

SALT LAKE COUNTY

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Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, November 7, 2023

10:10 AM

Room N2-800

County Council

1. CALL TO ORDER

Present: Council Member Suzanne Harrison
Council Member Laurie Stringham
Council Member Jim Bradley
Council Member Arlyn Bradshaw
Council Member Dave Alvord
Council Chair Aimee Winder Newton
Council Member Ann Granato
Council Member Sheldon Stewart
Council Member Dea Theodore

Invocation - Reading or Thought - Pledge of Allegiance

Council Member Stringham led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT**3. REPORT OF ELECTED OFFICIALS:**

3.1. County Council Members

Council Member Winder Newton stated she attended the Intergenerational Poverty Task Force meeting last week, where she got updates from some of the County's partners involved there. Some really great things are happening. The County's partnership with Redwood Elementary in looking at some of the families there and ways the County could be involved was beneficial.

Council Member Stringham stated she attended a visioning workshop last night in Herriman, where discussions were had about the need for bike trails and transportation and the results of a survey were announced. It was good to hear what people in the southwest and south part of the County had thought. She also met with Clark Planetarium, which is being recognized later today for all the work it has done recently.

3.2. County Mayor

Mayor Jennifer Wilson made the following announcements:

- Saturday is Veteran’s Day. The County will be lighting the Government Center in green that day. This is a national movement called Operation Green Light to recognize veterans and their families. Her office is encouraging businesses and residents to join by changing a lightbulb in the entryway of their house or business to a green bulb.
- The County’s 15 senior centers will be providing meals throughout November, and volunteers are welcome to help serve dinners. The Aging and Adult Services Division is coordinating that.
- The Office of Regional Development has been leading conversations and investing in solutions to help with the housing crisis in the community. There will also be a seminar on zoning reform for housing attainability on Thursday, November 9th, at the Viridian Event Center. Municipal leaders and some specialists will be there.
- The Salt Lake County Watershed Symposium will be on November 15th and 16th at the Utah Cultural Celebration Center. There will be more than 300 academic leaders, regulatory professional students, environmental groups, and members of the public interested in water conservation and quality in attendance. Laura Hanson, State Planning Coordinator and Managing Director of Planning Coordination, Governor’s Office, will be speaking.
- Lights On! at the Eccles will be November 20th at 5:30. This is a fun event where a lot of partners, performers, and others engaged with the Eccles attend.
- The Point-In-Time Count will be done January 25th through January 27th, from 4:00 AM to 6:00 AM. This gives the County an opportunity to engage directly with people who are homeless and helps it to track information and count the number of people who are homeless. The count is a requirement for the County to receive many federal grants as they relate to homelessness and housing funding. It also gives the County a deeper understanding of the challenges of people who are living on the streets. The County needs hundreds of volunteers to go out and do this.
- She recognized Karmen Weidmer, Andrew Smith, and Cody Vuyk, staff members at the Gene Fullmer Recreation Center, who helped a gentleman with a disability at the pool when he had a challenging situation.
- She recognized Kelly Colopy, Director, Human Services Department, who has started working for the County and is already hitting it hard.

3.3. Other Elected County Officials

4. WORK SESSION

4.1 Proposed Hire Report / Incentive Plans - \$3,000 and Under / [23-1050](#) Weekly Reclassification Report

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[Proposed Hire Report 11-1-2023](#)
[Incentive Plans \\$3,000 and Under 11-7-2023](#)
[Weekly Reclassification Report 11-7-2023](#)

Presenter: Hoa Nguyen, Council Budget and Policy Analyst (Approx. 10:20AM, 5 min.)
Informational

Ms. Hoa Nguyen, Budget & Policy Analyst, Council Office, reviewed a reclassification and an amendment to an incentive plan. There were no new hires because job postings are on hold this week.

- 4.2 2024 Budget Workshop Under the Direction of David Delquadro, Council Fiscal Manager and Hoa Nguyen, Council Budget and Policy Analyst** [23-1057](#)
- **Sheriff: Rosa Rivera**
 - **Spokesperson for Salt Lake Valley Law Enforcement Association: Matt Thompson, Vice President at Large**
 - **District Attorney: Sim Gill**
 - **Discussion About Contra Account Process and Related Countywide Proposals**

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[2024 SO Budget Presentation Final](#)
[SLVLEA 2024 Budget response](#)
[2024 DA Budget Presentation 2023-11-07 FINAL](#)

Presenter: David Delquadro, Council Fiscal Manager (Approx. 10:25AM, 120 min.)
Discussion/Direction

- Sheriff

Sheriff Rosie Rivera delivered a PowerPoint presentation on the Sheriff's 2024 Budget and Compensation, reviewing 2024 notes for pay, positions cut, the Law Enforcement Bureau; the 2024 sworn compensation request; 2023 law enforcement pay comparisons; and 2024 challenges due to increases for jail and janitorial supplies, increased costs for utilities, radio upgrades, and Starlink, a wifi services for search and rescue operations.

