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Mayor Becker Presents FY 2011 Budget Recommendations
Delivers Plan to Close \$18.8 Million Shortfall without Tax Increases

SALT LAKE CITY – Mayor Ralph Becker today presented his recommended Fiscal Year (FY) 2011 budget to the Salt Lake City Council. Aimed at closing an \$18.8 million gap for FY 2011 with no tax increases for Salt Lake City residents, the recommended budget is focused on identifying additional revenue sources as well as balancing the Capital City’s budget through the reorganization of City departments, making prudent reductions in services, as well as the elimination of some City programs. The Mayor proposes these changes without diminishing street-level Police and Fire personnel.

“With the deepest recession in more than 60 years upon us, Salt Lake City residents are also making the same kind of difficult decisions at home. As families, individuals and businesses continue to sacrifice to make ends meet, so must our City government,” said Mayor Ralph Becker. “No area of spending has been immune as we sought ways to balance the budget. Yet, I believe our quality of life will not suffer. We will unite as a community making progress together during this economically challenging time.”

Examples of the gap-closing actions include:

Increasing revenue sources	\$5.5 million increase
Franchise Fees on storm water, parking rate changes at the airport	
Expense reductions	
Staff Changes	\$4.8 million reduction
Reduction of 67 FTE positions (25 of which are currently held positions)	
Significant changes in health insurance plan	
Restoration of suspended FY 2010 1.5% salary decrease and merit step	
Reorganization	
Dissolution of Administrative Services	
Attorney’s Office	
Loss of two positions – one currently filled	
CED	\$1.2 million reduction
Loss of 11 positions	

Finance	\$350,000 reduction
Loss of one position	
Fire	\$1.3 million reduction
Hold positions vacant – no changes to total number of firefighters or fire houses	
Police	\$1.3 million reduction
Reductions in fleet fuel and maintenance	
Public Services	\$3 million reduction
Elimination of six positions, reductions in seasonal park maintenance, and greenhouse closure	
Elimination of Global Artways program	
Non-departmental	\$2.5 million reduction
Capital Improvement Program remains unchanged at 7 percent	
Decreasing mid-block street lighting	

To balance the 2011 budget, the Mayor proposed the reduction of City staff by 67 full-time positions, 25 of which are currently filled by employees. The remaining 42 positions are vacant and will be eliminated. The Mayor accepted City benefit committee’s recommendations that employees bear an increase in health insurance payments to offset the increasing costs of healthcare. However, Mayor Becker proposes restoring the FY 2010 1.5 percent pay suspension and the reinstatement of last year’s merit.

The Mayor met frequently during employee one-on-one meetings and worked closely with organized labor in developing the FY 2011 budget.

“We understand the financial difficulties facing Salt Lake City, and applaud the Mayor’s efforts to minimize the impact on employees,” added Executive Director Patty Rich of Local 1004 of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME). “AFSCME looks forward to working with the City as it finalizes the 2011 budget.”

More information on Mayor Becker’s recommended FY 2011 budget for Salt Lake City can be found at [.slcgov.com/budget2011](http://slcgov.com/budget2011).

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