

PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH

TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2001

The City Council of Salt Lake City, Utah, met in Regular Session on Tuesday, January 9, 2001, at 6:00 p.m. in Room 315, City Council Chambers, City County Building, 451 South State.

The following Council Members were present:

Carlton Christensen	Van Turner	Tom Rogan
Nancy Saxton	Roger Thompson	Dave Buhler
Keith Christensen		

Mayor Ross C. "Rocky" Anderson; Roger Cutler, City Attorney; Cindy Gust-Jenson, Executive Council Director; and Beverly Jones, Deputy City Recorder were present.

Councilmember Thompson presided at and conducted the meeting.

#1. The Council led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#2. Councilmember K. Christensen moved and Councilmember Saxton seconded to approve the minutes of the Salt Lake City Council meeting held **January 2, 2001**, which motion carried, all members voted aye.

(M 01-1)

Councilmember Thompson presented Councilmember C. Christensen an award on behalf of the Council for serving as Council Chair for 2000.

#3. Mayor Ross C. Anderson presented the annual State of the City report.

(M 01-1)

COMMENTS TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Douglas Cotant, Salt Lake City, suggested that the plaza behind the New Grand Hotel be expanded to State Street.

Samantha Francis said she was the People's Freeway Community Council Chair. She said she wanted to remind the Council that the Community Council was still waiting for a decision to be made concerning Pioneer Park.

Buba Roth, Salt Lake City, asked the City to make the new Library alive so everyone could enjoy it.

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Katie Nelson, West Pointe Community Council Chair, said she wanted to invite everyone to the first community party for the Olympics at West Pointe Park on February 3rd, 2001.

CONSENT AGENDA

ACTION: Councilmember K. Christensen moved and Councilmember Buhler seconded to **approve the Consent Agenda**, which motion carried, all members voted aye.

DISCUSSION: Councilmember Saxton said she wanted to see more diversity on the Airport Board.

#1. RE: Setting the date of **February 6, 2001 at 6:00 p.m.** to accept public comment and consider adopting an ordinance **extending the corporate limits of Salt Lake City to include property located at approximately 2982 Benchmark Drive, amending the East Bench Master Plan, and amending the Salt Lake City zoning map** to zone the area upon its annexation to the City pursuant to Petition No. 400-95-53.

(P 99-30)

#2. RE: Approving the reappointment of **J. Craig Larson** to the **Airport Board** for a term extending through January 17, 2005.

(I 01-8)

#3. RE: Approving the reappointment of **Mary Kay Griffin** to the **Airport Board** for a term extending through January 17, 2005.

(I 01-8)

#4. RE: Approving the reappointment of **F. Keith Stepan** to the **Airport Board** for a term extending through January 17, 2005.

(I 01-8)

#5. RE: Approving the appointment of **Jim Moreno** to the **Arts Council** for a term extending through July 1, 2003.

(I 01-6)

#6. RE: Approving the appointment of **Justin Diggle** to the **Art Design Board** for a term extending through March 8, 2002.

(I 01-7)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

#1. RE: Adopting an ordinance amending Section 2.68.010 of the Salt Lake City Code, **relating to elections**, and Chapter 2.46 of the

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Salt Lake City Code relating to campaign financing disclosure.
(O 98-26)

ACTION: Councilmember Rogan moved and Councilmember C. Christensen seconded to adopt **Ordinance 1 of 2001**, which motion carried, all members voted aye.
(O 98-26)

#2. RE: Adopting an ordinance amending Salt Lake City Ordinance 51 of 2000 which approved, ratified and finalized the budget of Salt Lake City, Utah, including the employment staffing document, for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2000 and ending June 30, 2001.
(Budget Amendment No. 5).

ACTION: Councilmember K. Christensen moved and Councilmember C. Christensen seconded to adopt **Ordinance 2 of 2001**, which motion carried, all members voted aye except Council Members Rogan and Buhler who voted nay.

DISCUSSION: Councilmember K. Christensen said the ordinance would adopt a justice court system for Salt Lake City. He said this system would enable the Administration, the City Council and the various people who work for the City to improve the quality of life in the City. He said it was not a negative statement to the District Court.

Councilmember Buhler said he regretted that Salt Lake City had decided to go back in time and reestablish a justice court. He said the City had a court system which handled issues. He said taxpayers had helped to pay for the **Matheson** Courthouse. He said the City was going to build another courthouse to handle municipal matters. He said **while he opposed the justice court**, he hoped it would provide for better justice when it came to nuisance violations and crimes such as domestic violence.

Councilmember Saxton said she had reservations about the proposed ordinance. She said she hoped the new court system could expedite cases and be more equitable for citizens. She said in years past, the City's attorneys and the legislative and administrative branches had tried to correct problems in the existing courts. She said she was concerned about the monies being spent. She said she would vote in favor of the ordinance with some reservations.

Councilmember Rogan said he would vote against the Justice Court. He said years ago there was an undertaking by the Utah

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Judicial Council which was supported by the Utah State Legislature to consolidate the State courts. He said the circuit court was now consolidated into the district court. He said the City decided to tear down the circuit court building. He said then the City went to the taxpayers asking them to approve a bond for a new library to be built where the old circuit court had been demolished. He said the City was taking it upon themselves to create a justice court system which replaced the circuit court system. He said the City was buying a building to replace the demolished building. He said that did not make sense.

Councilmember C. Christensen said he shared the same concerns Councilmember Buhler had. He said there had been numerous discussions on this issue. He said he found that positive aspects outweighed the negative. He said he hoped by creating a justice court that the district court could address more serious crimes in an aggressive and timely manner. He said he was optimistic residents would be better served by the process.

Councilmember Thompson said he would also vote in favor of the proposed ordinance. He said the City did not have swift justice for people who violated laws. He said these violations included property rights, nuisance, and petty thief issues. He said these issues needed to be dealt with in a timely manner.

(B 00-14)

#3. RE: Adopting an ordinance creating a sign overlay district for the Delta Center located at 301 West South Temple and an ordinance amending the Salt Lake City Zoning Ordinance to **allow alternative sign overlay districts within Downtown zoning districts** pursuant to Petition No. 400-99-35.

ACTION: Item was pulled from the agenda at the request of the Administration.

(P 00-32)

#4. RE: Adopting a resolution authorizing Salt Lake City Corporation to accept the assignment of \$2,000,000 granted for Olympic Housing and Gateway Development by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and to enter into an agreement with Prowswood Companies and Northgate Village Associates, L.C. **to hold funds in trust as a reserve fund to facilitate construction and operation of multi-family housing in the Gateway District.**

ACTION: Councilmember Buhler moved and Councilmember C. Christensen seconded to adopt Resolution 3 of 2001, which motion

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carried, all members voted aye except Councilmember Rogan who voted nay.

DISCUSSION: Councilmember Rogan said it appeared the City, the Olympic Organization, and the developer were collectively getting \$2 million of free Federal tax dollars to encourage affordable housing in Salt Lake City. He said he would not vote in favor of something he did not understand.

Councilmember K. Christensen said the agreement made sense. He said funds would be available to support affordable housing in the City. He said that was one of the City's goals. He said there were people who needed affordable housing and this agreement would help accomplish that. He said in the interim the Organizing Committee needed a place to house a lot of people for the Olympics. He said this project would help house those people. He said he supported the agreement.

(C 01-8)

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Council Chair

Chief Deputy City Recorder

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