

CITY OF SOUTH SALT LAKE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING

COUNCIL MEETING Wednesday, January 12, 2011
7:00 p.m.

CITY OFFICES 220 East Morris Avenue – Suite 200
South Salt Lake, Utah 84115

PRESIDING Council Chair Casey Fitts

CONDUCTING Council Member Ryan Gold

SERIOUS MOMENT OF REFLECTION/
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Council Chair Boyd Marshall

SERGEANT AT ARMS Officer John Ferguson

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:
Casey Fitts, Ryan Gold, Irvin H. Jones, Jr., Boyd Marshall, Michael Rutter,
Leroy Turner and John Weaver

STAFF PRESENT:
Mayor Cherie Wood
Lyn Creswell, City Attorney
Paul Roberts, Deputy City Attorney
Dennis Pay, Public Works Director
Troy Bennett, Parks and Recreation Director
Larry Gardner, Director of Community Development
Craig Burton, City Recorder
Kayla Moss, Deputy City Recorder

OTHERS PRESENT:
See attached list

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 1. December 1, 2010 Regular Meeting.** Council Member Marshall made the motion to approve the minutes.

MOTION: Boyd Marshall
SECOND: Michael Rutter

Voice Vote:

Fitts	Aye
Gold	Aye
Jones	Aye
Marshall	Aye
Rutter	Aye
Turner	Aye
Weaver	Aye

December 1, 2010 Work Meeting. Council Member Rutter made the motion to approve the minutes.

MOTION:	Michael Rutter
SECOND:	Boyd Marshall

Voice Vote:

Fitts	Aye
Gold	Aye
Jones	Aye
Marshall	Aye
Rutter	Aye
Turner	Aye
Weaver	Aye

December 8, 2010 Regular Meeting. Council Member Weaver made the motion to approve the minutes.

MOTION:	John Weaver
SECOND:	Boyd Marshall

Voice Vote:

Fitts	Aye
Gold	Aye
Jones	Aye
Marshall	Aye
Rutter	Aye
Turner	Abstain
Weaver	Aye

Council Member Turner abstained because he was not in attendance at this meeting.

December 16, 2010 Special Meeting. Council Member Weaver made the motion to approve the minutes.

MOTION:	John Weaver
SECOND:	Boyd Marshall

Voice Vote:

Fitts	Aye
Gold	Aye
Jones	Aye
Marshall	Aye
Rutter	Aye
Turner	Aye
Weaver	Aye

NO ACTION COMMENTS

1. INFORMATION

- a. Agreement with SSL Chamber of Commerce.** Lyn Creswell, City Attorney, advised the Council that they received an outline of a potential agreement between South Salt Lake and the Chamber of Commerce. He met with Stacey and she briefed her board on this outline. He has also discussed this with the Mayor. He feels that the City is now in the position to draft the agreement. The agreement would involve three major topics; services that could be provided on a value basis by the Chamber, a communication plan, and funding sources. They have rental space in the building that is worth about \$10,000 a year, they are going to refine that number. They also are receiving some services for their events through the City’s Parks and Recreation Department and they are going to value those to put in the agreement.

The City has also allocated money to the Chamber from the budget. He doesn’t see any reason to not continue that but they want to break it into two sections. One section would be for core services that the City really needs to have the Chamber perform. The other section of money would be held in reserve to give the Chamber incentive to go and do fundraising to support some of the mutually beneficial services. This would be given on a matching basis depending on how much they are able to raise. They would like to get this agreement created by budget time.

Council Member Weaver thanked Mr. Creswell for putting this together. He thinks that this is very prudent to make clear what the relationship and expectations between the Chamber and Council are.

Mr. Creswell said that other cities, but not all cities, have similar agreements. This is not uncommon, but it doesn’t always happen. He thinks since the City is trying to become more business like in what we do this agreement is important.

- b. City Education Strategy.** Mr. Creswell advised the Council that this has emerged from the discussions they have had with the community. It has emerged as a central theme to make right. They would like the School District to be full partners as they develop an education strategy for the City.

Sharen Hauri, of Psomas, advised the Council that when the letters of interest came in a few of the interested parties were for charter schools. It then became obvious that if the City wanted to use Granite as a school it would take a fair amount of money and it would probably be a City investment. They are developing an education advisory board and want as much citizen involvement as possible. Ms. Hauri handed out an outline and discussed it with the Council, a copy of which is included and incorporated by this reference.