Chief Matt Dumont, Chief Deputy, Sheriff's Office, continued the presentation, reviewing the Salt Lake County jail capacity, with a current jail population of 1,878, which as of this morning, had increased to 1,913.

Council Member Stringham asked if the increased costs would come out of under expend, and why another line item was not being decreased to cover those increases.

Mr. Darrin Casper, Deputy Mayor of Finance and Administration, stated under expend is expected to be about \$2,000,000, which is not a lot of money in the jail, but it should be sufficient to handle those inflationary increases. There is no restriction on individual line items per se. The Sheriff has flexibility within operations to manage her inflationary items, but it is monitored by the budget team.

Council Member Theodore stated with this hiring freeze, she wanted to make sure the Sheriff's Office could hire who it needed to do its statutory duties.

Mayor Jennifer Wilson stated the Sheriff will need to set aside 2 percent for personnel, but public safety is a priority so the Sheriff has some protection. Her hiring freeze recommendation was due to limited revenues this year, but she recognized there would be needs based on demand and the County needed some flexibility in the budget.

Mr. David Delquadro, Chief Financial Manager, stated there would be an opportunity to discuss that at the first reading of the ordinance or following the District Attorney's budget presentation.

Mr. Matt Thompson, Vice President At Large, Salt Lake Valley Law Enforcement Association, stated the Salt Lake Valley Law Enforcement Association represents several hundred officers and deputies from the Sheriff's Office, the Unified Police Department, and a couple other smaller agencies. The association fully supports what the Sheriff has asked for and is asking the Council to support her requests.

A motion was made by Council Member Bradshaw, seconded by Council Member Harrison, that the Sheriff's budget be approved, as recommended. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

- District Attorney

Mr. Sim Gill, District Attorney, delivered a PowerPoint presentation on the Salt Lake County District Attorney's 2024 Budget, reviewing the impact of salary increases, reducing vacant attorney positions, paralegal positions, the turnover rate; the Mayor's 2024 recommended budget for the District Attorney's budget with a net budget reduction of \$1,285,127, and its Tax Administration budget, with a net reduction of \$13,754; and how the District Attorney's Office does what it does, explaining the divisions and relaying an incident involving a severely abused child and what it took to try to get justice for that child.

Council Member Stringham asked where caseloads were with the new data tracking system.

Ms. Lisa Ashman, Administrative Assistant, District Attorney's Office, stated the District Attorney's Office started using a new methodology for tracking workload rather than just the number of cases. It had been assigning point values to certain types of activities, such as a felony versus a misdemeanor, how many court events were scheduled, and the number of victims on a case. However, the addition of those values overwhelmed the system. The District Attorney's Office has been working with the vendor to be able to add that either inside or outside the system. In the meantime, the District Attorney's Office can still pull the cases and talk to each attorney about them, and it can see what the judges' caseloads are. It also has access to different data points that historically had been missing, and it is working with law enforcement agencies, which are feeding it data digitally, so it can run reports on those parameters.

Council Member Alvord asked where discussions stood regarding the scrubber.

Mr. Ralph Chamness, Chief Deputy District Attorney, stated the District Attorney's Office has a meeting with Mr. Casper and Megan Hillyard, Director, Administrative Services Department, tomorrow.

A motion was made by Council Member Bradshaw, seconded by Council Member Harrison, to approve the District Attorney's budget as

recommended.

Council Member Stringham asked to put two things on the review list - the American Rescue Plan Act funded positions and the current positions that were open. She wanted to talk through the process.

A motion was made by Council Member Bradshaw, seconded by Council Member Harrison, to approve the District Attorney's budget as recommended, with the exception of the the American Rescue Plan Act funded positions and the current positions that were open. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

- Contra Accounts and Hiring Freeze

Mr. David Delquadro, Chief Financial Manager, Council Office, stated the reason for the hiring freeze and the contra accounts was because the County had a \$2.5 million structural deficit, as the Mayor's Office discussed during the recommended 2024 budget presentation. To achieve the necessary budgetary savings, he asked if the Council wanted to provide flexibility to the organizations that are funded from both the General Fund and the Tax Administrative Fund to be able to take cuts from both funds, and to remove the partitions between the operating budget and the personnel budget. He also asked whether the Council wanted to provide specificity to organizations now as opposed to the beginning of next year. The process should be simple and across the board, so everyone understood it, but critical new hires also needed to be reviewed and approved timely. Moreover, he thought the Human Resources Division should be the entity to come to the Council with a proposal for an organization or elected official that had an immediate need. He asked that he have a week to put together legislative intent for 2024 to try to address the flexibility. It would not be part of the budget resolution.

Council Member Bradshaw stated the total contra should be by organization, not by division. However, he still wanted an organization to come before the Council to shift funds between operations and personnel, so the Council had a sense of where money was being spent.

Mr. Darrin Casper, Deputy Mayor of Finance and Administration, stated it would be well received by organizations if the total contra was by department or elected officials, and the budgetary controls should be at the organization

level, so each organization had the flexibility to look at their overall portfolio.

