



South Salt Lake City Council Work Meeting

Public notice is hereby given that the **South Salt Lake City Council** will hold a Work Meeting on **Wednesday, April 22, 2020**. This meeting will be an electronic meeting commencing at **6:00 p.m.**, or as soon thereafter as possible. There will be no Council Members at the anchor location of South Salt Lake City Hall and Council Members will connect remotely through a Zoom meeting. Details on how to view to this meeting can be found on the City's Website sslc.com

CITY COUNCIL

MEMBERS:

LEANNE HUFF
COREY THOMAS
SHARLA BYNUM
PORTIA MILA
SHANE SIWIK
NATALIE PINKNEY
RAY DEWOLFE

Conducting: Sharla Bynum, Council Chair

MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION:

1. **Budget Discussion**
2. **Council Rules Discussion**

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CITY OF SOUTH SALT LAKE
CITY COUNCIL WORK MEETING

COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday April 22, 2020
6:00 p.m.

CITY OFFICES

220 East Morris Avenue #200
South Salt Lake, Utah 84115

PRESIDING
CONDUCTING

Council Chair Sharla Bynum
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COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

STAFF PRESENT:

Mayor Cherie Wood
Charee Peck, Chief of Staff
Hannah Vickery, City Attorney
Kyle Kershaw, Finance Director
Jack Carruth, Police Chief
Terry Addison, Fire Chief
Mont Roosendaal, Public Assets Director
Kelli Meranda, Promise South Salt Lake Director
Aaron Wiet, Parks and Recreation Director
Lindsey Edwards, Homeless Outreach & Strategies Director
Rodger Hoffman, Deputy Fire Chief
Danielle Croyle, Public Information Officer
Scott Turnblom, IT Manager
Tory Laws, Wastewater Division Manager
BJ Allen, GIS Specialist/IT
Craig Burton, City Recorder
Ariel Andrus, Deputy City Recorder

Matters for Discussion

- 1. Budget Discussion.** Council Chair Bynum said the Council has been working with the Mayor in a collaborative manner and have already given the Mayor their budget priorities. Some things in the budget have changed due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Finance Director, Kyle Kershaw, said the City received a sales tax distribution in the month of April from the Tax Commission. This distribution was for sales tax for the month of February and that was before the shut downs due to COVID-19 began. They had speculated that there would be indications that businesses may have used the money they normally use for sales tax payments for other expenses such as rent or payroll. The

payment received by the City in April was 12% less than estimated. Before the pandemic hit, sales tax was up 10-11% on average which reflected a healthy economy. The decrease will likely grow significantly when the City receives the March sales tax.

Mr. Kershaw said the City has done some estimates on the 2020 fiscal year and have tried to project out the rest of the fiscal year based on the expenditures and the expected revenue. In sales tax there is a two month lag so the City will see the effects of this into the next fiscal year. He believe the City is in good shape for the rest of the current fiscal year because of the increase in sales tax they have seen and the City has been conservative with the budget thus far. The building permit revenue has come on at a quick pace and there have been rather large projects being built in the City so that has been very helpful.

Mr. Kershaw continued by saying that there is going to be difficulty in projecting the 2021 budget because no one knows how long the COVID pandemic is going to last and what the lasting effects will be. All department budgets were presented to the Mayor in January and now with the virus all of those numbers have had to be refigured.

Council Member Pinkney said that the White House has predicted that the current situation and state of things may last until June 15 or so. She asked if Mr. Kershaw if he had any prediction as to what that will do to the City's budget.

Mr. Kershaw said no. The City has been following national and local trends and he doesn't think the City will have a good grip on what the situation really is until they receive a couple more sales tax distributions. March and April are going to be the months that the economy was hit the hardest.

Council Member Pinkney asked if the worst happens if conversations about layoffs would happen or is there an emergency fund to keep the City afloat.

Mr. Kershaw said that layoffs would be a last resort and they are doing everything they can to avoid those measures.

Mayor Wood added that the City has fund balance which is the City's rainy day fund and that could be used if layoffs started to be discussed. There are many unknown variables with this virus and no one knows how long this will all last. She and Mr. Kershaw will formulate a budget the will take into account a couple of different scenarios.

Council Chair Bynum said that she would consider the situation the City is in right now as a rainy day and appreciates the effort to keep City employees working.

Council Member deWolfe asked if Mr. Kershaw felt optimistic that the Federal Government will offer stimulus money to municipalities.

