

# SALT LAKE CITY COUNCIL

## *Fast Facts*

**What:** The Salt Lake City is holding a Public Hearing as well as a follow-up Work Session discussion regarding Salt Lake County's proposal to operate the Sorenson Multi-Cultural Center.

**When:** The Public Hearing will be held November 10<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. in Room 315 and the Work Session discussion will be held November 10<sup>th</sup> at 4 p.m. (or immediately following the Redevelopment Agency meeting at 3 p.m.) in Room 326.

### **Points of Interest:**

- The City Council will decide whether to authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Salt Lake County regarding the management and operations of the pool and the Unity Center fitness facility.
- Salt Lake County has indicated that their current subsidy of \$205,000 for the pool and the Sorenson Unity Center has been cut from their budget.
- Salt Lake County submitted a proposal to take over the management of the Sorenson Multi-Cultural Center, including the Steiner West pool but excluding the Computer Club House, for a yearly contribution from the City of \$880,878. This proposal would save the City \$269,612 per year in operating costs.
- If the City does not accept the County's proposal, the City would need to consider taking over the operations of the pool and Unity Center fitness facility for a cost of \$334,025 per year.
- Given the City's own financial challenges during the current economic times, one thing for the City Council to consider is that the County has agreed to continue the same programming as offered by the City and has also stated that no patrons will be turned away because of income.
- The City Council held its first briefing on October 20<sup>th</sup>. In addition, County and City representatives attended the Glendale and Poplar Grove Community Council meetings on October 21 and 28 to discuss the proposal and answer questions from the community. The Council has heard from patrons of the Multi-Cultural Center during the public comment section of the formal City Council meetings October 6, 13 and 20.
- Whether or not it accepts the County's proposal, the Administration has indicated that the City will need to consider raising program fees next year to offset a General Fund budget shortfall. The Mayor's Administration has proposed that the City and County each contribute \$10,000 towards a scholarship fund to assist patrons with fees.
- Salt Lake County currently operates 18 recreation centers. The County is also a licensed day care facility.

## How you can become involved:

**Online comments:** [www.slcgov.com/council/default.htm](http://www.slcgov.com/council/default.htm). Click on the "Submit Comments on a Specific Issue" on the right-hand column menu.

**Mail:** Salt Lake City Council Office \*One copy is appreciated  
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Salt Lake City Utah 84114-5476

**Call:** 24 Hour Comment Line - 801-535-7654

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You may also attend the Public Hearing portion of the Council Meeting. Each individual will be provided two minutes to speak. Written comments are encouraged any time prior to the issue being scheduled for Council action. Council action on this item has yet to be scheduled.

Additional Information regarding this item can be found online at [www.slcgov.com/council/agendas](http://www.slcgov.com/council/agendas).

Questions? Please contact Council Staff at 801-535-7600.