Spring is budget season in South Salt Lake. It’s time to take a look at our City needs, revenue sources, and consider our future. I will be presenting my budget to the City Council on May 8 and it’s important for residents to understand some of the opportunities and challenges we face.

The largest area of the budget is the $27 million General Fund which provides many of the basic services we need as a city -- police and fire, streets, parks and recreation, and other services.

The General Fund relies heavily on revenue from Sales Tax (42%). It’s essential to attract great businesses that bring customers from all over the valley. The next largest revenue source is Property Tax at 18.5%. Did you know that South Salt Lake has not increased its portion of property tax since 2006? South Salt Lake is collecting the same amount of property tax revenue in 2018 as we did in 2007.

So, how are we providing a consistent level of service, new services and completing new projects? My staff has excelled at doing more each year with the same funding sources. Many of the city improvements that we enjoy come at no cost to residents – things like trails, park improvements, afterschool programs and more. These are accomplished through grants and assistance programs – which now contribute 13.6% of our General Fund.

But there are limits to these opportunities. It is time to address the need for sustainable funding sources for basic services like Police and Fire Department salaries, infrastructure and essential staffing.

I have three priorities to address in this year’s City budget.

1. Invest in keeping our residents safe. SSL neighborhoods are safer than ever thanks to our amazing Police and Fire Departments. But these dedicated employees are paid significantly less than surrounding cities which creates challenges in attracting and keeping officers and firefighters. The City needs to consider a sustainable funding source for public safety.

2. Invest in needed infrastructure. Safe and beautiful neighborhoods rely on well maintained streets, sidewalks, lighting and utilities. We are challenged by an outdated storm water system that impacts the health of our residents, as well as wildlife living along waterways.

3. Invest in economic development. New businesses bring needed revenue to the City. As well as jobs and services to benefit our residents. There is more interest in SSL than our small staff can handle. We need to invest more in order to enjoy the returns that quality economic development brings.

I invite you to get involved in this year’s budget process! Go to www.sslc.com/finance to learn more.
City Council Corner

By Sharla Bynum – City Council District 3

Think about the last time you had an unexpected expense. Maybe your furnace? Or your car transmission? Chances are you didn’t have money set aside for a replacement. It’s possible that a better maintenance program could have even prevented issues. As budget negotiations begin, we should remember that well maintained infrastructure is one of the most important things a city provides residents.

Over the years we have made significant improvements to infrastructure including additional bike lanes, completion of trails, ongoing road maintenance, sidewalk repairs, and regular maintenance of our water and wastewater pipes. But every year brings new obstacles, many unexpected.

Our city staff work hard to complete high priority projects using the limited resources available. Some challenges extend from our aging infrastructure while others are from new standards and regulations. It’s time to think ahead and plan for our future starting with water.

Recently many municipalities have focused on water quality, specifically storm water. The health of our residents and the longevity of plants and animals that live along Mill Creek and the Jordan River, depend on our stewardship. It’s our duty to protect neighborhoods from flooding, odors and pests that result from clogged catch basins and drains. Poor drainage also damages roads and sidewalks causing safety issues.

We are one of the last cities in Salt Lake County to identify a sustainable funding source for storm water management. This revenue would provide funding for many capital projects in your neighborhood, projects that have been ignored for too long. So let’s save for those rainy days that clog up our storm drain, but let’s also do a better job of maintaining our current systems while following state and federal law guidelines.

Note: Opinions expressed here may not be representative of all Members of the City Council.

South Salt Lake City Council Action Report Summary
Full agendas, minutes, handouts and video recorded meetings available at: sslc.com/city-government/council-meeting

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Reverse 9-1-1
In order to be notified on your cell phone during an emergency you must register your phone number. Visit: www.vecc9-1-1.com/volp-registration

South Salt Lake Spring Cleanup
Boxed, Bundled & Bagged Pickup

Citywide bulky waste cleanup is a convenient way for residents to keep their homes and yards clean and tidy. Curbside pickup will be provided for approved items that are boxed, bundled or bagged. This pickup will take place the first two full weeks of May. A Notice will be sent to you with your pickup date.

