

1 NORTH SALT LAKE CITY
2 CITY COUNCIL – BUDGET MEETING
3 MARCH 10, 2012
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6 Mayor Arave called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m.
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8 PRESENT: Mayor Len Arave
9 Council Member Stewart Harman
10 Council Member Brian Horrocks
11 Council Member Conrad Jacobson
12 Council Member Matt Jensen
13 Council Member Stan Porter
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15 STAFF PRESENT: Barry Edwards, City Manager; Brian Passey, Assistant City Manager
16 and Finance Director; Ken Leetham, Economic Development Director; Rod Wood, Public
17 Works Director; Paul Ottoson, City Engineer; David Church, City Attorney; Craig Black,
18 Police Chief; Troy Johnson, Police Lieutenant, Brent Moyes, Golf Course Director; Marta
19 Nielsen, Deputy Recorder and Administrative Assistant.
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21 OTHERS PRESENT: Jim Rampton, South Davis Metro Fire Agency (SDMFA).
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23 1. CONSIDERATION OF BIDS FOR US 89 SAFE SIDEWALK PROJECT
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25 Rod Wood explained that the City received a grant for the US-89 Sidewalk Safety project in
26 front of City Hall. There were 10 bidders, ranging from \$23,508.70 to \$39,118.00. Staff
27 recommended that Bowen Construction be awarded the project for \$23,508.70.
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29 **Council Member Jacobson moved to award the US 89 Safe Sidewalk Project to Bowen**
30 **Construction for \$23,508.70. Council Member Harman seconded the motion. The**
31 **motion was approved by Council Members Horrocks, Harman, Jacobson, and Porter.**
32 **Council Member Jensen was excused.**
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34 2. CONSIDERATION OF BIDS FOR PARKS BUILDING SITE IMPROVEMENTS
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36 Rod Wood stated that there were 9 bids for the Parks Department building site improvements
37 ranging from \$70,574.97 to \$144,667.25. Paul Ottoson reported that the low bidder was
38 Preferred Paving, and recommend awarding them the project for \$70, 574.97. He also
39 explained that the City's crews are putting in the storm drain pipe in an effort to save money
40 on the project.
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42 **Council Member Porter moved to award the Parks Department building site**
43 **improvements to Bowen Construction for \$70,574.97. Council Member Harman**
44 **seconded the motion. The motion was approved by Council Members Horrocks,**
45 **Harman, Jacobson, and Porter. Council Member Jensen was excused.**
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47 **3. CONSIDERATION OF A CART FEE INCREASE FOR EAGLEWOOD GOLF**
48 **COURSE**

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50 Brent Moyes proposed that the current golf cart fee be increased by \$1 per nine holes, raising
51 the total fee to \$7 per nine holes, comparable to neighboring golf courses. With gas prices on
52 the rise, golfers will be expecting this fee increase. Additionally, the City would get the full
53 cart fee even if someone came in with a two-for-one discount. The City has not implemented
54 a greens fee increase in a number of years, and Mr. Moyes recommends approval.

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56 **Council Member Harman moved to approve a cart fee increase for Eaglewood Golf**
57 **Course of \$1 per nine holes. Council Member Horrocks seconded the motion. The**
58 **motion was approved by Council Members Horrocks, Harman, Jacobson, and Porter.**
59 **Council Member Jensen was excused.**

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61 **4. MISCELLANEOUS DISCUSSION ITEMS**

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63 Barry Edward gave a brief update on the 2600 South project and its inclusion in the SB173
64 Transportation Bill. Through this legislation, the project should be fully funded. The state
65 will fund \$7 million, and the remaining \$1.5 million will be funded from another source.
66 Construction is only 2 years out. Completion of this project will give the City one of the best
67 freeway entrance and exits in the area.

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69 Barry Edwards continued by giving an update on the FEMA grant application for the
70 Springhill slide area. While the City has not yet been awarded the grant, staff has been
71 notified that NSL is still in the running.