Ms. Hauri thinks that kids that grow up here don't want to spend the rest of their lives here because they don't go to school here. They also don't recreate or do arts in the City, so it doesn't engage them to stay in the City.

Mr. Creswell mentioned they met with Dr. Bates from the District. He is completely committed to the City and wants to support the refinement of the educational needs to whatever extent the District is able. He couldn't have been more positive. Mr. Creswell thinks the City needs to be very good at communicating what the needs are for traditional education. There is probably going to be a component that isn't necessarily something the District is going to provide and that is where the City is going to get involved with partners to make sure the educational need is fulfilled.

The Council then moved to the Public Hearing on the agenda.

PUBLIC HEARING – 7:30 P.M. (OR AS SOON THEREAFTER AS POSSIBLE)

Public hearing to vacate the entire alley that runs North and South between Burton Avenue and 2400 S. The alley is located at approximately 128 East, directly behind the Hinckley Dodge Car Dealership located at 2309 S. State (parcel number 16-19-157-002). The alley is approximately 135 feet in length. The purpose of the alley vacation is to dispose of remnant property that is not being used due to the construction of the new road between 2400 S. and Burton Avenue. Application is made by the City of South Salt Lake.

Public hearing to vacate the entire western portion of 2400 S. from approximately the eastern most property line of 2309 S. State or parcel 16-19-157-003 to approximately where State Street and 2400 S. intersect. This section of street was recently closed to vehicular traffic due to the widening and improvements made to Interstate 80. Application is made by the City of South Salt Lake. Larry Gardner, Community Development Director, conducted the public hearing. He passed out a packet explaining what this request was about. A copy of this packet is included and incorporated by this reference.

Council Member Rutter asked if Mr. Hinckley wanted to expand his building to the edge of the road if he could.

Mr. Gardner responded that he could but does not think he ever plans to, the building currently there is fairly new. There are also utility lines in the way that would be expensive to move.

Council Member Gold opened the meeting for public input at 7:43 p.m.

Katherine Ramirez, 40 West Malvern. Mrs. Ramirez asked if an area around there was also going to be cut off. She was advised that two roads have already been vacated based on Mr. Hinckley’s need to expand his dealership. But, because of the economy and changes in ownership he doesn’t know what he’s going to do. At this point Mr. Hinckley would have to come back and start the process over again.

Council Member Gold closed the public hearing at 7:45 p.m.

Council Member Marshall thinks that vacating the alley is a very smart idea to help cut down on criminal activity and make the area look nicer.

Council Member Marshall also encourages doing this because Hinckley has been a very valuable part of our City and everything they have said they were going to do they have done. He doesn’t see this as giving them an asset that is going to create wealth for them without them having to invest money first.

Council Member Weaver thinks that this is part of a bigger plan to try and clean this area up a little bit. It also helps to create a better delineation between residential and commercial areas. He also thinks that as the City moves forward there will be more opportunities to make this delineation more apparent.

Council Member Marshall made the motion to move this action until the February 23, 2011 Regular meeting.

MOTION: Boyd Marshall

SECOND: Michael Rutter

Voice Vote:

Fitts	Aye
Gold	Aye
Jones	Aye
Marshall	Aye
Rutter	Aye
Turner	Aye
Weaver	Aye

The Council then returned to Information Item “c” on the agenda.

c. Granite High Update. Mr. Creswell advised that there are a couple of important things happening with Granite High right now that the Council needs to be made aware of. Soren Simonsen’s firm was hired to create the Master Plan for the Granite Site. The first action he is working on is the needs assessment. He has

also started the facility analysis. They are also planning on doing polling in the community within the next two weeks.

Council Member Weaver asked if an item could be taken out of order. Some citizens came to make comments and he would like to give them a chance to make them sooner rather than later.

Council Member Marshall made the motion to take citizens comments out of order.

MOTION: Boyd Marshall

SECOND: Casey Fitts

Voice Vote:

Fitts	Aye
Gold	Aye
Jones	Aye
Marshall	Aye
Rutter	Aye
Turner	Aye
Weaver	Aye

6. CITIZEN COMMENTS/QUESTIONS. Alfonzo Ramirez, 40 West Malvern Ave.

Mr. Ramirez is concerned about dogs barking in his neighborhood and making him not feel safe to deliver things to peoples houses. There is a dog right behind his house that really disturbs the peace in his house. He would like to come up with a solution for this.

Stacey Liddiard, President and CEO of Chamber of Commerce. Stacey wanted to extend a personal invitation to the Council Members to attend the Installation Banquet. They will be installing the new Board and also extending some awards.

