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Expert to Review Proposed Open Space Ordinance

Nationally recognized open space consultant Marty Zeller will brief the Salt Lake City Council on Tuesday about the City Council's proposed ordinance to preserve and expand the open space in and surrounding the city.

Mr. Zeller will discuss how sections of the proposed ordinance might be refined or clarified at the City Council's work session Tuesday. The work session will start at 5:30 p.m. in Room 326 of the City & County Building, 451 South State Street.

The City Council requested Mr. Zeller to review the proposed ordinance as part of its effort to establish an open space trust fund and a board to administer the fund. City Council Members Dale Lambert, who represents District 7, and Jill Love, who represents District 5, initiated the proposal in 2003.

Mr. Zeller is the president of Conservation Partners Inc. of Denver. The company has been instrumental in developing creative solutions and plans to protect public and private land nationwide but particularly throughout the Intermountain West. Some of the company's projects include plans to protect land in Steamboat Springs, Telluride and Vail, Colorado, and Gallatin County, Montana, and Sublette County, Wyoming.

Mr. Zeller is scheduled to meet with representatives of a variety of groups with an interest in preserving open space before making recommendations to the City Council. The groups include the Mayor's Open Space Advisory Committee, the Salt Lake City Planning Commission, the University of Utah, the Trust for Public Lands, Utah Open Lands, the Nature Conservancy, the Audubon Society, and the Wasatch Front Regional Council.

Last November, Salt Lake City residents voted to approve bonding for up to \$5.4 million to acquire and preserve open space, and land for parks and recreational amenities.

For more information about Mr. Zeller's visit, people can contact Janice Jardine or Cindy Gust-Jenson at the Salt Lake City Council Office, 535-7600.