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5/27/2021 16:29	Derek Dessel	Community Council Members: My name is Derek. I live in District 4 and work for SLCFD. I am emailing to comment on the issues surrounding budget approvals for the fire department. I take pride in the work that I do and the city I live in despite earning almost \$20,000 less than the median salary. I have watched the cost of living climb steadily over the years I have lived here and seen development skyrocket. I am writing to express my deep disappointment concerning wage negotiations with our Union. I have faithfully served this city and its constituents for years and feel like the work I do should be rewarded with a livable wage, and it seems to me that the Mayor and her council have no interest in doing so. When I was hired I was under the impression that Salt Lake City went to great lengths to make sure pay was competitive and fair, but it appears to be quite the opposite considering the current climate surrounding wage negotiations for the first responders that serve this community. I hope that the council understands the message it sends to employees like myself who struggle to make ends meet living in the community that I serve. Please consider giving firefighters in the city a reasonable raise. We sacrifice our family, sleep, mind, body, and overall health for this community. We need more from you. Respectfully Submitted, Derek Dessel	FY21 Budget
5/27/2021 19:42	Toni Tietjen	Just within a block in any direction there are elderly widows, retirees (some from Syria or elsewhere) and at least six single moms on this street trying to meet both the needs of their kids and work. We've all been here for decades. And if property taxes continue to go up where will we go! Especially given how low sallaries are in Salt Lake and Utah in general. Do you really want to price out those who have been anchors in their neighborhoods by increasing utilities, property taxes, etc.? No old people, no single parents, no blue colar workers who have lived in their homes for 20 plus years? Toni	Affordable Housing

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5/29/2021 16:45	Katie Pappas	Instead of giving the SL Police dept. more money I believe the whole department should be revamped. The police should not be responding to homeless issues or mental health crises. Over the last few years we hear over and over of citizens notifying the police of actual crimes and being told the police don't respond to those issues anymore. Yet they have plenty of time to terrorize the homeless population and people of color. When did this become the city's priority? I have family members with mental health issues and on the autism spectrum. I can't think of a worse person to call than a cop to help them. It would put their life in jeopardy. Crisis workers are far more experienced and appropriate. Police should go back to police issues and leave the social issues to better trained, more compassionate individuals.	Police Funding
5/31/2021 10:21	Anonymous Constituent	My Husband and I feel very strongly that the police should be empowered. We agree that adding additional social workers is a step in the right direction. However, we live in a time now where no one respects authority. This is dangerous for all involved including the police. There are valley views in our area. We have to deal with hoards of people in the nicer weather with their music pounding, loud talking/yelling, sometimes fighting, marijuana scent wafting in the air, garbage strewn everywhere in the morning and theft. This area is little patrolled due to the lack of enforcement officers. Please do not defund the police. Who does one call for help? Wondering who the protesters would call....hmmmmm Thank you for listening.	Police Funding
5/31/2021 10:36	David Alderman	I have the following comments on the proposed budget for 2021-2022. I strongly support the recommended budget for the Police Department. Implementing recommendations from the Racial Equity Commission, such as Crisis De-escalation training and adding social workers, will help to improve the overall performance of the Department. But also normal operations need to be maintained. Staffing levels are low and crime and traffic issues are increasing. Although not part of the General Fund recommendations, I am glad to see on the Transportation website that a Livable Streets project has been approved through the CIP process. I would like to see the Council provide additional funds to implement the Livable Streets program across the City.	FY21 Budget

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6/1/2021 8:38	Joseph Johnson	As we look towards the future and ask ourselves how we should allocate our shared budget, I believe it is paramount to include the need for clean and prosperous urban/natural lands and waterways when discussing proposals. This necessity is of even greater concern when looking at the statistics of growth within the Salt Lake Valley in the coming years and the looming threat of climate change that will, inadvertently, link us all together one day. It is because of these statistics and data that I suggest an increase in city funding for the Department of Sustainability and the Public Lands Division within the SLC government. By ensuring that these departments have the means to do their jobs, objectives and goals, we can make sure that the growth of Salt Lake is done in a healthy, respectful and proper manner, and all the while keeping up with the ever-changing tides of economic competition. Some of the key benefits of increasing funding for these departments: Dep. of Sustainability 1. Increase public outreach events, educating a growing number of SLC residents about the data and urgency of climate change science. 2. Develop a greater method/scope of the Waste & Recycling Division to increase the recycling/composting services across the valley. 3. Provide the means of working with Rocky Mountain Power to develop alternative energy sources for as many citizens as possible. 4. Ensure that SLC has the means to achieve its Climate Positive 2040 plan. Division of Public Lands 1. Additional funding can give the Office of Trails & Natural Lands the ability to maintain/preserve currently protected natural areas as well as creating new ones for future generations to enjoy. 2. Increase public awareness events, encouraging a greater appreciation for natural lands and a growing desire to preserve them. *Continued 1/2*	FY21 Budget