Council Member Winder Newton stated the Mayor intended the hiring freeze to be effective October 24th, when she announced the budget.

Mr. Casper stated the hiring freeze was intended to be effective October 24th, except those positions that were in the process of being filled and public safety sworn positions, which would be exempted from the hiring freeze.

Mr. Delquadro stated the effective date of the hiring freeze would need to be a separate legislative intent item.

Council Member Stringham stated she and Council Member Granato were working on a hiring freeze policy process. The intent was to match the Mayor's proposal, but they were still looking through the details.

Council Member Alvord stated he wanted to make sure organizations did not have increased flexibility in the future within the legislative intent.

Mr. Mitchell Park, Legal Counsel, Council Office, stated it would be good for the Council to establish clear guidelines and a process in the budget resolution on how it wanted to impose the hiring freeze and the money associated with the positions as they became vacant, as well as the contra accounts. There should also be recognition that the hiring freeze was about the money associated with the positions, which was a budgetary decision the Council would need to make.

Mr. Ralph Chamness, Chief Deputy District Attorney, stated there is an equal dignity concept in the law, so if the Council did put this into the resolution, it would also need to amend the ordinance to accomplish the Council's goal, or if there was a countywide policy, it would need to amend the policy. His office can do that with guidance from the Council's staff. That way, there could not be a potential challenge to the Council's will that it was not in the correct format.

Ms. Catherine Kanter, Deputy Mayor of Regional Operations stated some managers have posted for positions, but did not have direction yet, so they are kind of stuck. She asked if the Council was going to give direction

allowing them to move forward when it approved the legislative intent or policy, or if it was going to wait until it approved the budget.

Mr. Park stated the Council provided budget and FTE's in 2023, and this body has not passed a budget amendment or taken any other definitive action that would impose a limit on organizations who have FTEs and budget available to them to hire for vacant positions. The Council is supportive of the hiring freeze efforts, and there was some indication last week from some Council Members that they would not look favorably on organizations that did hire right now. It is within the Mayor's span of control to impose a hiring freeze for her portfolio, and that is a significant portion of the FTEs in the County.

BREAK FOR LUNCH - RECONVENE AT 1:30PM

4.3 2024 Budget Workshop (Continued)

[23-1058](#)

- **Public Works: Scott Baird, Public Works Department Director**
- **Emergency Services: Catherine Kanter, Deputy Mayor of Regional Operations. Tara Behunin, UFA and SLCo Emergency Management Associate Director. Michael Yei, SLCo Internal Emergency Management Planning Manager**
- **Mayor's Administration; Mayor's Finance; Human Resources Division: Michelle Hicks, Mayors Executive Office Admin. Darrin Casper, Deputy Mayor of Finance and Administration CFO. Sharon Roux, Human Resource Division Director**

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[FINAL - Public Works and Municipal Services 2024 Budget Presentation](#)
[2024 Emergency Management Works Budget Presentation v7](#)
[2023 Budget PP HR MA ONA ODA MFA](#)

Presenter: David Delquadro, Council Fiscal Manager (Approx. 1:30PM, 90 min.)

Discussion/Direction

- Public Works

Mr. Scott Baird, Director, Public Works and Municipal Services Department, delivered a PowerPoint presentation entitled Public Works and Municipal Services 2024 Budget Presentation. He reviewed 2024 expenses and revenues; department wide funding/revenue sources; Animal Services 735-4100 (contract funded); Animal Services general funded; Public Works Operations (contract funded); Public Works Engineering 735-4500 (Municipal Services District Funded); Flood Control Engineering 250-4600 (tax funded); Flood Control projects 250-4610 (tax funded); Flood Control projects; Public Works rate changes; and Fleet Management 620-6800 (Internal Service Fund).

Council Member Stewart asked how the County supports cities that have their own animal control departments.

Ms. Talia Butler, Director, Animal Services Division, stated the items funded by the General Fund have nothing to do with animal control. Programs for things like microchipping, spay and neuter programs, and pet food pantries are supported by the General Fund. These programs serve the entire County. There is also shared software that the County purchases and the other municipalities have access to it free of charge.

Ms. Lisa Hartman, Associate Deputy Mayor of Regional Operations, concluded the presentation reviewing Solid Waste Management 730-4750 (fee funded).

Council Member Stringham asked how much space is left at the landfill.

Mr. Patrick Craig, Director, Solid Waste Management Facility, stated it was an estimated 50 years. Module number eight is being constructed and completion is ahead of schedule. Then, it will be time to start saving for module number nine, which will be necessary in 15 to 20 years.

A motion was made by Council Member Alvord, seconded by Council Member Stringham, to advance this budget item as presented. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

- Emergency Management

Ms. Catherine Kanter, Deputy Mayor of Regional Operations, delivered a

PowerPoint presentation entitled Emergency Management Program. She reviewed 2024 Emergency Management Department Funding Snapshot; Internal Emergency Management Administration; and Unified Fire Authority Emergency Management Contract.

