Legislative Intent for 2011

New Interview Process for Nominees and Reappointments
(Council Members Horiuchi & Iwamoto)

It is the Council’s intent to interview nominees and reappointments for certain boards, councils and other advisory groups, and requests the Mayor’s staff to compile and maintain an inventory of those positions for which the Council will conduct interviews.

Added January 25th, 2011

1. Management Review (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.

2. $50,000 Contribution for Utah Championship Golf Tournament
(Council Members Iwamoto & Wilson)

It is the intent of the Council to provide a $50,000 contribution to help secure the placement of a Championship Golf Tournament at Willow Creek Country Club. The 2011 contribution, which will derive from the county’s Stat & General fund unless staff determines a more appropriate funding mechanism, will occur only if the golf tournament is secured.

3. Shift 2 Payroll Slots from the Auditor to the Mayor
(Council Members Burdick & Iwamoto)

It is the intent of the Council to transfer, as of January 1, 2011, two FTE allocations and the attendant payroll responsibilities from the Auditor’s office to the Mayor’s portfolio to help improve payroll processing and efficiency. The Council requests that the Mayor’s staff prepare a written six-month evaluation of this transfer and the resulting impact on the payroll processing function.
4. Discovery Fees for the District Attorney  
(Council Members Jensen & Iwamoto)
It is the intent of the Council to revisit the question of charging discovery fees for the duplication or production of criminal records and other information. The Council requests that the newly elected District Attorney and his staff schedule a discussion with the Council as soon as practical to review this issue.

5. Funding Strategies for Voting Equipment  
(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.

6. Criminal and Social Justice Funding Issues  
(Council Members Bradley, Burdick & Hatch)
It is the intent of the Council to determine how best to incorporate the views of the Criminal Justice Advisory Council (CJAC) in future budget discussions that affect criminal and social justice strategies, alternatives and resources. The Council indicated that CJAC should have input to the Law Enforcement and Human Services Subcommittees, and approved the 2011 funding of two new criminal justice FTEs contingent upon obtaining CJAC's approval.

7. $25,000 Contribution for Center for Documentary Arts  
(Council Members Iwamoto & Wilson)
It is the intent of the Council to contribute $25,000 toward an exhibit of photography pertaining to civil rights that will be presented at the 2011 grand opening of the Leonardo Center. The contribution is conditioned on the Center raising $10,000 in matching funds.

Legislative Intent Carried Over from 2010

8. Mayor's Administration Review  
(Council Members Burdick & Allen)
It is the intent of the Council that the Mayor's Office expands its review and analysis of administrative operations and divisions to include the payroll and human resources functions contained in the Sheriff's portfolio. The objective is to identify potential redundancies and improve program efficiency.
9. Reconsider Municipal Service Funds Used to Finance the Salt Lake Valley Law Enforcement Service Area  (Council Members Hatch & Jensen)
It is the intent of the Council to review the amount of Municipal Services funds earmarked to help finance the newly formed Salt Lake Valley Law Enforcement Service Area (SLVLESA) during the June 2011 mid-year review.

10. Justice Court Collections  (Council Member Horiuchi)
It is the intent of the Council to review collections for the Justice Court, specifically the return realized from the Office of State Debt Collection versus likely returns from private collectors. This review should be available to the Council no later than May 15th, 2011.

11. Employee Service Reserve (ESR) Fund Audit (Council Member Allen)
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.

12. 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.

13. County GIS Consolidation (Council Members Allen & Horiuchi)
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 Council has expressed a bias toward consolidation under the office of the County Surveyor. The committee is to report findings by April 1, 2011. Moreover, the Council requests additional recommendations concerning the need for an "inter-fund," as well as standardized fees for GIS products and services.

14. 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.

15. Capital Project Fiscal Notes  (Council Member Burdick)
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

Midvale Boys & Girls Club  (Council Members Jensen & Iwamoto)
It is the intent of the Council to emphasize that the services provided by the Midvale Boys and Girls Club are available countywide and not just for unincorporated residents.

Public Works Budget  (Council Members Crockett & Hatch)
It is the intent of the Council that the Public Works Department makes its capital project priorities available to the SLCO Community Councils and that input regarding these priorities is solicited on an annual or semi-annual basis. Moreover, the Council asks the Mayor and the Public Works Department Director to provide feedback to the Council on the cooperative County plan and its 2009 budget priorities.

Copies of All Studies  (Council Members Wilde & Allen)
It is the intent of the Council that the Mayor and the Council receive copies of all studies completed for or on the behalf of Salt Lake County.

Yearly Report from Utah Transit Authority  (Council Member Hatch)
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 Interlocal 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.

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. (Crockett & Horiuchi)

It is the intent of the Council that the ten year inter-local agreement satisfies the County’s obligation to the Fire District. (Hatch)

Time-Limited Appointments
It is the intent of the Council that time-limited appointments last for no longer than three years, and that the Council receive a report at least once a year. (Hatch)