Creating a strong, stable foundation for the City

As part of my five point strategic plan, the city is committed to building the infrastructure we need to support existing and new residents. We are also constantly keeping up with changes in public expectations and desires - from transit and trails to stormwater and stream protection. Cities have so many responsibilities so SSL city staff are empowered to seek solutions and continuously make improvements. Infrastructure projects are often complicated and expensive, so we follow best practices, seek funding from outside sources, and prioritize with care.

South Salt Lake began when civic leaders demanded a sewer system, 80 years ago, and created a city to do just that. Today the city owns and/or maintains roads, sewer, water and stormwater systems in partnership with other providers. Our city is not immune to the problems of aging infrastructure and more stringent regulations. We work hard to deliver and protect the vital services we often take for granted. In South Salt Lake, these are included in your city property tax and municipal utility bill, unlike in some jurisdictions where additional taxes and fees go to special service districts.

I made my recommendations for key projects for the next fiscal year on May 9, 2018. You can take part in the budget planning and debate throughout June by attending City Council meetings (in person or watching online) and making comments. This is your chance to help build a stable foundation for the future.

Highlights of Fiscal Year 2019 Infrastructure Budget Recommendations

- New stoplight at 400 East and the S-Line streetcar
- Parleys Trail between Main Street and West Temple
- Striped bike lanes on 2700 South
- Priority projects from the 2018 SSL City Lighting Master Plan
- Stormwater System Fee study to build missing infrastructure
- Construction of Gateway Park, West Fitts Park and Lions Park playground

See the full proposed budget at: sslc.com

Mural Fest 2018
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South Salt Lake City Council Action Report Summary

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SSL Capital Improvement Highlights

400 East and the S-Line Streetcar Stoplight (see right)
Signal heads have been installed. The contractor continues to install the electrical components require for signal operation. They are on track for an early June completion.

Sunset Avenue Waterline
The waterline was installed last year. The contract for pavement reconstruction and curb, gutter and sidewalk installation has been awarded to Stapp Construction. Work will be completed during the 2018 construction season.

2700 South
Roadway improvements and bike lane striping were awarded to Stapp Construction as part of a larger street improvements project. Work will be completed during the 2018 construction season.

Penny Avenue
Work began on tree removal in preparation for installation of curb, gutter and sidewalk. In the next few weeks the contractor will begin excavating for curb, gutter and sidewalk. Some asphalt will be removed all the edge of the street to allow for a smooth transition to the curb.

City Council Corner

In our form of government, the city council is responsible for budget and legislative issues, similar to the state and federal systems.

As we enter into the new budget year, many issues face our city. On May 9th, the Mayor’s office submitted their tentative budget, which we will use as a beginning point for discussions. One of the most important issues facing the city in the 2019 year will be unforeseen resources needed to deal with the new homeless shelter set to open July 1, 2019.

The state of Utah passed legislation creating new funds for cities with homeless facilities. These funds are taken from cities and towns without those facilities and pooled for those that have them. Each year, through a third party those few cities have to make application and may be given funds based on need.

For now, the city looks to gain about 2.5 million dollars for the next year. However, there is no guarantee of future funding, although it is expected. These funds are meant for hiring approximately 12 more police and 12 more fire staff. The concern is that if full funding is not allocated in future years, we have hired up to 24 new positions based on those numbers.

There are many more issues coming up with this budget cycle, including the need for more open space, a major improvement to street lighting, a new fire truck and of course there are employee wages.

With competing issues, the one important thing we as city council members understand is we are spending YOUR money for you. Without your input, we go on our own thoughts. We would love to have your ideas and concerns. One of the ways you can help is to preview the tentative budget online and if you feel inclined, attend the budget public hearing June 6th at 7:30 pm and give your thoughts to how we spend your money. You can also call each one of us as well.

We look forward to hearing from you.

By Shane Siwik – City Council District 5

Note: Opinions expressed here may not be representative of all Members of the City Council.
Meet our new Police Sergeant!

Sgt. Joshua Suazo began his career with the City of South Salt Lake as an Animal Control Shelter Technician in 2007. Working part time for the City, he gained an interest in the South Salt Lake Police Department. In 2008, the South Salt Lake Police Department sponsored Joshua as a police recruit and sent him to the Police Academy for training. After successfully completing the academy curriculum, Josh then began his 14 weeks of training with the South Salt Lake Police Department. Sgt. Joshua Suazo worked several years in patrol before taking a position as a Police K9 Handler. He served in this capacity until his promotion on May 1, 2018.

Police Sergeant has a critical role within the police department. Working as a front-line supervisor overseeing a crew of 5 or more, they must be aware of the safety of their staff, the needs and safety of the community and ensure police services are appropriately delivered. Testing and promoting to the position of a Police Sergeant is highly competitive and is the first ranking position as you move into police administration. Currently the South Salt Lake Police Department has nine sergeants who supervise; Patrol, Detectives, Community Resource Unit and the Traffic Unit. All of our Sergeants also have collateral assignments to include: Force on Force Training, Firearms Training, Field Training Officers, Motorcycle Officer Training, Honor Guard Unit, Physical Fitness Training and many more. South Salt Lake Police Sergeants on many occasions can be the highest ranking officer at certain times of the day. It is critical that all our Sergeants not only fully understand the mission of the Police Department, but the mission of the City as well.

