

Legislative Intent for 2018

1. Management Flexibility and Enhanced Council Oversight for County Personnel Costs

It is the intent of the Council to provide, consistent with Human Resources Policy 5-100, County agencies with the flexibility to manage personnel costs within their allotted yearly appropriations. Until now, a Council-approved budget adjustment was necessary to reclassify vacant county positions. That will no longer occur. Effective as of January 2018, the Council will not need to approve any individual reclassification requests. Instead, the policy makers will focus on the net annual changes in personnel costs. This parallels the process for updating the adopted budget to recognize new programs and revenues. For example, when a budget adjustment for a new grant funded time-limited FTE is approved, the budget is adjusted to recognize the full-year costs and associated revenues for that FTE. In other instances, however, the full-year changes—costs or savings--of certain decisions have only been recognized in internal County budget reports, which refer to them as “annualizations” and incorporate them into the organizations’ Adjusted Base Budget. Examples of these internal changes include: hiring decisions that increase or reduce salary rates; salary changes associated with career advancements; and reclassifications of encumbered County positions.

Beginning with the 2018 budget, the Adjusted Base Budget will continue to track but no longer incorporate “annualizations.” If organizations are unable to absorb the net effect of these annualizations, either through program cuts or under-expend, then they will need to submit a budget request for additional funding.

Added December 05, 2017

2. \$315,000 Reduction in the Annual \$1.5 Million Budget for the Office of Regional Development

It is the intent of the Council to reduce the \$1.5 million annual program budget for the Regional Development Fund by \$315 thousand. This annual reduction, which is ongoing and effective with the 2019 budget, shall be reviewed by the Council in conjunction with the next countywide general property tax increase.

Added November 21, 2017

3. Review and Revise Countywide Policy 6000: Security of County Facilities, Employees and the Public

It is the intent of the Council to review and revise the countywide security policy as soon as possible. The review will focus on the need: to improve communication among the relevant stakeholders and the County's Protective Service personnel regarding changes in threats levels, which could be event-driven or seasonal; to introduce threat assessments as a concept in order to develop a plan for conducting assessments of County facilities using internal staff as well as extra-mural experts; and to control access to County facilities outside normal working hours by using common-sense identification techniques and one-on-one dialogs.

Added March 14, 2017

4. Identify and Segregate Government Immunity Funds Used to Enhance Mental Health Resources for County Jail Inmates

It is the intent of the Council to segregate and track the Government Immunity funds used to enhance mental health resources for County jail inmates. The amount appropriated to date is \$1.859 million: \$1 million in the 2017 budget, and \$859 thousand in 2018. The Council requests a briefing from the Mayor's fiscal staff on or before April 10, 2018, which should provide sufficient time to identify the amount and uses of the Government Immunity dollars spent in 2017 as well as the projected expenses for 2018.

Added March 14, 2017

5. Time-Limited Funds to Expand SLCO Jail Bed Capacity

It is the intent of the Council to identify and segregate the financial resources used to expand the SLCO Sheriff's jail bed capacity by contracting with other jurisdictions for additional jail beds. This effort will begin in May 2017 using \$704,860 of county funding. The state's financing, which will begin July 2017 and continue for two years, will assist in the increase of jail capacity by as much as 300 beds. The Council requests that the Mayor's fiscal staff create and implement the accounting procedures needed to distinguish the funds necessary to finance this initiative from other jail-related resources, and to ensure that any under-expend generated from this project will only be used to augment the county's jail bed capacity.

Added May 02, 2017

6. Jordan River Considerations Regarding Homelessness and the New Homeless Resource Centers

It is the intent of the Council that the County take any and all appropriate steps to mitigate adverse impacts that the homeless population and the new Homeless Resource Centers may have on the Jordan River; and that the Council doesn't support using the South Salt Lake Resource Center for high-risk homeless populations because of the Center's proximity to the Jordan River.

Added April 25, 2017

7. State Funds for County Work Related to Homeless Site Selection

It is the intent of the Council to seek reimbursement from the state for the \$100,000 General Fund appropriation to finance professional fees, due diligence and earnest money outlays associated with the homeless site selection work in Salt Lake County.