Ms. Tara Behunin, Emergency Management Director, Unified Fire Authority (UFA), continued the presentation, reviewing Wildfire Defensible Space Grant; Avalanche and Wildland Fire Contributions; and Unified Fire Authority Canyons Contribution;

Mr. David Delquadro stated this was similar to the conversation that took place during the presentation of the Clerk's Election budget discussion. UFA's budget is on a July through June calendar, so a decision does not need to be made immediately. If UFA's budget gets a trim now, it will still have enough funds to get through the first six months.

Council Member Alvord asked if the Council would have to place the item on an agenda to amend the resolution to cut two percent.

Mr. Mitchell Park, Legal Counsel, Council Office stated the resolution was subject to annual appropriation by the community council.

A motion was made by Council Member Bradshaw, seconded by Council Member Stewart, to approve the Emergency Management budget as presented with exception of the UFA Canyons Contribution, which would go on the list. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

- Mayor's Administrations

Ms. Sharon Roux, Director, Human Resources Division, delivered a PowerPoint presentation on the proposed budgets for Human Resources.

A motion was made by Council Member Stringham, seconded by Council Member Granato, to approve Human Resources budget as presented. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Ms. Michelle Hicks, Executive Office Administrator, Mayor's Office, delivered a PowerPoint presentation entitled Mayor's Administration, Office of New Americans, and Office of Diversity Affairs.

Council Member Bradshaw asked to add the time-limited grant writer position to the list. He wanted additional information on how much money this position has brought into the County so the Council could consider making it a permanent position.

Ms. Hicks stated the person currently occupying the role has obtained about \$41 million in funds since she started.

Council Member Alvord asked if Human Resources has policies in place to discourage discrimination and encourage diversity.

Ms. Sharon Roux, Director, Human Resources Division stated there were policies in place to that effect.

Council Member Alvord asked that the Office of Diversity Affairs position be placed on the list.

Ms. Hicks stated the Office of Diversity Affairs is externally focused more than internally focused. It also does a lot with Title VI compliance and plain language reviews.

Mayor Jennifer Wilson stated she appreciated the work done by the Office of Diversity Affairs, particularly the volunteer community members empowered by the team. She is meeting benchmarks for outreach, and keeping that network going is important. She also felt the federal compliance aspect was important.

Council Member Alvord asked if the County is statutorily required to spend money on Title VI compliance.

Mr. Mitchell Park, Legal Counsel, Council Office, stated this was a highly nuanced question. There are certain legal requirements, but the correct levels of service delivery could vary.

Council Member Stringham asked for the District Attorney's Office to provide a summary of Title VI.

A motion was made by Council Member Stewart, seconded by Council

Member Granato, to approve the Mayor's Administration, Office of New Americans, and Office of Diversity Affairs budget as recommended while placing the Office of Diversity Affairs item and Grant writer position on the list. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Mr. Darrin Casper, Deputy Mayor of Finance and Administration, concluded the presentation reviewing the proposed budget for the Mayor's Financial Administration.

A motion was made by Council Member Bradshaw, seconded by Council Member Harrison, to approve the Mayor's Financial Administration budget as recommended. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

4.4 Legislative Update

[23-1055](#)

The Council May Vote to Take Positions Concerning Legislation and Other Related Actions

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)

Presenter: Kara Trevino, Council Legislative Director (Approx. 3:00PM, 30 min.)

Discussion/Direction

- Open and Public Meetings Act Amendments

Ms. Kara Trevino, Intergovernmental Relations Manager, Council Office, stated an October interim session was called to amend the Open and Public Meetings Act. Representative James Dunnigan sponsored a bill, which was adopted as a committee bill.

Mr. Mitchell Park, Legal Counsel, Council Office, stated it was his understanding, this bill was designed to address a legislative audit that was conducted about San Juan County and an associated legal opinion that was tied to that audit about whether communications some members of the San Juan County Commission had with an outside attorney violated both the spirit and the text of the Open Meetings Act.

The interim committee is attempting to better define what a meeting meant and to distinguish between what was formerly called "convening" under the statute and is now referred to as "gathering." Some technical details were also changed about how an electronic meeting was defined. The additional language in the bill would provide greater scrutiny around whether electronic messaging constituted a meeting.

Taking in some of the recent experiences this Council had responding to audits, he and Ms. Trevino thought that it might be recommendable to request that the Legislature provide language making it clear that it was not a meeting of the public body when the public body or its members were addressing internal administrative matters that did not involve public policy or the appropriation of money. That way, Council members would not inadvertently run crosswise with the law if they were simply trying to deliberate or provide management over internal affairs, i.e., internal to office staff, issues like responding to an audit, etc. The bill sponsor and the committee will be taking that under advisement, and there may be draft language to consider that change. He asked for the Council's support with that concept.

A motion was made by Council Member Harrison, seconded by Council Member Alvord, to support Mr. Park's proposed language. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

- Metro Townships

Ms. Trevino stated Representative Jordan Teuscher had a bill to convert the metro townships to cities or towns, depending on their population, which was discussed in June. He now has a draft bill that will probably move forward and go straight to the floor.

