

CITY OF SOUTH SALT LAKE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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Wednesday, January 25, 2012
7:00 p.m.

CITY OFFICES

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

PRESIDING

Council Chair Irvin Jones

CONDUCTING

Council Member Ryan Gold

SERIOUS MOMENT OF REFLECTION/
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council Member Michael Rutter

SERGEANT AT ARMS

Officer 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
Mike Florence, Community Development Director
Glenn Smith, Urban Livability Director
Myrna Clark, Granite Facilities Manager
Ron Morris, Fire Chief
Kevin Bowman, Deputy Fire Chief
Chris Snyder, Police Chief
Jack Carruth, Deputy Police Chief
Sharen Hauri, Urban Design Director
Craig Burton, City Recorder
Kayla Moss, Deputy City Recorder

OTHERS PRESENT:

See attached list

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 1. January 11, 2012 Work Meeting.** Council Member Weaver moved to approve these minutes.

MOTION: John Weaver
SECOND: LeRoy Turner

Voice Vote:

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

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

2. January 11, 2012 Regular Meeting. Council Member Rutter moved to approve these minutes.

MOTION: Michael Rutter

SECOND: John Weaver

Voice Vote:

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

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

NO ACTION COMMENTS

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

2. CITIZEN COMMENTS/QUESTIONS. Reed Taylor, 2171 Blair Street. Mr. Taylor is upset at an article he read in the paper. He thinks his vote should be honored and feels like his bond vote was taken from him. They don't have a lot of money and can't fit extra in. Many generations of people in his family went to Granite High School. He is concerned about the age of the building and thinks it will be expensive to fix it.

Marilyn Taylor, 2171 Blair Street. Mrs. Taylor feels like no one has the money to spend on Granite. She feels like the City is beating a dead horse. She doesn't understand how the City can spend money on projects like Granite when the Citizens don't have it.

Karen Hanks, 241 East Truman Ave. Ms. Hanks feels like she was deceived when she went to vote. She has lived in South Salt Lake for almost thirty years and her road has never been scraped and grated. She has been told that this is because the City doesn't have the funds for it. Her street also only got plowed twice last year and she was told this was also because of lack of funding. She doesn't think Granite should be purchased if

common infrastructure issues can't be taken care of. She would like a developer to come in and buy the property to bring more tax revenue to the City.

3. MAYOR COMMENTS. None.

4. CITY ATTORNEY COMMENTS. Lyn Creswell, City Attorney, confirmed in everyone's minds that the ballot initiative failed. The votes were counted, a canvass was held, and then the recount occurred and it came back to the Council on the seventh of December. Based on those ballots the bond proposition failed, end of discussion. Notwithstanding that, subsequent to the seventh of December, questions were raised about certain individuals that voted that didn't meet the qualifications to vote. After looking at the voter registration list approximately there are 35 individuals that are on the rolls who are not registered at residential addresses. They are now working on getting this fixed for subsequent elections, not for prior elections. Whenever the next election occurs the City is going to pay attention to the voter registration rolls before the election to make sure this doesn't happen again. On Tuesday the appropriate challenge documents were delivered to the County Clerk. Their procedure will follow. They will have the opportunity to have dialogue with the people being challenged to identify whether or not they have a residence in South Salt Lake. It will be up to the County Clerk to decide qualifications; the City does not get involved in that.

Council Member Rutter asked what the procedure would be on the next election to make sure these problems don't happen again for the citizens.

Mr. Creswell advised the voter registration list is public record. From time to time this list needs to be reviewed to determine whether or not they live in residential areas and are likely valid voters. If a concern arises a petition process is available that can be filed before the election to remove those individuals from the qualified voter list for South Salt Lake.

Mr. Creswell brought up another issue because of something that arose in a December meeting. A Council Member mentioned that he talked to outside counsel about a legal matter. The system that is in place right now is that he, and the other employees in his office, provides the Council legal support. He gave them options of additional attorney's, who the City has contracted with, to talk to if they feel like they aren't getting the legal support that they need. The bottom line is that it is important to have a plan in place for legal support so they don't randomly go out and seek legal advice.

5. CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS. Council Member Fitts had the opportunity to witness the City's public safety crews in action this week. It was great to see how calm they were and how professional everyone was. He also thanked all of the residents that made comments at the meeting. He hopes they understand that he never wants to give up on South Salt Lake. He wants to do the very best he can to find the best solution that works for everyone. When Salt Lake City's bond for their public safety building failed they reached out to those opposed to it to find out what they didn't like about the bond. South Salt Lake is now trying to do this same thing. There is no chance that the Council will ever approve a \$25 million bond for Granite High School. That motion was defeated

with the ballot and it will never be discussed again. Everyone's votes are valued and aren't being discredited. They are now moving on to find other options with fewer funds spent.

Council Member Jones echoed what Council Member Fitts said. He also mentioned that the Deseret News did an article about the Utah Shakeout that is going to happen in April. It was very comprehensive and informative.

Council Member Turner expressed appreciation to the City. A number of departments reported to the Council last week about accomplishments that were made in the last year. This tells him that there is a lot going on in the City and a lot of it is working together very carefully for the common good. He wanted everyone to know that he appreciates that.

Council Member Gold thanked the recreation department for the great Jr. Jazz season. His son played in it and it was very enjoyable and well organized.

6. INFORMATION

- a. **Greenway and Trail Concept Options.** Sharen Hauri, Urban Design Director, mentioned that there is a public workshop on January 26, 2012 from 6-8 p.m at Kimball Distributing. She gave the council some drawings that were going to be discussed at that meeting and reviewed them with the Council. A copy of these drawings are attached and incorporated by this reference.
- b. **Promise SSL/Granite Reuse Meeting Recap.** Ms. Hauri gave the Council a recap of what was discussed at the Promise South Salt Lake meeting on January 18, 2012. She gave the Council an outline of the meeting and discussed it. A copy of this outline is attached and incorporated by this reference.
- c. **2011 Department Accomplishments.** Police, Fire, Community Development, and the Granite Facility reviewed their accomplishments for 2011 with the Council. A copy of these accomplishments are attached and incorporated by this reference.

ACTION ITEMS

Unfinished Council Business

1. **Wilson Park Name Contest.** The Council Members voted on a name for the park. The name chosen is "Central Park." They also decided to name the ball field "Workman Field."
2. **A Resolution of the City Council of South Salt lake Authorizing the Mayor to Allow City Employees to Provide Private Improvement Services on City Work Time.** Council Member Turner moved to approve this resolution.

MOTION: LeRoy Turner

SECOND: John Weaver

Roll Call Vote:

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

New Council Business

- 1. Appointments by the Mayor.** Mayor Wood is still waiting on a resume. She will bring this back to appoint a Planning Commissioner at a later date.

Council Member Turner moved to adjourn.

MOTION: LeRoy Turner

SECOND: Boyd Marshall

Voice Vote:

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Irvin H. Jones, Jr., Council Chair

Craig D. Burton, City Recorder