

## **Legislative Intent for 2012**

### **1. Meeting with Granite School District Representatives: (Council Members Bradshaw & Horiuchi)**

It is the intent of the Council that a meeting with representatives of the Granite School District occur regarding the following topics: the partnerships among the county, the cities, and the school districts; their collective community interests; and the appropriate proportion of tax increment financing provided by municipalities, the county--especially the county library--relative to the financing provided by school districts for the advancement of economic development and urban renewal projects. It is anticipated that a number of city and county representatives will attend the meeting-- including representatives for the Salt Lake County Mayor, the County Council, Taylorsville and West Valley City.

Added October 30th, 2012; revised January 8, 2013

### **2. Council Review of County's Tuition Reimbursement Policy: (Council Members Wilde, Bradshaw & Horiuchi)**

It is the intent of the Council to review in October 2013 the budgetary consequences of the higher payments provided for county employees eligible to receive tuition reimbursements under Policy #5560, as revised.

Added October 23rd, 2012

### **3. Funding for Animal Services' Temporary Position: (Council Members Jensen, Snelgrove & Iwamoto)**

It is the intent of the Council that the Animal Services Division understands that the position to follow-up animal adoptions is temporary. Any future funding of the position would have to be considered during the budget process.

Added October 9th, 2012

### **4. Council Interns: (Council Members DeBry, Snelgrove, Horiuchi & Jensen)**

It is the intent of the Council that interns working for the Council report to the Council Chair, and that the selection process affords preference to candidates attending higher education institutions located within Salt Lake County.

Added October 30th, 2012

**5. Review Fee Schedule: (Council Members DeBry, Horiuchi & Bradshaw)**

It is the intent of the Council to review the County's fee schedule for the West Jordan Library and Viridian Event Center during the 2012 budget work sessions.

Added September 18th, 2012

**6. Projects Funded by the \$47 Million Park Bond: (Council Members Jensen & Bradshaw)**

It is the intent of the Council to use the proceeds of the \$47 million park bond to fund projects approved by the Council during the August 7, 2012, Committee of the Whole meeting. Modifications or changes to that list of park-bond projects require Council approval.

Added August 21<sup>st</sup>, 2012

**7. Utah Performing Arts Center (UPAC) Milestones: (Council Members Iwamoto & Burdick)**

It is the intent of the Council to achieve the following milestones: that the Council receives updates and reviews any and all inter local agreement(s), including, but not limited to, the final operating agreement; that the City and County will continue to work collaboratively to coordinate programing within the cultural community, in an effort to reduce calendar conflicts; that with regard to the development of UPAC, the City and County actively engage with the community regarding priorities for common spaces and allocations for smaller performing and rehearsal spaces within UPAC (i.e. rehearsal studio, black box theater); and that the City and County collaborate to meet a broad range of community needs.

First discussed August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2012

**8. Consolidate Credit Card Processes: (Council Members Iwamoto & Horiuchi)**

It is the intent of the Council that the Information Services Division evaluates the possibility of consolidating county credit card processes into a smaller number of merchant accounts. The objective is to use the county's purchasing power to lower its merchant fee payments.

Added July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2012

**9. Supplementary Sales Tax Bond for the District Attorney Building: (Council Members Jensen & Burdick)**

It is the intent of the Council to limit the additional amount of sales tax bond proceeds devoted to financing new District Attorney building(s) to a not-to-exceed amount of \$10,833,000.

Added March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2012

## **Other Legislative Intent: A Progress Report**

### **10. Countywide Hiring Freeze: Ongoing (Council Members Wilde & Bradshaw)**

It is the intent of the Council to impose a hiring freeze in 2012 subject to the following exceptions: new hiring allocations approved by the Council for the 2012 budget year are exempt; positions funded in both the 2011 and 2012 county budgets that are vacant prior to December 13, 2011, are exempt; and positions that become vacant on or after December 13, 2011, may only be filled with the Council's review and approval.

### **11. Electronic Copies of All Studies: Ongoing (Council Members Wilde & Horiuchi)**

It is the intent of the Council that the public have timely access to an electronic version of all studies completed for or on the behalf of the county. In those cases where legal or proprietary considerations preclude public access to a study, the relevant elected official or department head should provide a brief explanation to the Mayor and the Council that justifies the exception prior to initiating the study.

### **12. Justice Court Review: Completed (Council Members Horiuchi & Wilde)**

It is the intent of the Council to have the functions and operations of the county's Justice Court analyzed by the Council's fiscal staff.

### **13. 2012 Status Reports: Ongoing (Council Members DeBry and Bradshaw)**

It is the intent of the Council that the Mayor's Office provides status reports on the transition of the Budget Officer function from the Auditor's Office to the Mayor's Office. These reports should occur monthly for the first three months of fiscal year 2012, and thereafter at least once every three months.

**14. Revenue Projection Committee: Ongoing (Council Members Bradshaw & DeBry)**

It is the intent of the Council to create a mechanism that will ensure that the county's revenue projection process is transparent, efficient and accurate. This mechanism will be a committee made up of staff from the Mayor, Council, Auditor, and Treasurer's offices.

**15. 2012 Legislative Session: Completed (Council Members DeBry and Bradshaw)**

It is the intent of the Council that Salt Lake County and its legislative team works with the Utah State Legislature in the 2012 legislative session to help clarify existing state statutes related to government finance, the budget process, and accounting at the county level of government.