Council Member Winder Newton asked if this included the unincorporated areas too.

Ms. Trevino stated Rep. Teuscher will have a separate bill for that.

Council Member Winder Newton stated normally, for an entity to become a city or a town, they had to do a feasibility study to see if they could afford the services. She asked how Rep. Teuscher was planning to handle that.

Ms. Trevino stated the bill will be clear that the cities or towns will have property tax authority.

Council Member Stringham stated the metro townships have been working hard to get autonomy, and they were already operating as if they were a municipality, so there was no need for a feasibility study.

A motion was made by Council Member Stringham, seconded by Council Member Stewart, to support the draft bill. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Mayor Jennifer Wilson stated she supported this as well.

- Transient Room Tax

Ms. Trevino stated the Utah Association of Counties (UAC) has been working with Representative Jeffrey Stenquist on getting more money and more flexibility for the use of Transient Room Tax (TRT) for counties. They want to expand the uses to other areas, such as the Utah Search and Rescue Assistance Card Program to have it cover search and rescue costs. Different sized counties have different uses for tourism taxes. In some counties, they can be used for sanitation, or search and rescue if there is a national park within their boundaries. There is nothing in writing yet, but this is going to be discussed next week. UAC and Rep. Stenquist are also having discussions on applying the 1 percent restaurant tax to convenience stores that have prepared food, which the Restaurant Association is pushing for.

Council Member Alvord stated other counties that are not counties of the first class are able to use TRT for public safety. If the Legislature changed legislation to allow counties of the first class to use TRT monies for public safety, the Council would still be the body to decide whether to appropriate TRT in that manner. It made sense to have options and that police and fire be paid for from tourism.

A motion was made by Council Member Alvord that the Salt Lake County Council supported expanding the use of visitor promotion funds from TRT revenue for public safety needs, including emergency management services (EMS), fire, and police in the legally defined recreation zones; and directed Council staff to work with County lobbyists, State legislators, and organizations on legislation for the 2024 session that will allow this flexibility. Council Member Stringham asked for an amendment that the Council furthermore support the other counties in the state of Utah for expansion of the TRT uses to help them cover costs due to tourism, and work with UAC on this moving forward. Council Member Alvord accepted the amendment. Council Member Stringham seconded Council Member Alvord's motion.

Mr. Darrin Casper, Deputy Mayor of Finance and Administration, stated the Salt Palace is currently under pressure with regard to accumulated deferred maintenance and a pending bond issue, which is probably going to exceed \$100 million. He was not sure how the County was going to fund that, let alone divert the TRT tax to other uses.

Council Member Bradshaw stated he did not think it was appropriate to use General Fund dollars for municipalities and thought they should pay for services with more site-specific resources. The County picking and choosing areas of the county for

countywide funding and for these other revenue streams could be a slippery slope. He asked if the motion was to seek an addition to the TRT cap.

Council Member Stringham stated UAC is not looking to increase that right now, and her intent would not be to take those funds away from what Salt Lake County is currently using them for, including Visit Salt Lake, but to give the County options down the road to help it manage some things.

Mayor Jennifer Wilson this is a critical discussion, and this is not the right format to have that discussion in. She asked the Council to take more time. She would like to have some small group meetings or have it on an agenda for an hour discussion and allow people from the Salt Palace and Visit Salt Lake to come in and talk. She did not want the Council to take a position without hearing from the subject experts and doing the work collectively, so everyone had the opportunity to have a voice. She also wanted to talk about how this is related to Brighton.

A substitute motion was made by Council Member Harrison, seconded by Council Member Bradley, to put this on the December 12th, or December 19th, Council agenda for a discussion.

Council Member Harrison stated it would benefit her to have a more detailed and broader discussion of TRT funds and the pressures on the Salt Palace and other convention centers. That way the Council would not just be speculating about how much funding should come from the ski season versus some other revenue. Then, UAC is meeting next week, so delaying this would allow time to get additional information. Council Member Stringham amended the motion to meet with the Mayor and put together a committee to talk about what was in the best interest of Salt Lake County and what it was dealing with locally. Council Member Harrison accepted the amendment.

Ms. Catherine Kanter, Deputy Mayor of Regional Operations, stated TRT is not the only tool to increase funding for public safety. Ms. Trevino mentioned some things, like the Utah Search and Rescue Assistance Card Program, which is basically having the user pay into a fund to help with that. There has also been talk about a gear or backpack tax, where a tax is collected at the point of sale and is connected to users of the canyons. Her office would need time to prepare a presentation to have a more informed discussion.

Council Member Harrison amended the motion to have some of these other potential sources of funding for public safety be part of the discussion.

Council Member Alvord stated the Council has a very heavy budget season so this discussion could get pushed to the new year, and there would be consequences in delaying this. Therefore, he would be voting against the substitute motion.