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	Joseph Johnson	*Continued 2/2* 3. Protecting the wildlife that we enjoy in our urban areas, while making sure the wildlife outside of our backyards have the space they need to live and flourish in the face of growing uncertainty. Despite our differences in upbringing, beliefs and values, we can all agree that a happier and safer community is one in which pollution is mitigated and natural recreation opportunities are readily available. Some of you reading this may not believe in the science of climate change or the threats that it poses. To you I say, fine, let us not talk about the big picture of climate change, instead, let us focus on making sure this city grows in the best manner it can: ensuring that we drive down air pollution and keeping the condition of the valley’s inversion layer at bay, making sure that we stabilize our water sources so we can continue to depend on them for generations and increase our reliance on renewable energy sources making us more economically competitive with a growing number of cities across the country and across the globe. I would like to thank the members of city council for inviting us to make these comments and including us in the planning process of our shared government budget. Sincerely, Joseph Johnson.	
6/1/2021 8:42	Anonymous Constituent	The caller did not leave her name but requested that the Council fund the SLCPD. She says their work is important to our saftey and they should be funded.	Police Funding
6/1/2021 11:50	Davis Smith	We need help. We have a massive homelessness problem at 74 S. Main Street with homeless people openly doing drugs, dealing, publicly masterbating, entering our retail store at Cotopaxi and yelling and intimidating our team and employees in our office. We need help. We never see police there and need more help.	Homelessness
6/1/2021 11:58	Anonymous Constituent	As a resident, I'd like to offer some advice and do something about the homeless people around the 100 S. and Main strett area. They seem to be a bit aggressive in nature & make me not want to shop/visit the area.	Homelessness

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6/1/2021 12:01	Manina Hilbck	Council People, I have attached photos of the Pole The City allowed Verizon to Place in Residential Neighborhoods. Attached Please find letters I wrote to you and the State in March. I never received an adequate adult response and no one can help me according to YOU, the PEOPLES GOVERNMENT. I had four responses I will happy to share if you are INTERESTED not one helps our community. One from the Mayors office. One from the Governors office. One from Angela Romero (Kudos to Her, she's not even my council person), and one from the City Engineers Office. Our Road is Destroyed, my neighborhood (the best in SLC) is in dis-harmony. We are discouraged by your lead. These Internet Servers are destroying our neighborhoods charm and well being, these companies are not even from Utah and the city is granting the permits, the legislature sold us out and we are the worse for it as a community. Place the towers at city public Spaces, the Park, the School, The Ward House, The Capitol, The Library, On the Corner of 9th & 9th, in the middle of the Street (a Roundabout to slow down traffic) Down Seventh East. But not on a Street that has not had one utility on it Since the time it was planned by Brigham Young. What are you doing for the people you represent, may I ask? I have lived here for forty years my property tax is 600% more than when I purchased my home forty years ago and Verizon should help pay for it by ruining my view every time I open the front door to my home. These are issues you need to bring up at your meeting because this is just the start. I would like your council to provide our East Liberty Park neighborhood with legal assistance to have this removed. And/Or to have Verizon provide reparation to our street pot holes new paving, Speed Roundabout and free Internet to those it affects and who cannot afford it. I would also like my council members to respond to me. Thank you, Manina Hilbck	Small Cell Wireless Facilities
6/1/2021 12:04	Andrew Riggle	Please find the The Disability Law Center's response attached. Thank you, Andrew Riggle Public Policy Advocate / Certified Work Incentive Practitioner Disability Law Center	FY21 Budget

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6/1/2021 12:09	Lance Osborne	The homeless population surrounding the trax City Center Station and specifically around 1st and Main is a bit out of hand these days. I work right along that stretch and it's mostly casual contact with these struggling folks, but there have been some more significant incidents and discomfort surrounding myself, family, and other co-workers. Please help to minimize contact and especially these incidents surrounding the quantity of homeless there. These folks are struggling and always down in moral, I hope that there are other places for them to congregate or benefit from some homeless services. Thanks for the consideration. Best,	Homelessness
6/1/2021 12:10	Rich Doxey	Hi. I work and live on Main Street. The homeless population has become a significant concern to my company and my family. There is open drug use, people taking dumps on the sidewalk, and very unstable and aggressive people threatening the safety of my family. The other week my wife was walking with our baby when a man started screaming at her that he'd kill her and kill our child. She ran away, called the police, and called me in tears. I understand the homeless population is a challenge. This has become a safety issue for our street. We're leaving downtown living because it's simply not a good place to raise our child and that's clear indication of failure from our city's leadership.	Homelessness
6/1/2021 12:11	Gustav Fredrikson	To the Council, Over the past two years and increasingly over the last 14 months the homelessness problem outside of my employeer and local shops around City Creek has worsen. On multiple occasions I've seen fights, drug use, over doses due to the blatant drug use and verbal harassment by the homeless population. While we are fortunate enough to have security in the area, myself, my partner and a few coworkers have expressed concerns for their safety in one of the most vibrant and beautiful parts of our city. While I don't have a specific solution I feel as though more outreach, police resources who improve the situation. Best a concerned citizen,	Homelessness
6/1/2021 12:12	Ben Doxey	There are consistant crowds of homeless people outside of Starbucks and Cotopaxi located on 1st south and main street. Every time I visit this locatiton which is weekly. I am approached by multiple people asking for money, food, or coffee. The area has begun to stink and it is not a welcoming area to be.	Homelessness