**16. Preparation of the CAFR: Completed (Council Members Bradley & DeBry)**

It is the intent of the Council that the auditor and the auditor's employees currently responsible for the preparation of the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) will continue to perform these duties until directed otherwise.

**17. Reserve Funds for the Salt Lake Valley Law Enforcement Service Area: Completed (Council Members Bradshaw & DeBry)**

It is the intent of the Council that reserve funds for the Salt Lake Valley Law Enforcement Service Area (SLVLESA) remain healthy. To that end, the Council asks the SLVLESA Board members to work with cities that join the district to ensure commensurate contributions toward the SLVLESA fund balance are received from all district members.

**18. Community Council Revolving Fund: Ongoing (Council Member Iwamoto)**

It is the intent of the Council that when the community councils' revolving fund contributions are distributed, it be based on population.

**19. Sheriff's Pay-to-Stay Program: Ongoing (Council Member Horiuchi)**

It is the intent of the Council that there continue to be an ongoing analysis with regard to the Sheriff's Pay-for-Stay program to ensure proper pricing and efficient collection rates.

**20. Ordinance Review Process: Ongoing (Council Members Bradshaw & Iwamoto)**

It is the intent of the Council that the Mayor's Office shall bring all ordinance proposals scheduled to be reviewed by other public advisory or decision bodies (i.e. community councils, planning commissions as well as other bodies with similar oversight responsibilities) to a Council Work Study session. An overview of the proposal and anticipated timeline will be provided prior to going out for public review. The objective is to allow Council Members to be familiar with a proposed ordinance through all stages of development so that they may have a deeper understanding of public concerns and requests prior to formal adoption.

**Added February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2012**

**21. Foothill Canyons Overlay Zone: Ongoing (Council Members Bradshaw & Iwamoto)**

It is the intent of the Council to support the upcoming *Wasatch Canyons Today Symposium*, which is co-sponsored by Salt Lake County, Salt Lake City and the Forest Service, with the understanding that the symposium will be a starting point for a broader Foothill Canyons Overlay Zoning (FCOZ) revision process. The symposium will lay out a FCOZ-revision process that is transparent and encourages public input. It should include monthly updates to the County Council on ordinance development with the opportunity for the Council to offer feedback. The objective is to have a final product within a 9-month period that reflects the suggestions and concerns of all FCOZ stakeholders.

**Added February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2012**

**22. Modifications to the Interim Budget Adjustment Process: Ongoing (Council Members DeBry & Jensen)**

It is the Council's intent to require the following information: 1) When requesting an interim budget adjustment, the requesting organization will include the current balance of the fund that will be impacted by the adjustment; and 2) each June, as part of the mid-year budget process, the Mayor's staff will provide the Council with a list of all open capital projects with columns indicating the percentage of the project completed, the estimated costs and the projected completion dates. The list should include all recently closed capital project, and indicate any remaining project funds.

**23. Management Review: Completed (Council Members Burdick & Horiuchi)**

The Council directs its fiscal staff to consult with relevant staff in the Auditor's and the Mayor's portfolios in order to undertake a holistic management review of the county's organizational structure and operations, including but not limited to the following: accounting and financial management resources; internal county audits and related performance review functions; and the critical mass necessary to provide an internal legislative audit capability.

The Council intends to use this management review to consider modifications to the county's organizational structure in an effort to foster accountability and transparency of county finances to citizens and other stakeholders, to improve services and to reduce operating costs. The Council's fiscal staff will coordinate this review with the Executive Subcommittee and report back to the Council prior to February 2011.

**24. Funding Strategies for Voting Equipment Completed (Council Members Jensen & I Horiuchi)**

It is the intent of the Council to have the Subcommittee for the Independent Elected Officials to conduct an in-depth review of the county's existing voting equipment needs, and to determine how best to finance the purchase of new and replacement equipment.

**25. Employee Service Reserve (ESR) Fund Audit: Pending**

It is the intent of the Council that an external performance and financial audit will occur before any changes are made to the ESR fund.

**26. County GIS Consolidation: Pending .**

It is the intent of the Council that the GIS Committee examines consolidation, streamlining, and the reduction of duplicated GIS products and services within the county. The committee is to report findings by April 1, 2012. Moreover, the Council requests additional recommendations concerning the need for an "inter-fund," as well as standardized fees for GIS products and services.

**27. Capital Project Fiscal Notes: Satisfied by SLCO Ordinance**  
It is the intent of the Council that 1) the estimated five- and ten-year fiscal year costs be included with any proposed bond for capital projects; and 2) that the Council inform the voters of the ongoing costs to maintain and operate the facilities financed by the bonds, including the potential for a tax increase.

## **Legislative Intent Items Carried Over From Prior Years**

### **Funds for Two Fire Stations: Pending**

It is the intent of the Council to help the Fire District bond for two fire stations by providing an annual appropriation of \$250,000 for ten years through an inter-local agreement. The agreement should include a reversionary clause indicating that the County will assume ownership of the stations if the Fire District dissolves. It is the County's position that each member of the District is responsible for its own infrastructure.

### **Yearly Reports from UTA: Pending**

It is the intent of the Council to receive annual reports from the Utah Transit Authority (UTA) regarding the amount of sales tax revenue generated to help fund the commuter rail line and the four additional light rail lines referred to in the December 2007 Inter-local Cooperating Agreement. The annual reports will commence in 2015, and will identify the annual amount of the Part 17 sales tax (one-quarter of one percent) generated and the annual expenditures financed by that tax.