We are excited to see the promotion of Sgt. Joshua Suazo. He is a graduate of the University of Utah, with a Bachelor’s of Science in Psychology and he has demonstrated the ability to meet the additional responsibilities and understands the role of Police Sergeant.

Fireworks Alert

Did you know fireworks account for almost 18,000 reported fires per year, and sparklers account for roughly one-quarter of emergency room fireworks injuries? Fireworks are often used to mark special events and holidays. They cause thousands of burns and eye injuries each year. People can enjoy fireworks safely if they follow a few simple safety steps:

BE CAREFUL!
- Obey local laws. If fireworks are not legal where you live, do not use them!
- Always have water handy - a hose or buckets of water.
- Only use fireworks as intended. DO NOT alter them or combine them.
- Never re-light a “dud” firework (wait 20 minutes and then soak it in a bucket of water).
- Only persons over age 12 should be allowed to handle sparklers of any type.
- DO NOT use homemade fireworks or illegal explosives; they can kill!
- Under new 2018 legislation, fireworks are allowed to be set off from JULY 2-5 and from JULY 22-25.
Columbus Senior Center Highlights
2531 South 400 East
South Salt Lake, Utah
84115 • 385-468-3340

Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays – 9:30 a.m.
EnhanceFitness
Tuesdays – 10:00 a.m.
Tai Chi
Tuesdays & Thursdays
10:30 a.m. – Pickleball
Daily Lunch – Noon
$3 suggested donation
Tuesday, June 5
Birthday Lunch – Noon
Thursday, June 7
Free Bees Baseball Game
12:05 p.m.
(2 Tickets per Senior)
Thursday, June 14
Picnic at Fitts Park
10:00 a.m. Entertainment by Phoenix Band
11:00 a.m. Buffet Lunch
Must Register
Wednesday, June 20
Wendover Trip – 7:15 a.m.
Hosted by Advisory Committee - $10
World Refugee Day
12:40 p.m.
Thursday, June 21
Pancake Breakfast
8:45 a.m.
Hosted by Advisory Committee
Come check out what the Senior Center has to offer!

Inaugural Mural Fest Brightens Downtown SSL

A dozen notable artists poured their hearts out onto the walls of downtown South Salt Lake. The artists were a part of the city’s first Mural Festival, a project dreamed up and executed by the SSL Arts Council. Executive Director Lesly Allen and board member Derek Dyer had been dreaming of the project for years, having been inspired by mural “districts” in other cities, such as Deep Ellum, Texas, and Vancouver, Canada. “This is something that South Salt Lake can truly be known for. We have the walls, we have the talent, and we embrace the idea that arts can deeply change a community.”

Artists painted throughout April and May, leaving the finishing touches for the May 19 Mural fest party on Commonwealth Ave. Derek Dyer is also director of the Utah Arts Alliance, and hosted the big event at the Art Factory, an arts/creative space at the end of Commonwealth Ave.

SSL Justice Court Receives Award

On April 26, 2018, the Board of Justice Court Judges awarded the 2018 Justice Court of the Year Award to the South Salt Lake City Justice Court for its continued excellence in serving the public. The award was presented to Judge Anna Anderson at the annual Judges’ Conference in St. George, Utah.

This honor is awarded to the court that shows dedication to the judiciary process in providing service to the public as well as improvement and excellence in processing court matters. Over the last year, the South Salt Lake Justice Court succeeded in enhancing its service to the public, and also significantly improved the efficiency of its case management.

Court employees Christie Hoins, Darla Delgado, and Carolyn Schefski have been dedicated to the Court for over ten years. Lindsey Stone contributed greatly while employed by the Court, and Monica Medina, the newest Court Clerk, brings experience that is further raising the standard of professionalism. Lisa Forrester, the Court Division Manager, has contributed greatly to the success of the Court by working tirelessly to improve morale and perfect the Court’s processes and procedures.

The staff of the Court thanks Mayor Cherie Wood, the members of the City Council, and all of the employees of South Salt Lake and the members of the community for their continued support.

Tall Weeds & Grass Maintenance

As members of the community, citizens and city leaders are striving to beautify neighborhoods. One way that they do so is through passing ordinances which improve the appearance of the neighborhood. As it relates to tall weeds and grass, city ordinances prohibit grass and weeds from growing or being maintained in excess of six (6) inches. Tall weeds and grass are not only unsightly, but can also create fire hazards and havens for rodents and other vermin.

The Urban Livability office seeks your cooperation in sustaining the health, safety and appearance of your community. If you are physically unable to do the work due to age or disability, there may be resources available to assist you. If you would like code enforcement to visit a property in the city, please contact the Urban Livability Department at 801-464-6712.