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6/1/2021 12:12	Natalie Blanton	<p>Dear Council, I will be at work tonight, and cannot call in during your budget meeting. But, I implore you to lead the way on progress as a city in this broken country. Police budgets are at their highest they'e ever been -- and we haven't seen you make any good on nods toward "defunding the police" -- spikes in crime as of late show just how ineffective the money we do spend on police is and that money could be invested into the communities instead. I ask that you please sit with this story -- from the Yanagui family. About how the SLCPD burtalized them on April 10th. https://www.instagram.com/tv/CPez590h1us/?utm_source=ig_web_copy_link This is but one of many instances that your violent cops have made a mess of a situation. They do no de-escalate, they cause pain/trauma. We need social workers, not cops. We need community care, not cops. We need education, not cops. We need resources for our unsheltered community, not cops. Cops DO NOT prevent crime -- they cause it. And YOU cause it, by funneling this violence more money and deliberately cutting funding to the resources that our community needs to move away from scarcity and into abundance and justice. Another world is possible -- and you, city council, have the power to usher in these new ways of being. Please. What are you waiting for -- to stand up for human rights? Now is almost too little, too late. You saw the chaos and pain that the police created last summer. There is blood on their hands. Look at this incredible research done by your concerned community members: https://www.decarcerateutah.org/blog/defundslcpd-demands-details-and-resources The data is all there. It is clear to see. The choice is easy to make -- if you tap into your empathy, ethics, and morals. Defund the police. Cut their budget. I dare you to do right by the people. With gratitude, Natalie</p>	FY21 Budget
6/1/2021 12:19	Sabrina Astle	<p>I would like to file a formal complaint about the illegal homeless and transient activity that is happening around City Creek Mall. I have repeatedly seen people using needles, smoking what I believe is spice, and selling drugs outside of the Starbucks and Cotopaxi store on Main St. I have also seen people stabbed, attacked, screamed at, kicked, punched and spit on. Additionally, I have seen property damage taking place and homeless men exposing themselves to families passing by. It is not a safe environment for shoppers and restaurant goers and those of us who live and work here feel extremely unsafe. It is bad for business and our Downtown SLC community needs a solution fast. Thank you, Sabrina Astle (SLC resident)</p>	Homelessness



Your rights matter.

The Disability Law Center (DLC) appreciates the opportunity to provide input on Mayor Mendenhall's recommended FY 22 budget for Salt Lake City. Our suggestions focus primarily on the need to begin shifting resources away from enforcement and toward effective affordable housing and mental health supports.

The DLC is the designated protection and advocacy for Utahns with disabilities. We envision a society where persons with disabilities are full and equal citizens under the law, are free from discrimination, and have access to the same opportunities afforded others. This is why we are grateful to see the Mayor's budget recommendations emphasize "growth that equitably benefits all city residents" and "bolstering our communities through inclusive and equitable opportunities for all." We are also pleased to see this commitment backed up by the hiring of a Chief Equity Officer and two associated positions within the mayor's office to oversee the creation of a Citywide Equity Plan. At the same time, we would welcome a bit more clarity concerning the scope and responsibilities of these positions, as well as a better understanding of the vision for the plan. Lastly, we appreciate the \$1 million+ for on-demand rides to transit routes. However, it is crucial this service be usable by all residents, including those with disabilities or who are aging.

Even so, we are worried the proposal is sending the wrong message overall. The words champion a commitment to equitable and inclusive communities, while the numbers argue for the status quo. For instance, even after the last year, the police department sees a 5.4% increase, while Community and Neighborhoods gets cut by almost 3%. In the grand scheme of things, the changes may be small, but, from our perspective, they are an indication the city is incentivizing the wrong priorities.