Added March 14, 2017

8. SLCO Ordinance Language Pertaining to Land Use in the Canyons

In order to facilitate land trades, it is the intent of the Council to include in the Mountain Resort Zone the property owned by Snowbird Ski & Summer Resort (Snowbird) on the north side of Utah State Road 210 if, prior to the rezoning of such property, Snowbird and Salt Lake County execute a development agreement with the following provisions:

1. Except for property that has already received subdivision approval, Snowbird will only use its remaining property on the north side of Utah State Road 210 for land trades with the U.S. Forest Service; and
2. If Snowbird applies with the County to develop any portion of its remaining property on the north side of Utah State Road 210, Salt Lake County shall have an option to purchase that portion of land for its fair market value.

The processes for the option to purchase and for the fair market value determination will be outlined in the development agreement.

Added March 7, 2017

Part II

It is the intent of the Council to refer to the Mountainous Planning District Commission issues related to the specific uses of Mountain Bike Trails and Mountain Bike Terrain Parks in the canyons. The Council requests that the Mountainous Planning District Commission study these issues and provide feedback and an ordinance recommendation. The Council will review the feedback and consider any ordinance changes that may be appropriate.

Added March 14, 2017

9. Continue to Restrict Certain Appropriation Unit Shifts

It is the intent of the Council to restrict appropriation unit shifts between personnel and operations, and from personnel to capital. Any request to waive these restrictions shall be vetted by the County Budget Officer, and then brought to the Council for review, discussion and direction.

Added December 6, 2016

10. \$200,000 Earmarked for the Mountain View Corridor Economic Development Plan

It is the intent of the Council to provide \$200,000 for the Mountain View Corridor Economic Plan provided that others help finance this initiative. The Council will appropriate these funds when other organizations—including the state, Wasatch Front Regional Council, and relevant cities—commit to proportionate financial contributions for the Economic Development Plan.

Added November 22, 2016

11. \$150,000 Annual Cap on TRCC Funds for the University of Utah

It is the intent of the Council to request that University-of-Utah (U-of-U) organizations that desire to apply for TRCC (Tourism, Recreation, Cultural and Convention Facilities) funding submit an annual consolidated request. The Council anticipates that the University of Utah Development Office will collect the individual requests, evaluate them, and submit a consolidated U-of-U ask each year to the TRCC Advisory Board for a comprehensive review. An annual funding cap of \$150,000 shall apply.

Added November 1, 2016

12. Discussion with Employee Association Representatives

It is the intent of the Council that, on a quarterly basis, the Human Resources Division engage with SLCO employee association representatives regarding changes and/or potential changes to Human Resources Policies. The Council intends, as early in the annual budget process as practical, to provide the employee associations an opportunity to comment and evaluate the employee compensation plans recommended by the Mayor.

Added May 17, 2016; revised September 20, 2016

13. Review of the 15 FTEs Added for the ATI Program

It is the intent of the Council to review, as part of the 2018 budget process, the 15 new FTE slots created for the Alternatives to Incarceration (ATI) program.

Added March 29, 2016

14. Additional 401(k) Contributions

It is the intent of the Council that the Human Resources Division provide a comprehensive explanation to Salt Lake County employees regarding the impact of contributing additional funds to their 401(k) accounts.

Added November 16th, 2015

15. SLCO Budget Process Modifications.

It is the intent of the Council to implement the following modifications to help improve the annual November budget process: First, the deadline for closing BRASS and identifying new requests will occur one week earlier than normal in order to provide additional time for the Independent Elected Officials to strengthen their arguments for additional funding for those initiatives that were not fully funded in the Mayor's recommended budget.

Second, Committee of the Whole (COW) time will be made available prior to the November budget discussions for the Independent Elected Officials to update the Council on their respective portfolios.

Third, when an Independent Elected Official provides narratives for new budget initiatives—and any other related materials—to the Mayor and the Chief Financial Officer, they will also provide the same material to the Council and its fiscal staff.

Added April 28th, 2015

16. Information Sessions from Mayor's Departments.

It is the intent of the Council that each County government department shall present information regarding its mission, major programs, and funding sources. Following the department presentation, which will occur at least annually, Council Members may invite divisions from the department to provide additional information at a future meeting.

Added on March 11, 2014.