Properly prepared items must be placed on the curb by 6:30 a.m. on the scheduled collection day. All items must be cut or broken down to a five-foot length or smaller and must not weigh more than 75 pounds. Do not park a car in front of your pile. Please do not obstruct the sidewalk, gutter, water meter, storm drain inlets or traffic with you items.

ACCEPTABLE items include yard waste, certain appliances, furniture, carpet and mattresses.

PROHIBITED items include oil, batteries, paint, tires, construction or demolition debris, car parts, grass clippings, everyday household garbage and hazardous materials – including Freon found in some old refrigerators and cooling appliances.

Public Works can assist with any questions 801-483-6045
If you suspect illegal dumping please call SSL PD at 801-840-4000
Homeless Resource Center Update

The doors of the new shelter will be opening soon to accept clients. The South Salt Lake Police Department has been working hard to ensure the transition of shelters go smoothly, and the impacts to our community are minimal.

In an effort to keep you informed, here are some progress updates:

- The resource center is tentatively scheduled to open in September. Clients will be transitioned from the downtown shelter to the three new shelters located throughout the county. Once the transition is complete they will begin closing the downtown shelter.
- The resource center located in our City is owned by Shelter the Homeless and operated by The Road Home. Catholic Community Services and Volunteers of America will operate the other two centers located in Salt Lake City.
- We are currently in negotiations with Shelter the Homeless and The Road Home for a special use permit. Once the permit is in place we will create a formal relationship with The Road Home to ensure that the shelter and surrounding area are operated to South Salt Lake community standards. The former shelter model requires residents to leave the center each morning, leaving them to loiter in the surrounding community until they line up in the evening to be allowed back into the shelter. Under the new model, residents of the resource center will not be assigned bed and allowed to stay inside the center during the day. This greatly limits the impact on the community surrounding the resource center.
- We have been building up relationships with the courts, homelessness services, mental health providers and other non-profits. When officers are called to assist with public order crimes commonly associated with homelessness these relationships will give officers additional options to best resolve the problem at hand and dissuade future poor conduct. Our officers will be able to assist those experiencing homelessness by connecting them with needed resources, while still fulfilling their criminal justice role and create outcomes that are not viewed as purely punitive by the individuals. Officers come in contact with. The goal of the program is stop the cycle of individuals being arrested, released and re-offending which drains resources and often fails to address the underlying cause of the behavior.
- The City of South Salt Lake, like most cities in the county, has challenges with illegal encampments along the Jordan River corridor. We have partnered with Salt Lake County and the Utah Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands to prepare James Madison Park, General Holm Park and the Jordan River recreation area for the resource centers opening. We have focused on quickly removing encampments as they are erected, including cleaning up any solid waste left behind. This deters new illegal campers from moving into the area and makes it clear that this is not tolerated in our community. We are taking a proactive approach by partnering with other agencies to remove overgrowth and invasive tree species which create cover and concealment and allow camps to go undetected in the area. This not only entirely deters camps from being setup, but also improves natural beauty and makes the area more accessible for recreation. Noticeable improvements are visible to visitors at General Holm Park this month.

SHELTER THE HOMELESS NEEDS YOUR HELP!

Shelter the Homeless is seeking representatives of the community near the resource center to participate on their Neighborhood Advisory Committee. They are seeking a business owner and residents that live within a 1/4 mile of the new resource center to participate. The purpose of each committee is to share information, solicit community feedback and support, collaborate in problem-solving and ensure adequate and accurate communication.

The committees will be composed of the following representatives:

- a business owner located within ¼ mile of the resource center;
- a resident who lives within ¼ mile of the resource center;
- a school representative, if any, within ¼ mile of the resource center;
- a public safety representative within ¼ mile of the resource center;
- a hospital representative, if any, within 5 miles of the resource center;
- chair of the nearest neighborhood community council (or designee).

