

# COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

**Item Schedule:** 

Briefing: 09/03/19 Public Hearing: 11/19/19

Potential Action: 12/03/19

CITY COUNCIL of SALT LAKE CITY

**TO:** City Council Members

FROM: Sam Owen, Policy Analyst

**DATE:** September 3, 2019

RE: Salt Lake City and Millcreek Boundary Adjustment Proposal and Interlocal Agreement

## **GOAL OF THE BRIEFING**

Update Council on the status of long-running negotiations between Salt Lake City and Millcreek regarding a boundary adjustment proposal near 1300 East Street and 3300 South Street.

#### **ISSUE AT-A-GLANCE**

Elected officials from Millcreek and Salt Lake City, including Salt Lake City Council Members and the Mayor, have been meeting over the past several months to discuss possible boundary adjustment options between the two cities. These negotiations are the most recent in a series of discussions between the two cities regarding issues at their mutual boundary in the Highland Drive/1300 East Street area. The Council authorized a subcommittee of its members to conduct negotiations prior to the Council's hearing the issue during a work session.

At this time, an area bounded by 1300 East Street, Highland Drive, Miller Avenue and Woodland Avenue has been proposed for adjustment into Millcreek's jurisdiction. A roundabout at approximately 2300 E and 2700 S has also been proposed to be included in an adjustment into Millcreek. See Attachment 1 for depictions of the affected areas. Both parties have agreed that this and any future potential boundary adjustments will not include the area known as "Brickyard Plaza."

Compensation to SLC from Millcreek for tax revenue loss resulting from the boundary adjustment will be paid to Salt Lake City in the form of ten years of Salt Lake City's value from the taxable properties affected by the boundary adjustment, paid in annual installments (estimated at a total \$610,000). The draft interlocal agreement (Attachment 2) provides for this compensation arrangement, as well as articulates expectations going forward.

The accompanying resolution (Attachment 3) would a) outline the process & background of the proposal up to this point and articulate future expectations, b) initiate the boundary adjustment process provided in state code and c) authorize execution of the related interlocal agreement.



## The next steps are as follows:

- 1. The Council first hears the item during its work session on September 3
- 2. The resolution described above would be scheduled for possible adoption September 17
- 3. The Council's public hearing pursuant to the Utah Code 10-2-419 boundary adjustment requirements would be held November 19
- 4. The Council would consider and take action on an ordinance approving the boundary adjustment December 3; the interlocal would potentially be executed at that time (the boundary adjustment process entails administrative steps subsequent to the Council's scheduled December 3 vote as well)

# **POLICY QUESTIONS**

- 1. The Administrations of Salt Lake City and Millcreek have expressed the mutual wish to coordinate on transportation in the area. The Council may wish to ask for future status updates as this coordination takes place.
- 2. The Council may wish to request that Millcreek conducts outreach with affected commercial properties, and communicates with Council Members on pertinent findings and new information.
- 3. The Council may wish to request check-ins with Millcreek at 6 months and 12 months as the process unfolds.

## ADDITIONAL & BACKGROUND INFORMATION

During spring 2018, Millcreek officials approached Salt Lake City with proposals regarding the cities' mutual boundary. One aspect of the proposals would have placed the Brickyard Plaza area, as well as additional surrounding properties, within Millcreek's jurisdiction. Salt Lake City officials expressed concern regarding this and other aspects of the proposals. State legislation was introduced during the Legislature's 2019 General Session that would have created a process for the Brickyard Plaza boundary adjustment as proposed by Millcreek at that time; Millcreek and Salt Lake City worked together to reach consensus where the State legislation was not needed, and negotiations progressed. The current proposal is a result of those most recent negotiations. Both cities have committed not to seek State intervention at this time, or in the future, regarding boundary adjustment issues involving the two cities (Attachment 3).

#### **ATTACHMENTS**

- 1. Tentative renderings of proposed adjustment areas
- 2. Draft interlocal
- 3. Draft resolution