Lane Mecham, Birchcreek. Mr. Mecham was concerned about the Judge that works in the City. He feels like she is only choosing therapists from a narrow list that she has. He does not feel this is right and would like to be included.

He was advised that the City does not have any control over the judge and he would need to address his concerns to a different group of people.

Council Member Fitts interrupted and advised Mr. Mecham that Paul Roberts has prepared something to give him more information. They moved to item “e” in Information Items.

e. Prime for Life DUI Classes. Paul Roberts, Deputy City Attorney, advised the Council that any first time DUI offender is referred to a class called Primer for Life. In order to teach this class you have to be certified by the Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health. The Courts do maintain a list of providers who have been certified by this division. On a second DUI they generally order substance abuse treatment after an assessment and screening. There is no list kept

by the courts for this. Any person that is licensed by the State to provide that type of treatment can provide it. The City does not have any role in authorizing a person to provide mental health or substance abuse treatment.

After this issue was addressed the Council went back to item “c” in Information Items.

c. Granite High Update. Soren Simonsen, of Community Studio, advised the Council that they are evaluating Granite High School, Woodrow Wilson, Pioneer Craft House, and also the Columbus Center. They are finishing up the first third of the time line which began in November. It will conclude around the end of April or the beginning of May. They are beginning with a needs assessment and over the course of the last month they have met with forty or fifty organizations including several of the City departments and staff and those that have expressed interest in using the facilities and what is going on. Some great ideas are starting to form. They are trying to better understand what assets the City currently has in all of these buildings. Over the next month they are going to take the big ideas and try to put them into the facilities the City already has. They are not going to be making specific recommendations about the tenants or partners. Those are more policy decisions that need to be made within the City. They are working across four general themes. These include education, cultural, recreation, and civic needs. He put together an overview of the time line. A copy of this time line is attached and incorporated by this reference.

Sharen Hauri then addressed the Council about polling for Granite. She passed out a handout and discussed it, a copy of which is included and incorporated by this reference.

Mr. Creswell advised that in early December they transmitted the District a very detail proposal of the scope of the Real Estate agreement. It was their understanding that they were going to talk to the District before Christmas. They didn't feel they could do it before Christmas but they are now going to be meeting in the next couple of weeks. Mr. Creswell does not have any concern about moving forward, the District just has to go through their process first.

d. City, Community, and Government Relations Program. Mayor Wood gave an update about a program that was just implemented. It has been a long awaited program. It is the Community and Government Relations Program. It has been established to ensure effective communication with community and governmental partners. It is supported by a relations coordination team. This team includes the Mayor, Assistant Mayor, City Attorney, Economic Development Director, and Steve Foote. It also has a media and public affairs program, neighborhood and business community outreach program, intergovernmental and legislative relations program. They are currently working on a relations contact list.

2. SCHEDULING. The City Recorder informed those at the meeting of upcoming events, meetings, activities, etc.

3. MAYOR COMMENTS. None.

4. CITY ATTORNEY COMMENTS. Mr. Creswell advised the Council that he is taking trips to businesses in the City that make great contributions to the community. He went to the Cottonwood Treatment Center this week. This facility serves at risk youth. Brad Gerrard is their CEO and he has extensive training in providing management programs for at risk youth. He has been at this facility for two years and before that he was at a similar facility in Provo. The range of residents is between 12 and 21 years old. They are separated between male and female and also by ages. They have about 70 people in the facility at one time. There are 140 employees at the facility. They provide individualized treatment. The population of the facility is typically those with lower IQ's. They use a variety of types of therapy.

The City is getting feedback about the stepped up enforcement in the City. He encourages the Council to give any feedback they hear about code enforcement, etc. to them as soon as possible so they can resolve the issues right away.

He also advised that Casey has asked the City Administration to provide information regarding the City Consultants. He asked what specifically they would like a report on.

Council Member Fitts said that it would be helpful to know exactly who is on contract with the City. There have been times that he has been in meetings and thought others there were just interested and then found out that they were actually a paid consultant in the meeting.

5. CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS. Council Member Turner asked if citizen's comments could be moved up in the meeting so that citizens aren't sitting through a long meeting to discuss issues. He and Irvin Jones were contacted by the two LDS stakes in the area about emergency preparedness. They are under the impression that nothing is happening with it in the City and are thinking of moving forward on their own. He is worried about this and wants to give them some direction on where the City is at.

Steve Foote advised the Council that the Fire Department was in the process of getting the emergency plan updated. That just became finalized this week. It encompasses every City in the Salt Lake area. A lot of the emergency management funds received were given to a company to come by and make sure that every plan had consistency. The process got stalled when some people left the company. These issues have been resolved. When the supposed blizzard was going to happen they were extremely prepared within a span of four and a half hours. So emergency management hasn't been put on a back burner, the process has just taken longer than expected. He will make sure Chief Morris communicates with the stakes.

Mr. Creswell advised that he has been talking to President Young regularly and another individual in another stake. He plans to meet with them soon about emergency management. He will then report back to the Council about this meeting.

Council Member Weaver advised that a resident came in tonight but left before she was able to make comments. She was concerned about the City not plowing her street but then threatening to cite her for not shoveling her walkway. He understands the frustration and thinks that there should be some leniency if the streets aren't getting plowed. There have also been some letters sent out from Public Works about properties not facing publicly owned roads and trash pick up. He feels this was a very judicious move in the commitment to grandfather in those lanes that have been receiving service for fifty years or more.

Council Member Rutter commented about the tragedy that happened in Tucson Arizona. As a City Council Member he sits with six other gentlemen he considers his friends. He is glad to live in South Salt Lake to be around people he is comfortable with. He thinks the tragedy is terrible and it is a sad day for local government. His heart goes out to those affected by this tragedy. He feels the City Council just has service to the citizen's in mind and only wants to help.

Council Member Fitts thanked the Council for the opportunity to serve them again as the Council Chair. He pledged to do his best. He advised them that if there is anything he can do over the course of the next year as the Council Chair to let him know. He has also had several calls about snow removal on the streets. The call that was the most constructive asked him to drive down 500 East and compare the East and West sides. There were clean streets on the Salt Lake City side and not clean streets on the South Salt Lake side. He asked that we contact Salt Lake to see if there is something specific to make the streets better and see how we can mirror that. He also said that he would like to work on a way to limit the time of information items to about fifteen minutes. If they start going over that time they would then need to be made into agenda items. He feels this would benefit all parties. He also thinks that they need to let people know that they will do the best they can to get to the item as soon as possible.

Mr. Creswell suggested that they could do more work sessions to get the information out of the way instead of taking up the time during Council.

Council Member Turner suggested that if they get the information in their packets beforehand they can just read it instead of the time being taken up during the meeting.

Council Member Jones mentioned that the website still says Mayor Gray on it. He also asked if the Market Station name is being reconsidered. He was advised that staff is working on it and the website is also in the process of being updated.

Council Member Marshall advised that since he has been back on the Council he has been going to the Association of Municipal Council Meetings. Marilyn was the one that was supposed to go to them. He will continue to go to them if they want him to but they are also welcome to appoint someone to go to them. He feels these meetings are very informative and important to go to. The meetings are on the first Friday of every month at noon in Murray City Hall. He also asked that whoever is conducting the Council meeting pays more attention to those that want to speak so they don't have to wait forever and get talked over.

UNFINISHED COUNCIL BUSINESS

- 1. An Ordinance Amending Article VIII Planned Unit Development of Chapter 15.12.** Larry Gardner, Community Development Director, advised that this was the same ordinance that the Council directed staff to put in ordinance form a month ago. Nothing has been changed since the meeting in December.

Council Member Weaver asked that when there are changes to an ordinance they are identified. He did not receive an ordinance that showed clearly what the changes were. He asked that they would be highlighted or underlined in the future.

Mr. Gardner advised that he would do that for the next time.

Council Member Marshall moved to pass this ordinance.

MOTION: Boyd Marshall
 SECOND: Michael Rutter
Roll Call:
 Fitts Aye
 Gold Aye
 Jones Aye
 Marshall Aye
 Rutter Aye
 Turner Aye
 Weaver Nay

Council Member Weaver wanted to say that this is a significant decision. The City has changed the density of urban developments and there will more five acre parcels that get opened up. This does apply for the City universally and it is not a one project zoning change. When and if they are confronted with heartburn later on he commits to the Council now not to say "I told you so" publicly.

Council Member Weaver moved to adjourn.

MOTION: John Weaver
 SECOND: Irvin Jones
Voice Vote:
 Fitts Aye
 Gold Aye
 Jones Aye
 Marshall Aye
 Rutter Aye
 Turner Aye
 Weaver Aye

The meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

Casey Fitts, Council Chair

Craig D. Burton, City Recorder