A substitute motion was made by Council Member Harrison, seconded by Council Member Bradley, to put this on the December 12th, or December 19th, Council agenda for a discussion. Council Member Stringham amended the motion to do what the Mayor had asked and meet with her and put together a committee to talk about what was in the best interest of Salt Lake County and what it was dealing with locally. Council Member Harrison accepted the amendment. Council Member Harrison amended the motion to have some of these other potential sources of funding for public safety be part of the discussion. The substitute motion failed 4 to 5 by the following roll call vote:

Aye: Council Member Harrison, Council Member Bradley, Council Member Bradshaw, and Council Chair Winder Newton

Nay: Council Member Stringham, Council Member Alvord, Council Member Granato, Council Member Stewart, and Council Member Theodore

Council Member Stringham stated her concern with wanting to move forward was to make sure the County had a say at the table, and to show support for the other counties.

A substitute motion was made by Council Member Stringham to combine the language of both motions that the Council support the concept of going forward with UAC and Rep. Stenquist; to look at several other options, including resort taxes; and to make a determination once it sees final language.

Council Member Winder Newton asked Council Member Stringham to define the concept.

Council Member Stringham stated she was asking for support of the expansion of TRT for all counties, so they have flexibility to use those funds however they deem necessary.

Council Member Bradley stated the Council should discuss this, but somewhere along the line, it needed to make a declaration that it had some serious concerns about the impacts of supporting this proposal.

Council Member Winder Newton stated the motion is asking the Council to approve a

concept that it has not had time to fully vet. This was not on the agenda; it was brought up today, so she asked that the motion makers withdraw their motions and give everyone time to adequately vet this.

Council Member Stewart called for the question.

A substitute motion was made by Council Member Stringham to combine the language of both motions that the Council support the concept of going forward with UAC and Rep. Stenquist; to look at several other options, including resort taxes; and to make a determination once it sees final language. The motion died due to the lack of a second.

Council Member Alvord stated the Council routinely takes a vote on legislative updates, so it was not inappropriate to give direction today. He asked legal counsel if he was required to let his colleagues know he was going to make a motion.

Mr. Mitchell Park, Legal Counsel, Council Office, stated the Utah Open Meetings Act says a public body shall provide reasonable specificity of the agenda items it was going to discuss. The Council has traditionally done that for legislative updates. The language on the agenda today was the same language that had been provided to the public in the past on legislative updates. It notifies the public that votes may be taken on matters of legislation. As he understood it, the motion would be to give staff direction to continue conversations, and he did not see an issue with that from the perspective of the Open Meetings. However, that is different from the expectation among colleagues, which was not something he felt he should opine on.

A motion was made by Council Member Alvord, seconded by Council Member Stringham, that the Salt Lake County Council supported expanding the use of visitor promotion funds from TRT revenue for public safety needs, including emergency management services, fire, and police in the legally defined recreation zones; and directed Council staff to work with County lobbyists, State legislators, and organizations on legislation for the 2024 session that would allow this flexibility. Council Member Stringham amended the motion that the Council furthermore support the other counties in their efforts to expand the uses of the TRT tax, and work with UAC on this moving forward, and to meet with the Mayor to start discussions. Council Member Alvord accepted the amendment. The motion carried 5 to 4, by the following roll call vote:

Aye: Council Member Stringham, Council Member Alvord, Council Member Granato, Council Member Stewart, and Council Member Theodore

Nay: Council Member Harrison, Council Member Bradley, Council Member Bradshaw, and Council Chair Winder Newton

Council Member Winder Newton stated she voted no because she wanted Council Members who needed it to have more time.

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND ISSUANCE OF PUBLIC NOTICES

6. PENDING LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

- 6.1 First Reading of An Ordinance of The Legislative Body of Salt Lake County, Utah, Amending Section 2.12.070 Of The Salt Lake County Code of Ordinances, 2001, Entitled “Power To Appoint Or Select Deputies, Assistants And Employees,” In Order To Define The County Council’s Power To Consent To The Appointment Or Selection Of Deputies Or Employees To Include The Temporary Adoption Of Budget Procedures That Limit The Use Of Funds To Fill Previously Approved Positions** [23-1059](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[Hiring Ordinance Amendments \(RAFL\)\(10-30-23\)](#)

Sponsor: Councilwoman Aimee Winder Newton (Approx. 3:30PM, 5 min.)
Discussion/Direction

Council Member Winder Newton reviewed the ordinance, which added a Section D to Section 2.12.070 of the Salt Lake County Code of Ordinances, to give the Council flexibility in filling positions.

A motion was made by Council Member Granato, seconded by Council Member Bradshaw, that this item be forwarded to the November 14, 2023, Council meeting for formal consideration. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

7. CONSENT ITEMS

A motion was made by Council Member Bradshaw, seconded by Council Member Stringham, that the consent agenda be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

- 7.1 Acceptance of In-kind Donations Above \$1,000 and Cash Donations Above \$5,000 to Animal Services During 3rd** [23-1041](#)

Quarter 2023

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[Cash - Mark Miller Subaru](#)
[Cash - Willard Eccles](#)
[Cash Best Friends](#)
[In-kind - Best Friends's Animal Society \\$1,200.00](#)
[In-kind - Healthy Pets Mountain West \\$2,695.00](#)
[In-kind - Hills Pet Nutrition Diet - \\$1,084.25](#)
[In-kind - Humane Society \\$2,990.50](#)
[In-kind - Ketonaturals \\$10,000.00](#)
[In-kind - Snowbird \\$1,280.00](#)
[In-kind - Superhero Dog Academy \\$1,050.00](#)

The vote on this consent item was approved.