Beautiful Yard Award

Nominate a South Salt Lake Beautiful Yard Today! Mayor Cherie Wood's Beautiful Yard Award is her way of thanking SSL residents who have made exceptional efforts that impact their neighborhoods in a positive way. Beautiful yards make neighborhoods more attractive and vibrant. It’s easy to nominate, please take a moment to contact the Urban Livability Department at 801-464-6712 or vielo@sslc.com to recognize a deserving yard.

Congratulations to the Lloyd’s! Thank you for your commitment to a Beautiful Yard!
South Salt Lake Freedom Festival
JULY 3-4 2018

VETERANS APPRECIATION RECEPTION
July 3, 2018 6 – 8 p.m.
Veterans and their families are invited. Refreshments.
Columbus Center, 2531 S 400 E, South Salt Lake

4TH OF JULY FESTIVITIES
5K, Fun Run/Walk – 7:30 a.m.
Register by June 27 ($15) Forms: sslc.com
Start and finish line at Fitts Park at 3050 S 500 E

PARADE
8 a.m. Flag Ceremony
9:30 a.m. Parade start – Kimball Ward to Fitts Park.

FESTIVAL
8 – 11 a.m. Pancake Breakfast ($3.00)
11 a.m. – 2 p.m. Live performances, dance competition, magician, games and food. Fitts Park at 3050 S 500 E.

Questions: 801-750-1632 or mclark@sslc.com

South Salt Lake 4th of July Parade
READY, SET MARCH!!
Interested in working or participating in South Salt Lake’s 4th of July Parade? We’d love to have you! We’re looking for families, groups, organizations, and businesses that would like to participate in this year’s parade, including planning, setting up, and walking in the parade. For more information call Leslie Jones at 801-750-1632.

SUMMER HIKING GROUP
Venture out of your neighborhood to discover beauty and breathtaking views in the mountains. Hike with us along local valley and canyon trails. Hikes vary from easy to moderate. Everyone is invited to participate. Children 12 years old or younger must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

SUMMER SPORTS CAMPS
Basketball Camp
July 16 – 20
Grades 2-4
10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Grades 5-7
11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Columbus Center Gym
$10.00 – Deadline July 6

First Tee Golf
July 30 – August 10
Ages 7-17
9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Central Valley Golf Course
$25 – Deadline July 20

Flag Football
Grades: 4th – 6th
Tuesday & Thursday Evenings
Columbus Center Field
2531 S. 400 E.
$25 – Deadline June 22

Register at the Recreation Office
2531 S. 400 E. SSL, UT 84115
Office hours: M-F 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
For more information: 801-412-3217

LUNCH on the Move
Wednesday, June 20
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
SSL City Hall – 220 East Morris Ave
Discover a new food truck each month and stop in to see what’s new at City Hall.

Saturday, June 9 | 9:00 -Noon
Fitts Park – 3050 S. 500 E.
Free Fishing - 12 & under Fishing Poles available
Watermelon Drop
Guess how far it will splat!
South Salt Lake Rotary visits the Connect Care Kiosk

Last month the South Salt Lake Rotary learned all about the Intermountain Connect Care Kiosk. They saw how this low-cost, face-to-face option would work to give you a diagnosis and prescription for common ailments, as well as how it can provide immediate interpretation in various languages. They are excited to know that this resource is available to use by anyone and that it is located in one of our own community centers!

Rotary International was founded on February 23, 1905 in Chicago, Illinois, and is the world’s first and one of the largest non-profit service organizations worldwide. The South Salt Lake Club was chartered May 31, 1979. They meet each Thursday for lunch and an informative presentation at the Columbus Center. The Rotary motto: “Service Above Self” inspires our club members to provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards, and promote good will and peace in our community and throughout the world.”

Rock Star – Brandis Stockman

Brandis directs the Lincoln Elementary Neighborhood Center and afterschool programs. Lincoln has a 92% average free lunch rate, and 42 different languages are spoken. She brings a wealth of experience to Promise, having led a large-scale afterschool initiative for several years in Texas. She is intelligent and dedicated. As a natural leader she creates a positive, enriching environment for learning. She is also a strong and efficient supervisor who promotes education and seeks to enhance the competencies of her staff members. She is a great listener who has a talent for being the voice of reason in conflict and problem solving efforts.

Brandis is a stellar communicator who speaks from her mind and heart. In the world of afterschool, Brandis is up on all the most recent initiatives and research, and frequently brings this information into her conversations. In meetings and events where she is conducting, she is able to command the room with passion, joy and intelligence.

Community members are involved in her programing because of the example she sets. She has a way of making people feel comfortable and appreciated, which is truly rare. She is an organized, self-starting, hard worker, who shows genuine interest and compassion to all South Salt Lake residents, Promise staff, partners, parents, children, and community members with whom she works. The way the people “take to her”, and the energy and enthusiasm she exudes make her a true Rock Star!

New Park Restrooms

New park restrooms are now open at Central Park. Two “all gender” restrooms were included with input from the Equity Council to make it easier for people to choose the restroom that best suits their needs or for mixed-gender pairs (like a father assisting a toddler daughter).