While there is a commitment to "walkability," the proposal represents a missed opportunity to make a meaningful investment in what many neighborhoods need most: living-wage jobs, affordable homes, fresh food, convenient transportation, and accessible healthcare. Additionally, given the Wasatch Front has been among the five tightest housing markets this past year, only dedicating around \$6 million to affordable housing is unthinkable. This is especially inexplicable when developers admit they cannot meet the needs of residents hardest hit by the pandemic (30% or less of area median income) without government help. Finally, instead of resurrecting the proven Housing First model, the city is doubling down on ineffective homeless encampment cleanup.

Moreover, we understand the temptation to rely on Crisis Intervention Training (CIT)-certified officers to respond to all manner of crisis-related calls. Unfortunately, the police department's implementation does not follow best practice. We agree all officers need basic de-escalation and mental health training. Beyond that, officers should self-select for CIT certification. CIT officers

The Disability Law Center (DLC) is a private, non-profit organization. The DLC's mission is to enforce and strengthen laws that protect the opportunities, choices, and legal rights of Utahns with disabilities. Our services are available statewide and free of charge, regardless of income, legal status, language, or place of residence. Because our time and money are limited, the DLC focuses on cases that can help as many Utahns with disabilities as possible now and in the future. While we cannot assist everyone, we will at least offer all those who contact us information and/or referral options.

should also be available 24-hours a day, 7 days a week. Additionally, dispatchers should know who they are and be trained on when and how to call on them.

Likewise, the problem with a co-responder model using social workers is that it continues to treat a health issue as a criminal one by depending on law enforcement. A more promising approach relies on mental health professionals and peers with lived experience. Examples include [CAHOOTS](#) in Eugene, Oregon and Denver, Colorado's [Support Team Assisted Response](#). In its first 6 months, STAR responded to 748 incidents, none involving police. To begin a similar transition, we concur with the Council's recommendation of an updated ordinance establishing reporting requirements for information collected by and about the police department. Together with data on sex, gender identity, race, and ethnicity, we encourage tracking contacts and outcomes by disability.

Either way, we can no longer afford to respond to one crisis after another. Ultimately, we must develop a system designed to prevent crisis, hospitalization, or incarceration by delivering the right supports, at the right time, in the right place. Thank you for your time and consideration of our feedback. We hope the Disability Law Center can serve as a resource for the city as the budget is finalized and implemented. If you have questions or would like more information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Hello Utah and SLC Representatives,

I'm not trying to be a troublemaker, however,
I'm Writing you because, my neighborhood, is being over built by 5G cell phone towers.
There are plans for many towers within blocks of one another.

I'm writing in regard to the many hundred cell towers that the legislature, allowed Verizon access to easement in front of our properties three years ago. Verizon is now starting to over run building towers in the east liberty park area of our great city. When our neighborhood was planned the utilities were all placed in our alleys. Eighth East between 900 and 1300 South only has lampposts the city asked us to buy to place in front of the properties lining the street. Why can't the phone companies respect this of our neighborhood, and build the cell tower where the utilities are situated in the alley. You wouldn't put a Refrigerator in the bathroom.

Two blocks east of Liberty Park on Eighth East and Belmont Street S.E. corner is a spot on which Verizon says they are to build a cell tower. Furthermore they have built one less than 2 blocks up the street above Ninth East and Belmont, and are building another a block below in the alley between 7th East and Lake Street. In this neighborhood we have many birds, hummingbirds, birds of prey, falcons, hawks, owls. This project will underscore the importance of their livelihood.

Just Yesterday we received notices. We as neighbors feel the 5G Cell Tower on the corner of 800 east and Belmont is too much. Intrusive aesthetically, it interferes with bird habitat, their quality of life, and it threatens our public health, our view and our quality of life.

Please, help save Eighth East and Belmont from this. Belmont is to small a side street to have more that one cell tower located in a two block radius. We feel that property tax we pay to live in this neighborhood should give us some say. Three years ago the Utah Legislature failed us as citizens by selling out our communities. Now you can help preserve our heaven on earth from this monstrosity.

I spoke with Tim Cosgrove the Mayors' Public Liaison. I've spoken with David Jones City Engineer and left a message with Scott Weiler a permit engineer. THEY SAY IT IS A STATE ISSUE and that is why I am writing to you.

Thank you for your consideration. We don't have much time as they have blocked the parking and have begun to ticket cars so they'll move for the construction. If we don't stand up to preserve our communities than who will.

We await your reply.
Sincerely,

Manina Hilbck

Honorable Governor of the State of Utah, Spencer Cox,
I write you because, my neighborhood, is being over built by 5G cell phone towers. There are plans for many towers within blocks of one another.

I'm writing in regard to the easement permits for the many hundred cell towers Verizon Wireless has been granted to build with the permission of a Utah legislature vote three years back in 2018. Verizon is now starting to over run building towers in the east liberty park area of our great city.

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