8. APPROVAL OF TAX LETTERS**8.1 Auditor Tax Letters [23-1040](#)**

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[2023 - Strang Excavating, Inc](#)
[2023 - Aero Charter and Transport](#)

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

8.2 Assessor's Tax Letters [23-1042](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[21-05-377-043-0000](#)
[14-23-279-032-0000](#)
[21-25-203-012 Correction](#)

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

8.3 Tax Administration's Tax Deferral Letters [23-1043](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[7.7 Deferral Dance, Tara Ann, Parcel](#)
[#15-10-253-007_Redacted](#)
[7.7 Deferral Hardman, Justin S, Parcel](#)
[#22-32-352-013_Redacted](#)

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

9. ACCEPTANCE OF ETHICS DISCLOSURES

9.1 Conflict of Interest Disclosure Statements - Arts & Culture - [23-1045](#) Employee

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[COI Kelsey Ellis](#)

A motion was made by Council Member Bradshaw, seconded by Council Member Stringham, that this agenda item be received and filed. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

10. APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

10.1 Approval of the October 24, 2023 County Council Morning [23-1047](#) Session Minutes

Attachments: [102423 Council Minutes Morning](#)

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

10.2 Approval of the October 24, 2023 County Council Afternoon [23-1048](#) Session Minutes

Attachments: [102423 Council Minutes Afternoon](#)

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

11. OTHER ITEMS REQUIRING COUNCIL APPROVAL

12. PROCLAMATIONS, MEMORIALS, AND OTHER CEREMONIAL OR COMMEMORATIVE MATTERS

**12.1 Proclamation Designating November 7th as Victims of [23-1053](#)
Communism Memorial Day**

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[Proclamation Designating Nov. 7th as Victims of
Communism Memorial Day](#)
[Victims of Communism Day Clips](#)

Sponsors: Councilman Sheldon Stewart, Councilman Dave Alvord,
Councilwoman Dea Theodore (Approx. 3:40PM, 10 min.)

Informational

Council Member Stewart showed a video entitled November 7th National Day for the Victims of Communism. He also showed a video filmed by Representative Burgess Owens, speaking to the National Day for the Victims of Communism.

Council Member Alvord stated for most of his childhood, he thought World War II and the Holocaust were the worst events in history, but it was later when he learned of the atrocities of Communism that he realized this day is very appropriate and needs to be remembered.

Council Member Stewart read the proclamation.

PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING NOVEMBER 7TH AS
VICTIMS OF COMMUNISM MEMORIAL DAY

WHEREAS, the year 2023 marks 106 years since the Bolshevik Revolution in Russia resulting in the world's first communist regime under Vladimir Lenin, which led to decades of oppression and violence under communist regimes throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, based on the philosophy of Karl Marx, communism has proven incompatible with the ideals of liberty, prosperity, and dignity of human life and has given rise to such infamous totalitarian dictators as Joseph Stalin, Mao Zedong, Ho Chi Minh, Pol Pot, Nicolae Ceaușescu, the Castro brothers, and the Kim dynasty; and

WHEREAS, the State of Utah declares November 7 Victims of Communism Memorial Day; and

WHEREAS, President Donald Trump declared November 7, 2017 a National Day for the Victims of Communism, condemning communism as a political philosophy “incompatible with liberty, prosperity, and the dignity of human life;” and

WHEREAS, communist regimes worldwide have killed more than 100 million people and subjected countless others to the worst and widest-spread human rights abuses known to history, with victims representing many different ethnicities, creeds, and backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, through false promises of equality and liberation, communist regimes have as a matter of government policy robbed their own citizens of the rights of freedom of religion, freedom of speech, and freedom of association through coercion, brutality, and fear; and

WHEREAS, many victims of communism were persecuted as political prisoners for speaking out against these regimes, and others were killed in genocidal state-sponsored purges; and

WHEREAS, in addition to violating basic human rights, communist regimes have suppressed freedom of conscience, cultural life, and self-determination movements in more than 40 nations; and

WHEREAS, the Victims of Communism Memorial Foundation in Washington, D.C., is a nonprofit organization, authorized by unanimous Act of the United States Congress that educates people about the ideology, history, and legacy of communism and honors the people who have suffered and died under communist regimes;

Now, therefore, be it RESOLVED by the County of Salt Lake, that November 7, in 2023 and in each succeeding year, be designated as Victims of Communism Memorial Day; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Council transmit a copy of this resolution to the Victims of Communism Memorial Foundation so that members of the organization may be apprised of the county’s action on this matter; and, be it

RESOLVED FINALLY, That this designation be posted on the County’s

website.