Mr. Kershaw said the fourth stimulus package is being discussed right now and that is expected to go to local governments. He is very hopeful that this next stimulus goes to cities.

Council Member deWolfe asked if the City collects tax revenue from online sales.

Mr. Kershaw said that online sales are distributed a little bit differently and it is determined where a company would think the point of sale came from.

Council Member deWolfe asked if the City knows what other cities are doing to deal with the revenue loss.

Mayor Wood said that she has Conference of Mayors meeting tomorrow and she is sure she will find out more information on what other cities are doing to help with this situation. She also added that there are some employees that cannot work from home and they are helping the parks crew and they are doing everything they can to keep everyone busy and employed.

Mr. Kershaw said the legislature is considering a bill that has a provision that would move the due date for the tentative budget back two weeks. He is hopeful that bill passes to give the City extra time with this budget.

Mayor Wood said when the Council met a couple of months ago to go over their budget priorities and she asks that the Council reconsider looking those priorities because of COVID-19 and all the changes that have occurred with that.

Council Chair Bynum said she would work with the rest of the Council to update those priorities.

Mayor Wood said that the budget she will present to the Council will be very bare bones and budget amendments will likely occur as revenue comes in or doesn't come in.

Council Chair Bynum said she would still like to see the Council look at a stormwater utility fee.

Mayor Wood said if the Council did decide to pass a stormwater utility fee the City could hold off on implementing that until January 2021.

2. Council Rules Discussion. The Council went over the Council rules starting at rule number eleven.

Council Member deWolfe had a question on rule fourteen regarding personal privilege. If a Council Member has any additional objections those objections can be submitted to the City Recorder within 48 hours after the meeting was adjourned. He wondered if those objections would be added to the meeting minutes.

Council Member Mila said that incident probably doesn't happen too often but if it were ever to occur the City Recorder could email the objections to the Council and then those objections could be included in the minutes.

The Council agreed with Council Member Mila and the City Recorder will look into this

further.

Council Member Mila said rule sixteen regarding suspending the rules should be more clear on whether or not the suspending the rule vote needs to be unanimous or majority vote. She also added that throughout the rules a Council packet is referred to and feels that language should be updated as the Council doesn't receive a packet any longer.

Council Chair Bynum discussed rules eighteen and said she doesn't feel that it is realistic to have everything in the Council's Dropbox by 8:00 a.m. on the Friday preceding the Council meeting and feels the time should be moved to 5:00 p.m. and that the information placed in Dropbox may be in draft form. This change could also allow for the option to add additional information to the Council's Dropbox later than Friday as well if the main information is already available.

Council Member deWolfe added that he didn't see a need to postpone an item if staff didn't have all the information to Dropbox by the Friday. If the Council wasn't ready to pass on an item because they didn't have time to read over the backup information, that item could be moved to unfinished business for the following Council meeting.

Council Member Mila agreed with moving the due date time for backup information to 5:00 p.m. instead of 8:00 a.m. She doesn't want anyone adding agenda items at the last minute so she wanted to keep that language the same.

Ms. Vickery said she may add some language about the open public meetings act and the need to have backup information available to the public within 24 hours of the meeting.

Council Chair Bynum discussed rule twenty and the serious moment of reflection. She would like to make the public more aware that they are able to do the serious moment of reflection if they would like.

Council Member Mila said in this rule there are some language updates that need to be made. She also doesn't like the use of the word criticize in number five of this rule and wondered if it could be updated with something else.

Council Chair Bynum asked about the need to keep the rule regarding a Council staff member.

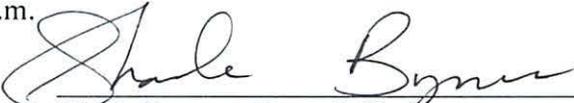
Council Member Mila thought the rule should stay because although there is not a budget for this staff person now there may be budget for that person in the future.

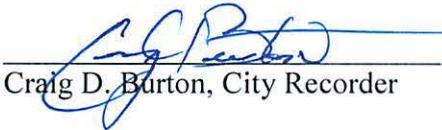
Council Member Pinkney and Siwik agreed with Council Member Mila.

Ms. Vickery said while she is making these updates she will make some legal clean up as well.

This item will be brought back at a later meeting in May.

The meeting adjourned at 6:58 p.m.


Sharla Bynum, Council Chair


Craig D. Burton, City Recorder