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CITY COUNCIL and REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY BOARD of SALT LAKE CITY

December 3, 2024

At the request of several Council Members, the Chair has scheduled a discussion on a proposal for a change in leadership structure for the City Council and Redevelopment Agency Board.

The proposal would alter the overall leadership structure of the Council/Board, with one Chairperson, and two vice-chairpersons. One of the vice-chairpersons would assist the Chair in their duties with City Council agenda setting and related matters, and the other vice-chairperson would assist the Chair in their duties with RDA agenda setting and related matters. There is no legal requirement for the RDA Board to elect separate persons to serve as RDA Chair/Vice Chair than the Council Chair/Vice Chair, although it has historically been the City's practice for those to be four different people. Under the proposal, there would be three leadership positions.

If the Council is interested in this concept, staff can request the Attorney's office prepare two resolutions – one that would amend the Bylaws of the Board of the Redevelopment Agency of Salt Lake City, and one that would amend the Council Rules of Procedure.

The Board and Council would need to act on both during RDA and Council Meeting on December 10 in order for changes to be effective in time for the first meeting in January, when those positions are selected.

If a majority of the Council/Board approve these resolutions, the Council/Board may also wish to consider how this may affect the proposed ordinance adding leadership stipends, which is also slated for consideration on December 10th. By way of reminder, the current draft ordinance sets leadership stipends as follows:

- Council Chair: \$3,000
- Council Vice Chair: \$2,000
- Redevelopment Agency Chair: \$1,500
- Redevelopment Agency Vice Chair: \$1,000

The Council may also wish to discuss some of the logistical implications of this type of change, such as:

- Who would attend Chair and Vice Chair meetings and how frequently? If three Council Members are in leadership, would meetings be scheduled with all three?
- How would RDA staff be involved in Chair and Vice Chair meetings?
- Who would Chair the RDA Meetings?
- How would City and RDA policy issues be decided?
- Who would be the official spokesperson for the RDA?
- How would seniority among Council Members and leadership be handled?