For consideration to serve in this capacity, or to nominate someone, please submit the person’s name, organization, address and contact information to info@homelessutah.org.
COMING SOON! A new assisted living and memory care facility is currently under construction at 654 East 3300 South. The facility will be a two-story 76 unit building that will be separated into two buildings. The project will have the following on-site amenities: doctors’ offices; salon; physical therapy; theatre; and an activity center.

TRACY AVIARY
The Tracy Aviary is petitioning the South Salt Lake City Council for an ordinance amendment to allow for a Nature Center pilot project in James Madison Park located at 1111 West 3300 South. The proposed nature center will be programmed with educational and recreational activities to enhance activity and education along the Jordan River Parkway Trail. The pilot project is a temporary use that will act as a stepping stone to a larger nature center buildout in the future.

FORMER GRANITE HIGH PROPERTY
Townhomes and Library
Wasatch Residential Group and Salt Lake County petitioned and were approved by the South Salt Lake City Council for a zone change for the north half of the former Granite High School property. The developer is anticipating building 113 Townhomes and a Salt Lake County Library at the corner of 3300 South and 500 East.

Fitts Park Expansion and Mill Creek Trail
Construction is well underway on a new park area at Fitts Park. This starts with Mill Creek Trail and a bridge to cross Spring Creek into a new expansion area west of the creek. This park will include a bicycle training course, fitness course and adventure playground. The expanded park area is expected to open in July. This has been funded by development impact fees for parks and Federal Community Development Block Grants from HUD.

Ten New Murals
New murals are being painted in Downtown South Salt Lake as a part the 2nd annual Mural Fest, presented by the South Salt Lake Arts Council and Utah Arts Alliance. Watch for artists at work on these colorful masterpieces along West Temple and Main Street. Included this year, a special commemorative mural painted along the S-Line for the 150th anniversary of the “Golden Spike” and completion of the transcontinental railroad. A final celebration of the art and tours of the murals will take place on May 11th. More information at sslarts.org

Bike Routes
May is National Bike Month and lots of activities are planned by local bicycle groups and advocates to help you enjoy and explore. Try out the new bike routes that have opened on 2700 South and the extension of Parley’s Trail from Main Street to 300 West. One improvement to Parley’s Trail is a “protected bike lane” that aims to make biking more comfortable for all cyclists. Another addition is the concrete trail in the S-Line corridor, between Main Street and West Temple.

Gateway Park
The City is building a new park at 2230 South 500 East, next to the S-Line Streetcar station. Construction starts in May and continue into summer 2019. The park integrates into the design for the S-Line greenway and will become a destination for people traveling along Parley’s Trail, with fitness equipment, fun activities, seating and space for a farm stand. The project has been funded by development impact fees for parks and by Federal Community Development Block Grants.
Community Happenings

Volleyball Camp
June 10 – 14
9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
6th-12th Grades
$10.00 – Deadline May 31

Basketball Camp
July 15 – 19
Grades 2-4
10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Grades 5-7
11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
$10.00 – Deadline July 5

First Tee Golf
July 29 – August 9
Ages 7-17
10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Central Valley Golf Course
$25 – Deadline July 19

Adult Coed Softball
Rec League 5x5x5
Mon & Wed Evenings
June 10 – Aug 14
18 years and older
6:00 – 9:00 p.m.
Central Park Ball Field
Max Roster: 7
$70 per team
Deadline May 31

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

Come BOWL with a COP!

Presented by South Salt Lake PAL

Where: Bonwood Bowl: 2500 S. Main Street, SLC
When: Every 3rd Thursday of the Month 6:30pm-9:00pm

OPEN TO ALL KIDS 8-18!

Go To:
www.ssslpal.org
for more information!

Thursday
May 16th

Boys and girls
12 and under,
come fish for
free and win
prizes!!

Saturday, June 8, 2019, 9:00 a.m. to Noon
Fitts Park, 3050 South 500 East

Fishing for ages 12 and younger. Fishing poles
available for use on site. Prizes for first catch,
smallest and longest fish.

Water melon drop: Guess how far it will splat from
30 feet drop!

