



**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, May 24, 2023** in the City Council Chambers, 220 East Morris Avenue, Suite 200, commencing at **6:30 p.m.**, or as soon thereafter as possible.

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Conducting: Council Chair Bynum

MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION:

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| 1. Carryover Budget Items for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 | Crystal Makin |
| 2. Submitted Questions and Answers Regarding the 2023-2024 Proposed Budget | Crystal Makin |
| 3. Opportunity to Submit Questions for Future Budget Discussions | Sharla Bynum |

Adjourn

Posted May 19, 2023

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CITY OF SOUTH SALT LAKE
CITY COUNCIL WORK MEETING

COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday May 24, 2023
6:30 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, Natalie Pinkney,
Shane Siwik, and Corey Thomas,

COUNCIL MEMBERS EXCUSED:

Portia Mila, Clarissa Williams

STAFF PRESENT:

Mayor Cherie Wood
Josh Collins, City Attorney
Jack Carruth, Police Chief
Dennis Pay, City Engineer
Jonathan Weidenhamer, Community & Economic Development Director
Aaron Wiet, Recreation Director
Sharen Hauri, Neighborhoods Director
Scott Mecham, Fleet Division Manager
Colby Talbot, Stormwater Division Manager
Carson Aprato, Police Officer
Jessica Potter, Executive Assistant
Danielle Croyle, Public Information Officer
Ariel Andrus, City Recorder
Sara Ramirez, Deputy City Recorder

Matters for Discussion

- 1. Carryover Budget Items for Fiscal Year 2022-2023.**
Council Chair Bynum informed the Council that Finance Director, Crystal Makin, was unable to attend the meeting and that this item would be moved to the June 7th Work Meeting for discussion.
- 2. Submitted Questions and Answers Regarding the 2023-2024 Proposed Budget.**
Mayor Wood went over the answers that Finance Director, Crystal Makin, had prepared in advance for the questions that the Council had submitted since the last Work Meeting.

- a. How many employees take advantage of the tuition assistance program? 5 employees this year. 25 employees have applied and been approved for next year. The Fire and Police departments tend to have the greatest number of employees to apply for the program as college degrees are required to advance beyond a certain rank. The tuition assistance program is open to all City employees.
- b. Neighborhoods has a line item for Senior Citizens that has no funding, what is the funding for and where is it budgeted? The Senior Citizen Center is funded in the Recreation Department for \$5,000 which is the City's contractual obligation. The funds go to the County and helps to support programming for the Seniors.
- c. Discuss ambulance transport fees and how it relates to the Fire Department budget. Ambulance transport fees are the fees that the City collects for providing ambulance services. Since it's a fee for a service performed it appears in the Revenue section of the PSS Fund under 'Charges for Service'.
- d. What percentage of the total budget is covered by the Public Safety Special Revenue Tax? Approximately 4% of the total budget, and about 15% of the Public Safety Fund.
- e. What percentage of the total budget makes up the Capital Fund? Approximately 20%.
- f. What is the year over year increase in the Public Safety Special Revenue Fund vs the increase in the PSS tax? In Fiscal Year 2023 the City budgeted \$26,994,205 in PSS expenditures. In Fiscal Year 2024 the City has proposed a budget of \$29,602,693 which is an increase of \$2,608,488 or about 9%. Almost all that increase is attributed to increased staffing costs.

For the increase in the PSS tax revenue, the City budgeted \$3.5 million in Fiscal Year 2023 and in Fiscal Year 2024, the City has proposed a budget of \$4.4 million. This amount is based on the projected property tax revenues received from the County.

- g. Is the Neighborhoods Department sufficiently staffed to handle the load of projects being undertaken? The new positions include an Animal Shelter Technician, a Facilities Handyman, Parks Project Manager, and a Building Project Manager.
- h. What is a sundry expense? Used to meet employee needs within a department like employee recognition, team building, providing flowers for bereavement, candy, and decorations for Spooky City Hall, etc.
- i. Did the Planning Commission receive new computers that were budgeted for this year? They have been ordered but supply chain issues have delayed their being received.
- j. Does the Planning Commission have funds allocated for training purposes? There are no allocated funds since most of the trainings have been done in-house and there have been no requests for attending conferences.
- k. What is the make and model the Police Department's vehicles? Chief Carruth answered and said that there are several different models but that the overall make used is Ford.

Doing this helps to keep expenses budget friendly when doing bulk orders on parts, upkeep, and maintenance, etc.

- l. What studies are being funded with the City budget? Public Safety Impact Fee for \$20,000, Street Lighting Fee Study for \$20,000, Capital Infrastructure Study for \$50,000, Lead Piping Study for \$50,000, Water Conservation Study for \$50,000, Moderate Income Housing Plan for \$15,000, and a Unidirectional Flushing Plan \$40,000.
- m. Where is Affordable Housing budgeted? The City received a grant for \$133,000 to get this up and going. The City lost a key person in the last several months that had been working on this and Community & Economic Development Director, Jonathan Weidenhamer, came on board in January and has been working on putting this together. More updates will be coming to the Council.

3. Opportunity to Submit Questions for Future Budget Discussions.

Council Chair Bynum asked the Council Members to submit any additional questions so that staff can continue to work on them for the next meetings.

Council Member Siwik wanted to address the Police Department’s current rank of being in sixth place in the nine precincts across the Salt Lake Valley for starting salaries. He said that he would be open to ideas on how to close that gap and bring the City closer to first place.

Chief Carruth said that while he was appreciative of the thought, he feels that the City is in a good place with starting salaries and the recruitment of new officers. His current focus is on retention of mid-level officers in between the 5–7-year experience level. With the proposed 2-step officer pay that he has requested to bring back; he feels that this will allow the department to remain in a good place with recruitment and retention.

Council Member Pinkney wanted to know if there was any additional funding that the Arts Council would need.

Mayor Wood said that staff would continue to work on putting together information as requested for the next Work Meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:01 p.m.



Sharla Bynum, Council Chair



Ariel Andrus, City Recorder