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73 Mayor Arave stated that the City met with UDOT regarding the hawk light near Camelot on
74 Highway 89 yesterday. Barry Edwards noted that the success of the project is in thanks to the
75 perseverance of the Mayor.

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77 **5. BUDGET DISCUSSION**

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79 Barry Edwards explained that the low point of revenue in the City was a few years ago, and
80 is now slowly beginning to increase. The purpose of the meeting today is not to discuss line
81 items, but to discuss large policy issues that staff needs guidance on to construct the budget.
82 Mr. Edwards gave a brief overview of revenue and expenditures in the City's main funds
83 before beginning the discussion on employee compensation.

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85 Council Member Matt Jensen arrived at the meeting at 9:07 am.

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87 Council Member Jensen asked if the longevity merit increase is a one-time bonus or
88 something that increases an employee's salary yearly. Barry Edwards responded that base
89 salary would stay the same even after the longevity merit increase. Because staff is proposing
90 to eliminate COLA, the longevity merit increase would take its place. Mayor Arave
91 suggested that staff conduct another salary survey. Council Member Porter suggested that

92 with more competent employees in North Salt Lake, it may not be necessary to compare with
93 other cities. Council Member Harman agreed, adding that you get what you pay for and that
94 he has no problem incentivizing employees to do good work. He also stated that he trusts the
95 judgment of management to distribute merit increases fairly to those who have earned them.

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97 Mayor Arave expressed worry that employees that have worked for the City for a long time
98 may be overpaid. Council Members Horrocks, Harman, and Porter came to a general
99 consensus in agreement with the proposed employee compensation. Council Member Jensen
100 and Mayor Arave both would like to see more discretion.

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102 Barry Edwards continued his presentation to discuss the assumptions that were made when
103 creating the budget. Mayor Arave and Council Member Horrocks expressed interest in seeing
104 the calculations for leasing vehicles. Council Member Porter voiced his support for the
105 implementation of a traffic school. Mr. Edwards finished his presentation by outlining the
106 funds available for appropriation and introducing the department presentations.

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108 Paul Ottoson and Rod Wood presented the 2011 accomplishments and 2012 goals for the
109 Engineering and Public Works Departments. Council Member Jensen remarked that he
110 would like to see the final designs of City Hall Park. Mayor Arave and Council Member
111 Horrocks suggested that because the possibility of a library on the old City Hall site is six
112 years out, and another location may be preferable, the City should be sure the park being
113 considered is of good quality.

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115 Brent Moyes presented the 2011 accomplishments and 2012 goals for Eaglewood Golf
116 Course. Mayor Arave inquired about the success of bounce-back passes, and Mr. Moyes
117 responded that while they weren't hugely successful, they did have some use. In the
118 strategies discussion, Council Member Horrocks suggested having a pro-shop sidewalk sale
119 on July 3rd during the City celebration, and the rest of the council agreed with this idea.

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121 Mayor Arave asked if anything is being done to increase revenue at the reception center. Mr.
122 Moyes responded that more could be done to push and increase revenue. Council Members
123 Jensen and Jacobson stated that it is good to have non-golf City events at the Golf Course as
124 it gives residents ownership, even those that do not golf.

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126 Ken Leetham presented the 2011 accomplishments and 2012 goals for the Community and
127 Economic Development Department. One major accomplishment that involved multiple
128 departments was the submission of the Pre-Hazard Disaster Mitigation Grant through FEMA.
129 Council Member Porter asked that staff look at doing a moratorium on the hillside affected
130 by the landslide to prevent further development and subsequent damage.

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132 Chief Craig Black presented the 2011 accomplishments and 2012 goals for the Police
133 Department.

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135 Brian Passey presented the 2011 accomplishments and 2012 goals for the Finance
136 Department.

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138 Chief Jim Rampton presented the 2011 accomplishments and 2012 goals for the South Davis
139 Metro Fire Agency.