For more information contact Myrna Clark at
801-483-6076, mclark@sslcc.com

South Salt Lake Recreation Presents:

Flag Football

WHO: Boys & Girls Entering 4th – 6th Grade in 2019
WHEN: Tuesday & Thursday Evenings
WHERE: Columbus Center Field (2531 S. 400 E.)

Cost: $25 for 1st Child, $20 for 2nd, $15 for 3rd
*Additional $25 per resident fee for participants living outside of South Salt Lake
*Scholarships available to those who qualify - 50 with free/reduced lunch letter

Season runs June 18th – July 16th
Coaches will call to inform players of first practice time prior to June 18th
*Please note that all dates and locations are subject to change

DEADLINE:
MAY 24TH

Sign up for Flag Football and get: practices, games, a team shirt,
pictures, and a participation award!

Register anytime Monday-Friday 8:30am-5pm at:
South Salt Lake Recreation Department
2531 S. 400 E.
South Salt Lake, UT 84115
801-412-3217
Or register @ sslic.com
Mixed Media with Bad Dog Arts

Join Bad Dog Arts getting creative and playing with a variety of materials.

Each week we will take an approach of experimenting with mark making in new ways. We will use paint, tape, stencils, tissue paper and oil pastels exploring the possibilities of line, texture, color and shape.

This is a class where you can get lost in the process and end with unexpected wonderful surprises.

No previous art experience necessary.

Wednesdays 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. - May 1, 8, 15 & 22
Columbus Senior Art Room
2531 S 400 East, South Salt Lake

Creative Arts for Life classes are free to SSL residents and Senior Center clients. $40 for all others. Supplies included. Registration is required by calling 801-412-3217 or emailing jhedin@sslc.com.

Acrylics with Artist Stacy Phillips

Join us for a month of exploring acrylics!

We will start off with a demo of all Golden Paint products. The following classes will include valuable studio practice, including creating color wheels, exploring fluid paints with a variety of surfaces and mediums. The final class we will paint on Plexiglass panels using Golden Pastel Ground. This will be a super fun month of creating!

All students will receive a FREE swap bag of product samples from Golden during first the first demo session on May 1st!

Wednesdays 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. - May 1, 8, 15 & 22
Columbus Center Room 102
2531 S 400 East, South Salt Lake

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May is Mental Health Awareness Month

In May, the City of South Salt Lake, National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) and participants from across the country are promoting awareness about mental health. Each year the group’s collectively work to fight against the stigma of mental illness, provide support, educate, and advocate for equal care, regardless of social circumstances. Annually the movement grows stronger, and while the group believes the issues are important to address year round, this month offers an opportunity to draw special attention and care to those affected by mental health conditions.

In South Salt Lake, the focus is on mental health 365 days a year. The coalition meets monthly with partners to strategize best practices and resources. Additionally, the partnership with NAMI Utah has provided the opportunity to have City staff trained in model prevention programs; Mental Health First Aid and QPR: Question. Persuade. Refer. All training opportunities are open to the public. For those interested in participating in training or learning more about the Mental Health Coalition, contact Adrienne Buhler: abuhler@sslc.com or 801-520-7175.

STEM Fest 2019

Promise South Salt Lake hosted its annual STEM Fest for 260 Kindergarten- 6th grade youth at the Columbus Center on April 19. Planned by STEM Project Coordinator, Max Harrison, the event offered STEM learning activities targeted to youth ages and learning levels. Youth were able to move through activities at their own pace, spending more time with concepts they were truly interested in. A 6th grade student from Woodrow Wilson said, “I enjoyed learning about different types of sciences, that I hadn’t heard of before.” If you are interested in knowing more about future STEM activities or programs, please contact us promise.volunteer@sslc.com or 801-483-6057.

SUMMER HIRING

Work to promote the academic and social well-being of South Salt Lake youth and families through after-school programs, community centers and city events.

Morning and afternoon positions available at 13 programs within South Salt Lake:

• Seasonal Prevention Specialist
  Full-time & Part-time

• Highly Qualified Teachers

For more information please call 801-483-6057 or visit sslc.com and click the employment link.