October was a busy month filled with many exciting new additions to our City. The Best Buy Teen Tech Center opened in the Columbus Community Center, an expansion to the west of Fitts Park was completed and the neighborhood pocket park at 500 East along the S-Line opened. To top it all off, we broke ground on the long-awaited development that will help reinvent our City and define our downtown.

When I was first elected, we got to work crafting a master plan for South Salt Lake’s downtown. As a lifelong resident, I felt that one key economic driver missing from the City was a robust and welcoming downtown area — we set our sights on bringing to life the forgotten area around the old Granite Mill.

We started by drawing pictures, collecting ideas from other great cities and adapting them to South Salt Lake. The drawings showed a beautiful, walkable neighborhood with shopping, cafes, hotels, offices and housing. With this dream on paper, we started laying the groundwork to make our dream for our City a reality.

Using a bold master plan as our roadmap, we focused on building infrastructure and attracting anchor businesses to the area. The new streetcar line helped bring growth to the area, attracting the valley’s newest breweries, distilleries and other creative businesses. We continue to expand Parley’s Trail to provide walkable and bikeable paths, a large grocery store opened, and modern townhomes and apartments were built.

The area is really starting to come to life and people have been taking notice.

When Dakota Pacific, a local developer, presented their vision of the area to us, we knew they were the right partners to bring our downtown to new heights! The project, dubbed South City, includes more than seven acres of commercial office, residential living, retail space, and a “hidden” parking structure. The vision will become a reality over the course of the next few years.

The first phase is a six-story, 150,000-square-foot office building that is already 85 percent pre-leased. Tenants include PDQ.com, a software company, and GBS, an employee/employer benefits company. Both companies are relocating from Salt Lake City and will bring 350 new jobs to South Salt Lake. Estimated completion for Phase I is December 2020.

Phase II includes a 10-story apartment building wrapped around a core of parking that includes 800 stalls. Estimated completion is December 2021. Subsequent phases include a third office building and hotel.

Our City is On the Move. South City will bring vibrance to the area that will define our downtown as an amazing place to live, work and play. It will also build our economy, which benefits our entire community.

I hope you share my excitement for all the great new additions to our City. I am committed to investing in our community and making it a place where families can continue to thrive for generations to come. We are a City On the Move and we are Movin’ On Up.
City News

City Council Corner – Public Safety

By Portia Mila City Council District 4

Fall has firmly landed on our doorsteps. As I look ahead to Thanksgiving, I find myself reflecting on the past year and the things for which I am grateful. I’d like to share a few.

I am truly grateful for the support and love of my family, friends, and community. I am thankful for the caring and friendly researchers, for my committed colleagues who work to make South Salt Lake a great City for all and the dedicated men and women who protect the citizens and businesses in our community. I am thankful for the caring and friendly citizens and businesses in our community. I am thankful for the caring and friendly people who treat everyone with respect.

Our City is so fortunate to have whole Departments of Safety and Security. We are proud of the work you do to keep our community safe and many, many, many thanks for your dedication.

Our Fire Department started on December 2, 1943. At the time, the firemen were a huge part of the operations of the fire department. The firemen were trusted and relied upon to protect the citizens of this City because of your dedication to keeping us safe. I will continue to work in good faith on your behalf to ensure you receive the appropriate compensation package.

We must invest in the men and women who play a vital role in keeping our community safe and the citizens of this City. For years, our public safety programs have been grossly underfunded. Our Fire Department started on December 2, 1943. At the time, the firemen were a huge part of the operations of the fire department. The firemen were trusted and relied upon to protect the citizens of this City because of your dedication to keeping us safe. I will continue to work in good faith on your behalf to ensure you receive the appropriate compensation package.

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Let’s come together once again and show our appreciation and support for the firemen and women protecting the citizens and businesses in our community.

Please welcome them when you see them on the streets.

Salt Lake City Council Action Report Summary

Municipal General Election Day is Tuesday, Nov. 5, 2019

By Portia Mila City Council District 4

Voter Registration – Same Day Registration

You may go to an early election or Voting Center Vote Center and register and vote at the same time if you have not previously registered or updated your registration after moving. You will be asked to complete a provisional ballot form, which becomes your voter registration form. Once you provide identification and proof of residency, you will be issued a provisional ballot. The provisional ballot will be counted and added to the election results after the Election Staff has reviewed and accepted your provisional form for completeness.

This year, the Council was able to carve out funding to provide an increase for public safety; however, it doesn’t go far enough. Our public safety officer salaries are still below those of neighboring cities, meaning we will continue to lose good, experienced personnel; and, along with others, we will not go up the flag until a solution to this funding issue is resolved and our public safety personnel receive competitive compensation.

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South Salt Lake Development News

SOUTH CITY BREAKS GROUND
Following the demolition of the Granite Mill, Intermountain Fuse Supply and Cofman buildings a groundbreaking was held on October 15 by the developer Dakota Pacific in partnership with Gardner Batt. They are redeveloping a 5-acre site to make room for two 150,000 sqft buildings, each housing 6 stories of office space and an 11-story mixed-use multifamily building and parking structure. The first office building is anticipated to be open for business in January 2021.

MILLCREEK STATION APARTMENTS – NEARING COMPLETION
This 70-unit multifamily residential development is located at 3196 S Washington Street, adjacent to the Millcreek TRAX Station. The project will have a mix of units ranging from one-bedroom to four-bedroom. Fifty-six of the units will be affordable, targeting households with incomes ranging from 25%-50% of the area median income (AMI). The project will include the following amenities: interior clubhouse, fitness facility, pool, playground, bike share and upgraded finishes.

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The park, located at 2230 S 500 East is at a “gateway” to the City, and is on the boundary with Salt Lake City. When travelling along the Parley’s Trail or S-Line, a South Salt Lake logo sign is the first thing you see entering the city. Now you can also enhance your workout with pull up bars, climbing wall, monkey bars, and other fitness challenges. There is also a tether ball and supernova spinner to challenge your friends to a game with. The park promotes mental and physical health by encouraging people to walk, ride or ride down the trail and take a fitness break to get the blood pumping.

The park still needs a name! Please submit your suggestions to the city. The winning entry will get the honor of being recognized for naming the park. A committee of city employees and leaders will make the decision. Submit ideas to: pr@sslc.com before Nov 10 and a new name will be selected and announced in this newsletter.

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COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

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Angel Tree & Sub for Santa
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Keep an eye out for the Angel Tree on the 2nd floor of City Hall. Monetary donations can be mailed or delivered in person to the Finance Department. The South Salt Lake Youth City Council would like to thank everyone in advance for their support. For questions, or to nominate a family in your neighborhood, contact Edward Lopez: elopez@sslc.com or 801-455-1729.

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FALL CLEAN-UP: SEPTEMBER-NOVEMBER
The historic Scott School is an important part of South Salt Lake, and the City has created a safe space for youth who are often unaccompanied in a typical afterschool setting by creating group norms that encompass acceptance, freedom of self and respect. Youth participate in activities such as Spoken Word, book club, and art activities, which allow for a greater sense of expressive freedom without fear. The program “open door” policy helps youth feel comfortable approaching staff and gives youth the opportunity to have open and honest conversations, which has created a true sense of community. Congrats to Taylor and her team!