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141 Mayor Arave suggested that the Council continue the meeting to discuss items that each
142 Council Member would like to see accomplished in 2012.

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144 Council Member Jensen stated that his number one concern is economic development along
145 Redwood Road. Next he would like to see improvement in the wetlands adjacent to Foxboro,
146 to possibly reclaim some land that is not true wetland for Frisbee golf, and make the rest
147 more of a true wetland.

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149 Council Member Horrocks would also like to see continued focus on the Redwood Road and
150 Highway 89 corridors, moving away from being a drive-through location, and creating a
151 more distinct sense of a city. He would like East Bench Park to be the number one focus, and
152 wants to see a final decision made soon on the Cemetery. Council Member Horrocks would
153 like to continue the effort to provide secondary water on the east bench.

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155 Council Member Harman would like to put “green” in the greenspace in Foxboro, to make it
156 a usable space and more than just a trail. He stated that there is an overwhelming consensus
157 among residents in Foxboro to do this, and both he and Council Member Jensen see it as a
158 priority. He would like to clean up garbage, water, and possibly seed the area. Overall, he
159 hopes to develop a strategy to improve wetlands in Foxboro. Council Member Harman would
160 also like to continue working on corridors, Redwood Road specifically, and to add signs
161 welcoming you to the City like on Highway 89. He would like to improve Center Street west
162 of Redwood Road, because the shoulder is unsafe and unsightly. He would like to continue
163 support for Neighborhood Watch groups, including a budget for signage and graffiti removal
164 spray. Council Member Harman wants to continue business outreach this year, specifically
165 the business outreach event at golf course. The City should develop relationships with
166 businesses. He suggested naming the amphitheater and park going in next to City Hall
167 Skinner Memorial Park, and adding in some sort of memorial, plaque, statue, or something to
168 honor past and future service men and women killed in the line of duty. Council Member
169 Harman inquired about the City Code status, and Marta Nielsen responded that it will be live
170 on the website within the week. Lastly, Council Member Harman agreed with Council
171 Member Horrocks that we need to make a decision soon on the cemetery, and asked that two
172 weeks’ notice be given for the meeting so that interested individuals can come.

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174 Council Member Porter agreed with Council Members Jensen and Harman regarding the
175 wetlands in Foxboro. Mayor Arave said that not all of the area is designated wetland, and that
176 some areas could be landscaped, especially along the slope and trail. Next he would like to
177 continue development of the City Hall Park (proposed name Skinner Memorial Park). Center
178 Street Trail west of Redwood Road is a high priority for Council Member Porter, as there is
179 no safe path or sidewalk along Center Street, especially for those in wheelchairs. This trail
180 could be on the south side only. He would also like to see sidewalks and trails on 1100 North.
181 Council Member Porter would like to continue to budget funds for the history of the City.

182 South Davis now has a history museum, and the curators would like all cities to participate.
183 He agrees that we need to move forward with the cemetery decision. Council Member Porter
184 would like to see the development of the Main Street entrance to Hatch Park, where the City
185 purchased and demolished a house. Lastly he would like a trailhead at Eagle Ridge/Highway
186 89, and mentioned that there are grant funds available for this project.

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188 Council Member Jacobson has seen an increase in community identity as a result of the
189 efforts of North Salt Lake Live, and he would like that to continue. He would like the City to
190 continue proactively cleaning up the approaches to the City. Council Member Jacobson
191 wants to see more radar speed signs, especially on Eagle Ridge. He noted that the Youth City
192 Council went over budget last year, and asked that their budget allocation be bumped up to
193 \$5,000 for next year. Lastly, he expressed interest in getting the Senior Lunch Bunch
194 underway by May 2012.

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196 Mayor Arave stated that the City has spent more money on streets in the past, and that he
197 would like to include more in this year's budget for street improvements.

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199 4. ADJOURN

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201 Mayor Arave adjourned the meeting at 12:57 p.m.

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Mayor Secretary