SIGNED AND PROCLAIMED this 7th day of November, 2023.

SALT LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL

By /s/ AIMEE WINDER NEWTON
Chair

Council Member Bradley stated he appreciated the intent behind this proclamation, but pointed out that historically, incidents of human rights abuse have occurred because of tyrants, demagoguery, etc. and not necessarily because of communist governments. Neither the Holocaust nor the Spanish Inquisition occurred in communist countries. These incidents happened because of religious and ethnic differences. He felt the proclamation being adopted was more of an op-ed piece than a thoughtful resolution. All the world's cultures need to figure out how to get along with each other. He stated he intended to vote against adoption of the proclamation.

Council Member Winder Newton noted this item would not require a vote.

Council Member Stewart stated he was simply following the State's lead with this proclamation.

**12.2 A Proclamation of The Salt Lake County Council [23-1056](#)
Recognizing The Clark Planetarium Staff**

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[Clark Planetarium Proclamation 11-7-23](#)
[Clark Planetarium Joint Proclamation](#)

Sponsors: Councilwoman Laurie Stringham, Councilwoman Ann Granato,
Councilwoman Suzanne Harrison (Approx. 3:50PM, 10 min.)
Informational

Council Member Stringham spoke about what the Clark Planetarium has accomplished in such a short time. The staff was able to do amazing things by bringing national attention and partnerships with the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) to the Planetarium. She read the

Proclamation.

A PROCLAMATION OF THE SALT LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL
RECOGNIZING THE CLARK PLANETARIUM STAFF

WHEREAS, we recognize the supreme effort by the dedicated staff at Clark Planetarium during the last month. We note their accomplishments engaging the community in the pursuit of science education. In addition to their regular programs including star parties across Salt Lake County, Astrotots, Fun Science Fridays, Clark Creates, and Sensory Friendly Saturday, the Planetarium ran an additional series of events across the valley from September 20 - Oct 14, 2023.

WHEREAS, Clark Planetarium partnered with NASA, Northrop Grumman, the United States Postal Service (USPS), the University of Arizona, Utah State University's Space Dynamics Lab, Hill Aerospace Museum, local schools and others to bring the excitement of the OSIRIS REx sample return mission to citizens across the valley. The Director of NASA's Planetary Science Mission Directorate's Planetary Science Division gave science briefings to local school groups, NASA representatives, university researchers, and industry leaders. People from around the US flew to Salt Lake City to attend the USPS unveiling of a new OSIRIS REx postage stamp and meet the student that named the asteroid. The week's events culminated in a watch party of the sample return landing in Utah's west desert.

WHEREAS, Clark Planetarium partnered with FanX to bring the wonder of the universe to attendees of the annual FanX experience at the Salt Palace. FanX graciously donated a 2,500 square foot room in the Salt Lake Convention Center to Clark Planetarium. They populated the room with interactive exhibits, tables with activities and hourly live science programs that engaged nearly 3,500 Wookies, Treckies, Hobbits, and Muggles of all backgrounds and ages.

WHEREAS, in preparation for the October 14, 2023 annular solar eclipse and the April 8, 2024 total solar eclipse, the planetarium conducted 10 training sessions with 150 Salt Lake County employees and teachers from across the state. Clark Planetarium leveraged funding from the State of Utah, Utah Space Grant and a partnership with the NASA PUNCH mission to distribute 122,000 pairs of eclipse glasses, pinhole viewers and curriculum

across the state. This ensured that all 6th grade students and their families had access to safely view the eclipse and to build an understanding of science of eclipses. In rural areas, glasses were provided to all students so that all families could view the celestial event together.

WHEREAS, Locally, Clark Planetarium partnered with the Mayor's Book and Media Club prior to the eclipse to support access to an educational planetarium show, Eclipse: the Sun Revealed and eclipse glasses at no cost. The planetarium partnered with Whittmore Library, Magna Regional Park and the Gateway to host eclipse events on October 14th. Over the course of only two months 3,200 people attended Eclipse: the Sun Revealed and 30,000 purchased eclipse glasses. Over 2,000 people attended eclipse events, engaging in both science and community.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Salt Lake County Council our gratitude to the Clark Planetarium Staff for their hard work and dedication to educating and enriching the lives of Salt Lake County residents.

SIGNED AND PROCLAIMED this 7th day of November, 2023.

SALT LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL

By /s/ AIMEE WINDER NEWTON
Chair

Mr. Durand "Duke" Johnson, Director, Clark Planetarium, stated at every turn, the staff members at the Planetarium knew they had a lot of things stacking up and still said "yes" at every opportunity to do things for the community. He was grateful to be part of the organization.

13. OTHER BUSINESS

ADJOURN for RDA

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS to come before the Council at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 3:15 PM until Tuesday, November 14, 2023, at 10:00 AM.

LANNIE CHAPMAN, COUNTY CLERK

By _____
DEPUTY CLERK

By _____
CHAIR, SALT LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL