

# SALT LAKE COUNTY

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## **Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday, January 3, 2023**

**10:30 AM**

**Council Chambers, N1-110**

**Council Work Session**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

- Present** Council Member Laurie Stringham  
Council Member Suzanne Harrison  
Council Member Jim Bradley  
Council Chair Aimee Winder Newton  
Council Member Ann Granato  
Council Member Sheldon Stewart  
Council Member Dea Theodore
- Excused** Council Member Dave Alvord
- Call In** Council Member Arlyn Bradshaw

**2. 2023 Inauguration Ceremony**

**Mr. Joseph Genda**, New American Refugee Liaison, Mayor’s Office, led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

**Ms. Emilee Floor** performed a piano solo, playing and singing “What a Wonderful World.”

**Mayor Jennifer Wilson** acknowledged the significance of this important inauguration tradition where gratitude is expressed to those dedicated to service. She recognized current and former Council Members, newly elected and re-elected officials and their families, and municipal leaders and legislators. She also recognized Sherrie Swensen, Clerk, for her dedication and professionalism.

**Ms. Sherrie Swensen**, County Clerk, expressed gratitude to the citizens of Salt Lake County for the opportunity to serve as County Clerk and to the employees and poll watchers. She relayed the accomplishments made while in office, and read expressions of thanks she received from voters. She administered the oath of office to newly elected County Clerk Lannie Chapman.

**Ms. Lannie Chapman**, County Clerk, expressed her gratitude to the voters for electing her to serve, and thanked her family members, friends, supporters, and other elected officials. She administered the oath of office to newly elected Council Members Suzanne Harrison and Sheldon Stewart, and newly reelected Council Member Aimee Winder Newton, Auditor Chris Harding, District Attorney Sim Gill, Judge Shauna Graves-Robertson, and Sheriff Rosie Rivera.

The following newly elected officials expressed their gratefulness for the opportunity to serve; thanked voters, family members, supporters, County employees and other staff

members, colleagues, and other elected officials; and explained their commitments in their capacities:

- Council Member Suzanne Harrison**
- Council Member Sheldon Stewart**
- Council Member Aimee Winder Newton**
- Mr. Chris Harding, County Auditor**
- Mr. Sim Gill, District Attorney**
- Judge Shauna Graves-Robertson**
- Sheriff Rosie Rivera**

**Council Member Laurie Stringham** congratulated the new and re-elected County officials. Running for countywide office is bigger than a congressional district race; it is not easy to win or run. She was grateful to have served as chair in 2022 and looked forward to working with everyone in the coming year.

**3. DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

BREAK - RECONVENE IN ROOM N2-800 AT 3:00 PM

**4. CITIZEN PUBLIC INPUT**

**5. DISCUSSION ITEMS CONTINUED**

**5.1 Election of New Council Leadership**

[22-1238](#)

**Attachments:** [Staff Report](#)

A motion was made by Council Member Stewart, seconded by Council Member Theodore, to elect Council Member Winder Newton as chair, Council Member Alvord as vice-chair, Council Member Theodore as pro tempore, and Council Member Bradshaw as minority leader for 2023, and to forward the nominations to the 4:00 PM Council meeting for ratification. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

**Council Member Stewart** stated the Republican Caucus also made the decision that Dave Alvord would be the majority leader.

**Council Member Winder Newton** recognized Council Member Stringham for her hard work as chair last year, and gave her a gavel with her name engraved on it as a gift from the Council. She also gave Abby Evans, Policy Advisor to Council Member Stringham, a

potted plant arrangement from the Council for her hard work.

**5.2 Proposed Hire Report / Incentive Plans under \$3,000 / Weekly Reclassification Report [22-1230](#)**

- Attachments:** [Staff Report](#)  
[Proposed Hire Report 12-28-2022](#)  
[Incentive Plans Under \\$3,000 1-3-2023](#)  
[Weekly Reclassification Report 1-3-2023](#)

Presenter: Hoa Nguyen, Council Budget and Policy Analyst (Less than 5 mins)  
Informational

**Ms. Hoa Nguyen**, Budget & Policy Analyst, Council Office, reviewed the new hires, reclassifications, and incentive plans.

**5.3 Potential Closed Session Regarding Deployment of Security Personnel, Devices, or Systems [22-1220](#)**

- Attachments:** [Staff Report](#)

A motion was made by Council Member Stewart, seconded by Council Member Stringham, to close the Council Work Session to discuss security personnel, devices, or systems. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

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The Council voted to reopen the Committee of the Whole meeting during the closed session.

**Ms. Megan Hillyard**, Director, Administrative Services Department, stated a lot of questions arose in early December when the Governor made an announcement about TikTok. Information Services has reviewed the issues with TikTok and will brief the Council on that.

**Mr. Zachary Posner**, Chief Information Officer, Information Services Division, delivered a presentation on the Tik Tok situation, which included an overview of TikTok, and a history of the events that had occurred from October 20, 2022, when Forbes first reporting that TikTok was using location data to surveil United States (US) citizens and the Department of Treasury opened an investigation, to December 2022, when Chris

Wray, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), expressed concerns about the potential misuse of the TikTok app; Governor Spencer Cox announced that China's access to data collected by TikTok could present a threat to Utah's cybersecurity; Utah's Statewide Information & Analysis Center's (SIAC) noticed its concerns about algorithmic influence and the use of bots; and the Federal Executive branch and US House of Representatives banned the use of Tik Tok on their devices. He also reviewed the risks, which were low for malware, but high for the potential of influencing public opinion or officials, as well as information leakage through the collection and misuse of information. TikTok was not doing anything different than what other social media organizations were doing, in that they were all collecting data, using algorithms to direct traffic, and know global positioning locations (GPS), but TikTok is owned by a China based company, and under Chinese law, the Chinese government can step in at any time and gain total access to the data. Only one or two agencies in the County are actively using TikTok, including the Salt Lake County Health Department, although others were exploring it to reach out to constituents. He was not sure an outright ban on County devices was necessary, but he wanted the Council to be aware of the risks.

**Council Member Stringham** stated she was willing to make a motion to ban TikTok because of security issues identified by Governor Cox and some additional information she learned from researching. If a specific organization wanted to use it, they should use it on a device that would not put the County at risk.

**Mayor Jennifer Wilson** stated before the Council implemented a ban on TikTok, she would want time to discuss this with the County organizations using it to find out what their arguments might be for using it. There are pros and cons with any social media, and the pros for using TikTok might outweigh the risks.

**Mr. Mitchell Park**, Legal Counsel, Council Office, recommended the Council not take a vote on a ban today because it was not noticed on the agenda, but to instead bring it back next week to ensure it is properly noticed.

A motion was made by Council Member Stringham, seconded by Council Member Theodore, to approve legislative intent to look at the TikTok issue and ask organizations currently using it to get information back to the Council about their use, and to come back in a week and determine the best action. Council Member Winder Newton amended the motion to come back in a week or two to ensure everyone had enough time.

**Council Member Harrison** stated at the next presentation, she would like to see ways to mitigate risk with any social media the County may choose to use.

**Mayor Wilson** stated her office could handle the review of the TikTok issue, but she would need several weeks for a broader review of social media policy.

**Ms. Catherine Kanter**, Deputy Mayor of Regional Operations, asked if the expectation was for staff to come back with information, and that any agency utilizing TikTok should be prepared for answering what content they were putting on the platform, the reason they chose TikTok, and if an alternative social platform could serve the intended purpose.

**Council Member Stringham** stated that was what the Council wanted so it could understand how and why agencies were using it.

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**5.4 RESOLUTION APPROVING EXECUTION OF AN [22-1227](#)  
INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT MADE  
WITH KEARNS METRO TOWNSHIP MILLCREEK FOR  
THE TRANSFER OF \$60,000.00 TO SALT LAKE COUNTY  
FOR THE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF A TRAIL**

**Attachments:** [Staff Report](#)  
[UDOT Grant - Midway Drive and Kearns Metro Township](#)  
[Council resolution Kearns 60k Transfer rev RTFL](#)

Presenter: Martin Jensen, Division Director of Parks & Recreation, Madeline Francisco-Galang, Project Manager (Approx. 5 mins)  
Discussion/Direction

**Mr. Mitchell Park**, Legal Counsel, Council Office, stated it has been requested this be pulled for a week. There was a typographical error in the resolution that needed to be fixed

**5.5 A RESOLUTION OF THE SALT LAKE COUNTY [22-1228](#)  
COUNCIL APPROVING AN INTERLOCAL  
COOPERATION AGREEMENT WITH THE JORDAN  
VALLEY WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT**

**PROVIDING FOR THE TRANSFER OF AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS FOR AN INTEGRATED LAND USE AND WATER CONSERVATION MUNICIPAL PARTNERSHIP**

**Attachments:** [Staff Report](#)  
[221214 Resolution.JVWCD - Water Conservation Partnership](#)  
[SLCo-JVWCD ILA Contract #3245 Water Conservation-Land Use Program](#)

Presenter: Dina Blaes, Director of Office of Regional Development (Approx. 5 mins)

Discussion/Direction

**Ms. Dina Blaes**, Director, Office of Regional Development, reviewed the resolution stating the Council approved the use of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds for this project in March 2022, but the Office of Regional Development had to work through the logistics to administer the program.

A motion was made by Council Member Granato, seconded by Council Member Stringham, that this agenda item be approved and forwarded to the 4:00 PM Council meeting for ratification. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

**6. CONSENT ITEMS:**

A motion was made by Council Member Stewart, seconded by Council Member Theodore, to approve the consent agenda and forward it to the 4:00 PM Council meeting for ratification. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

**6.1 Appointment of Angela Buenrostro as Bail Commissioner [22-1212](#)  
Pursuant to Utah Code Annotated Section 17-32-1**

**Attachments:** [Staff Report](#)  
[Bail Commissioner Appointment Form](#)

**Council Member Stewart** asked for an introduction of the person being appointed to the Bail Commission. He did not see a biography on the agenda.

**Mr. Mitchell Park**, Legal Counsel, Council Office, stated the Bail

Commission appointments are made by the Sheriff. The appointees perform specific functions, pursuant to statutory authority.

**Council Member Stewart** stated he was willing to approve it if he could get a biography of the person later. Then, if he had concerns, he could bring it back.

[Later in the meeting]

**Ms. Erin Litvack**, Deputy Mayor of County Services, stated she reached out to the Sheriff, who was going to send her a resume of the appointee, which she would then forward to the Council.

This consent item was approved and forwarded.

- 6.2 Holiday Donation to the SLCo Health Department Nurse Family Partnership Home Visiting Clients by Project Glimmer.** [22-1218](#)

**Attachments:** [Staff Report](#)  
[Project Glimmer Donation](#)

This consent item was approved and forwarded.

- 6.3 Operation Warm Donation to the Salt Lake County Jail Re-Entry Program** [22-1219](#)

**Attachments:** [Staff Report](#)  
[Operation Warm Donation](#)

This consent item was approved and forwarded.

- 6.4 Donation Approval of a Large “Jules Verne” Style ‘Prop’ Telescope & Stand from Mark L. Layton to Clark Planetarium.** [22-1226](#)

**Attachments:** [Staff Report](#)  
[Mark Layton Donation Form 1.22](#)



This consent item was approved and forwarded.

**7. ITEMS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS**

7.1 Internal Business

**Council Member Stewart** asked to direct staff to put together a better packet for onboarding new Council Members for the future because he had a rocky start and felt disconnected.

**Council Member Winder Newton** suggested Council Member Stewart contact Jill Miller, Associate Deputy Mayor of Finance & Administration, because Human Resources was under that portfolio.

**8. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**8.1 Approval of December 6th, 2022 Council Work Session [22-1208](#) Minutes**

**Attachments:** [120622 CWS Minutes](#)

A motion was made by Council Member Stringham, seconded by Council Member Bradley, that this agenda item be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

**8.2 Approval of December 13th, 2022 Council Work Session [22-1221](#) Minutes**

**Attachments:** [121322 CWS Minutes](#)

A motion was made by Council Member Stringham, seconded by Council Member Bradley, that this agenda item be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

**ADJOURN FOR BOE**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 PM.

LANNIE CHAPMAN, COUNTY CLERK

By \_\_\_\_\_  
DEPUTY CLERK

By \_\_\_\_\_  
CHAIR, SALT LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL