filing is done in August instead of June and, as a result, the election cycle is shorter and can be a cost-saving factor for candidates.

The Council agreed that they would look at the numbers for the cost based off of the three cities opting in as of right now and will make a decision by the next Council Meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 6:57 p.m.



Sharla Bynum, Council Chair



Ariel Andrus, City Recorder

Consolidated Fee Schedule Update

SSLC City Council

March 22, 2023

Business Licensing

- Fee Study Last 2011
 - Base administrative fees (cost of doing business)
 - Disproportionate Fees
- Typical Results
- Alcohol related business – case study of admin. & regulatory fees
- Disproportionate Fees – 5 Business classes

Overview of Proposed Fees - Typical

General License Fees	License – Initial	License - Renewal
Amusement Device	\$147.00	\$147.00
Automotive sales, repair, towing, rental, leasing	\$573.00	\$465.00
Bakeries and cafés	\$321.00	\$212.00
Bar Establishment, Tavern	\$1,321.00	\$1,212.00
Check cashing	\$585.00	\$476.00
Child Care Center / Daycare	\$381.00	\$272.00
Commissary Kitchen	\$187.00	\$79.00
Construction and contracted services	\$393.00	\$284.00
Drug store	\$4,110.00	\$4,001.00
Equestrian Facility	\$1,420.00	\$1,311.00
Fast food	\$4,097.00	\$3,989.00
Financial	\$1,339.00	\$1,230.00
Fitness/Recreation	\$169.00	\$60.00

Overview of Proposed Fees - Alcohol

Business Name	License Type	Current License Cost (New)	Proposed License Cost (New)	Current License (Renewal)	Proposed License Cost (Renewal)
Brewery					
	Construction/Manufacturing (City Business License)	\$302.00	\$393.08	\$302.00	\$284.37
	City Liquor (Manufacturer)	\$2,000.00	\$145.52	\$1,000.00	\$126.59
	City Beer (Off Premise)	\$500.00	\$145.52	\$300.00	\$118.41
	City Liquor (Package Agency)	\$250.00	\$159.05	\$100.00	\$120.87
Total		\$3,052.00	\$843.17	\$1,702.00	\$650.24
Bar					
	Bar Establishment	\$1,550.00	\$1,321.31	\$1,550.00	\$1,212.60
	Bar Establishment (Regulatory License)	\$2,500.00	\$343.27	\$1,750.00	\$300.12
Total		\$4,050.00	\$1,664.58	\$3,300.00	\$1,512.72
OVERALL TOTAL		\$7,102.00	\$2,507.75	\$5,002.00	\$2,162.96
OVERALL SAVINGS			\$4,594.25		\$2,839.04

Overview of Proposed Disproportionate Fees

Annual Increase of 3 Percent

Business Type	Existing Fee	Zions ID'd Disproportionate Fee	Proposed Fee	Proposed Fee - 3% Increase 2023	Proposed Fee - 3% Increase 2024
Bowling Alley	\$1,354	\$8,852	\$2,708	\$2,789	\$2,873
Convenience Stores:					
No Fuel	\$1,860	\$9,957	\$3,720	\$3,832	\$3,947
Fueling with Prepay Required	\$2,281	\$11,701	\$4,562	\$4,699	\$4,840
Golf	\$781	\$7,325	\$1,562	\$1,609	\$1,657
Grocery, Large	\$1,818	\$141,414	\$3,636	\$3,745	\$3,857
Movie Theatre	\$4,470	\$23,868	\$4,470	\$9,208	\$9,484

Questions?