

Legislative Intent for 2013

1. Countywide 2013 Hiring Freeze : (Council Members Jensen & DeBry)

It is the intent of the Council to continue the current process for filling vacant positions into budget year 2013. New or additional hiring allocations provided by the Council for the 2013 budget year may be filled. Positions that are vacant or become vacant may only be filled with the Council's review and approval.

Added December 11th, 2012

2. Discontinue Post-Retirement Insurance Benefits for New Employees: (Council Members Jensen & Burdick)

It is the intent of the Council that post-retirement insurance benefits will no longer be available for county employees hired on or after December 31, 2012.

Added November 26th, 2012

3. Council-led Review and Evaluation of Existing Post-Retirement Benefits: (Council Members Jensen & Burdick)

It is the intent of the Council to review and evaluate the eligibility criteria and costs of the county's post-retirement benefits. A Council-led committee will consider the following: current policies regarding access to post-retirement benefits; as well as funding and benefit options for early retirees (not yet eligible for Medicare coverage) and the Medicare supplement plan. Information is required regarding how the county's benefits and associated costs compare to those of other public employers, the legal precedents that shape options to the current system, and any other relevant information--including strategies to control costs and fund future benefits in a responsible manner.

Added November 26th, 2012

4. Council Review of Certain County Subsidies: (Council Members Wilde, Snelgrove & Jensen)

It is the intent of the Council to evaluate county programs that receive below-market rental rates and/or operating subsidies, and determine the timing and extent to which these program subsidies might be curtailed. In particular, the Council would like to review county subsidies provided by the Center for the Arts for its not-for-profit clientele.

Added November 27th, 2012

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5. 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

6. 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

7. 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

8. 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 21st, 2012

9. 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 14th, 2012

12. 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 31st, 2012

13. 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 6th, 2012

14. Countywide Hiring Freeze: (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.

15. Electronic Copies of All Studies: (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.

16. 2012 Status Reports: (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.

17. Revenue Projection Committee: (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.

18. Community Council Revolving Fund: (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: (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: (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 28th, 2012

21. Foothill Canyons Overlay Zone: (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 28th, 2012

22. Modifications to the Interim Budget Adjustment Process: (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. County GIS Consolidation:

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, 2013. Moreover, the Council requests additional recommendations concerning the need for an "inter-fund," as well as standardized fees for GIS products and services.

Revised January 8, 2013

Pending Legislative Intent Items Carried Over From Prior Years

Funds for Two Fire Stations:

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:

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.