

CITY OF SOUTH SALT LAKE
CITY COUNCIL WORK MEETING

COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, May 13, 2015
6:15 p.m.

CITY OFFICES

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

PRESIDING
CONDUCTING

Council Chair Irvin H. Jones, Jr.
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COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sharla Beverly, Ryan Gold, Irvin H. Jones, Jr., Kevin Rapp,
Michael Rutter, and Debbie Snow

COUNCIL MEMBERS EXCUSED:

LeRoy Turner

STAFF PRESENT:

Mayor Cherie Wood
Charee Peck, Chief of Staff
Lyn Creswell, City Attorney
Paul Roberts, Deputy City Attorney
Mont Roosendaal, Public Assets Director
Randy Sant, Economic Development Consultant
Kyle Kershaw, Finance Director
Jack Carruth, Chief of Police
Craig Burton, City Recorder
Paula Melgar, Deputy City Recorder

OTHERS PRESENT:

See attached list.

The meeting was scheduled for 6:15 p.m. but began at 6:33 p.m.

Matters for Discussion

1. **Budget Discussion.** Council Member Rapp asked that the tree ordinance be brought back on the next agenda for discussion and possible funding.

Council Chair Jones said they have budgeted a part-time person for graffiti removal and they need an increase to make it a full-time position. Then half of this person's time would go to nuisance trees. Then they need to increase the budget in the Abatement Fund. The Council needs to determine what kind of a dollar amount they are willing to set aside for a full-time employee and the Abatement Fund. The big question is where is the money going to come from? He said they would discuss it at

next week's work meeting and then place it on a regular meeting agenda.

Council Chair Jones also suggested that if the Council is thinking about purchasing any property for a campus they need to consider it and find some funds for it as well. He suggested the Council needs to decide if they want to buy it before they start shopping for it.

Mayor Wood said staff needs to understand the Council's commitment level to expanding the campus and have a plan put together before they start knocking on doors.

City Attorney, Lyn Creswell, suggested that the Council look at the property acquisitions as a whole and prioritize their acquisition activity.

Council Member Rapp asked how much it was going to cost to clean up the Millcreek Apartment fire.

Mayor Wood said it is completed.

Finance Director, Kyle Kershaw, advised the Council that the cleanup was less than what was budgeted. It ended up being about \$15,000.

Council Member Snow asked what the plan was for that property.

Mayor Wood said they have been waiting to hear from Salt Lake County to find out if they would have to reimburse CDBG funds that were used to purchase the property and what kind of restrictions would be put on the development of the property. Currently there are no plans and that will be the Council's decision. She believes they have received the response back from the County and will update the Council on it.

Mayor Wood also advised that they didn't propose any new capital projects this coming budget year due to the fact that 2016 is still a lively conversation. They need to see what this year brings and how close they get.

Council Member Snow asked how much funds are needed for the compensation study the City is doing.

The Mayor said it was \$23,500. It's a market survey and compensation structure review and performance management system creation and support.

Council Member Snow asked what the retirement rate changes are.

Mr. Kershaw said the Utah Retirement System tells the City what the rates are and they get adjusted every year for various actuarial reasons. It has been a long time since the rate increases have been as low as they are in the coming year. Most of the increase is in the Fire retirement system where it was increased it about twenty basis points. The rates are dictated to the City by URS. Because the City is a member of

the Utah Retirement System we just pay them.

Council Member Snow asked if there were only ten vehicles that need to be replaced. She wonders if that is all that needs to be replaced.

Mr. Kershaw said there are others in various departments.

Council Member Snow reminded the Council that last year they cut the Mayor's vehicle from the replacement list. She is wondering if the circumstances have changed and they now think it is necessary.

Public Assets Director, Mont Roosendaal, explained that it was determined that every election year they would replace the Mayor's vehicle. The other vehicles run to the end of their life cycle. It is on the request list. It was there on the election year and it remains there. It's a year older, the miles are up there and it is six and half years old.

Council Member Snow said she doesn't necessarily agree with the policy that they treat this vehicle different than all the rest of the fleet. She hasn't heard anything about it being unworkable, unusable, or breaking down. There is not a quality issue she's heard so she feels the same concerns they had last year still apply. She asked the Mayor if she is having any trouble with the vehicle.

Mayor Wood said it is breaking down more often and she has to take it to fleet. She told Mont to leave it off the replacement list but he felt to be true to the policy that it should stay on. Every year it is not funded is less money that they get out of the equity so it becomes a larger line item.

Council Member Rapp asked where staff is in regards to body cameras.

Mr. Kershaw said they have the grant budgeted for \$33,500.

Mr. Roosendaal explained that the reason they are waiting is because they have Arbitrator cameras in the police vehicles. They are waiting for Arbitrator's body camera to come out because it will work with the current network the City has. If they didn't go this way they would be buying body cameras and they would have to buy new servers as well to load and download files.

Mr. Kershaw said the release of this camera will be sometime after July 1.

Mr. Roosendaal added that Arbitrator is more integrated, is a lot better product and is worth waiting for.

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.



Irvin H. Jones, Jr., Council Chair



Craig D. Burton, City Recorder

