

SALT LAKE COUNTY

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Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 9, 2021

12:40 PM

Room N2-800

Committee of the Whole

1. CALL TO ORDER

Present Council Member Laurie Stringham
Council Member Richard Snelgrove
Council Member Jim Bradley
Council Member Arlyn Bradshaw
Council Member Dave Alvord
Council Member Aimee Winder Newton
Council Member Steve DeBry
Council Member Dea Theodore

Call In Council Member Ann Granato

**1.1 Statement of Council Chair Steve DeBry Concerning the [21-0281](#)
Temporary Conduct of Electronic Meetings of the Council
Consistent with the Utah Open and Public Meetings Act**

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[OPMA Findings - February 2021](#)

Council Chair DeBry referred to the temporary conduct of electronic meetings of the Salt Lake County Council that is consistent with the Utah Open and Public Meetings Act. This allows the Council to hold electronic meetings without a physical anchor location.

2. CITIZEN PUBLIC INPUT

Ms. Shykell Ledford, Administrative Coordinator, Council Office, stated comments have been received via email from the following citizens regarding statements made by Council Member Alvord on his Facebook page. The comments have been distributed to the Council and the Clerk to be filed.

Antionette Billings	Brian & Margaret Wilkin
Catherine Voutaz	Cliff Butter
Dana Dmitrich	Danielle Johnson
Dawn Bates	Donna Jensen
Emily Hase	Gary Walton
Jade Velazquez	Jason Hutsenpiller
Jayceen Craven Walker	Jorja Warren
Julie Knudsen	Karen Sewell
Kirsten Caron	Kris Kimball

Kristen Pearson	Lynda Griffiths
MaryBeth Jarvis Clark	Patricia Jarvis
Robin Hough	LaRue Dean
Ryan Curtis	Sam Dixon
Sheryl & Robert Ivey	Sonny Jckowski
Terri Gilfillan	Tim Buckner
William Sadler	Gale Sears
Oliver Smith	Don & Lorna Wilkinson
Virginia Timmons	

Council Member Bradshaw asked that the following comment be included in the record for this meeting:

Mr. Chair, as leader of the Democratic caucus, I would like to provide comment.

As Democrats, Ann, Jim and I, are usually considered the political left. I for one am proud of that characterization, in no small part because I believe that we on the left greatly value diversity. We recognize, and celebrate, the distinctive attributes that make up each individual, and the richness diverse communities contribute to our Salt Lake County family. In fact, the lapel pin that I am wearing, created by former Democratic Mayor Peter Corroon, says "Diverse" Salt Lake County in acknowledgement of those facts.

Yet, we do seek a sameness. We believe that regardless of your gender identity or expression, you should have the same access to comprehensive healthcare as anyone else. We believe that regardless of your race, ethnicity, nation of origin, or citizenship status, you should have the ability to feel safe in our community. That regardless of its composition, your family should have the legal protections of the state. That every worker should have the dignity of their work rewarded with a wage that keeps them out of poverty. Quite simply, we believe that the value of every individual must be valued. When we speak of equity and equality it is within the spirit that our differences are not a hindrance to the same American dream for which we all strive.

We further believe that the desire for these outcomes are shared by well-intentioned elected officials across the political spectrum, and that while we may have meaningful debate and varying policy perspectives on

how best to achieve them, rhetoric that dismisses the pain and isolation of our marginalized community members perpetuates the divide that have made solving our biggest challenges so elusive, and further makes our residents believe that government doesn't care about them.

It is for those reasons that we condemn the comments made by our new colleague, because those words do not reflect the traditional embrace of diversity by this Council and this county government. Among the many reasons I've been proud to serve as an elected official at Salt Lake County, is the fact that regardless of our party labels we are able to work together, advance our regional priorities, and even forge friendships with those of a different perspective. It is our hope that it is that example that this Council will continue to display to our entire community, and also to other levels of government. We are hopeful the contention of the past few days is an anomaly and that we do not further strive to inject national disfunction into our work here.

This week has reminded all of us that we can do better in this regard. That as elected officials representing a large diverse community, our words have impact, and have consequences. We are appreciative of Council Member Alvord's willingness to engage in dialogue and education since his post, and for the apologies he has extended to us personally. We ask that he continue to learn, to further seek understanding of why his comments were hurtful, and as he asked of the three of us at his swearing in, "to stay open minded and flexible." We pledge, to continue to work with all of our elected colleagues, for the good of the county.

Thank you Mister Chair.

3. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

3.1 Proposed Hire Report

[21-0278](#)

Attachments: [Proposed Hire Report 3-3-2021](#)

Presenter: Brad Kendrick, Budget and Policy Analyst, Council Informational

Mr. Brad Kendrick, Budget & Policy Analyst, Council Office, reviewed the proposed hires.

**3.2 Budget Adjustment: Health Department's Request to [21-0285](#)
Transfer \$35,888,332 Between Sub-departments**

Attachments: [20936 - 215000IA01 Health Response Sub-Dept ID Budget Adjustment](#)

Presenter: Brad Kendrick, Budget and Policy Analyst, Council
Discussion/Direction

Mr. Brad Kendrick, Budget & Policy Analyst, Council Office, reviewed the interim budget adjustment.

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

**3.3 Budget Adjustment: Health Department's Request to [21-0286](#)
Recognize a Grant from the Utah Department of Health to
Support Contract Tracing Efforts Related to COVID
(\$7,292,595 in Revenue and Expense)**

Attachments: [20937 215000IA02 Health Contact Tracing Grant](#)

Presenter: Brad Kendrick, Budget and Policy Analyst, Council
Discussion/Direction

Mr. Brad Kendrick, Budget & Policy Analyst, Council Office, reviewed the interim budget adjustment.

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

**3.4 Budget Adjustment: Health Department's Request to [21-0287](#)
Recognize A Grant from the Utah Department of Health to
Assist with the Planning and Distribution of the COVID
Vaccine (\$379,800 in Revenue and Expense)**

Attachments: [20938 215000IA03 Health COVID Vaccine Grant](#)

Presenter: Brad Kendrick, Budget and Policy Analyst, Council
Discussion/Direction

Mr. Brad Kendrick, Budget & Policy Analyst, Council Office, reviewed the interim budget adjustment.

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

3.5 Legislative Update

[21-0282](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)

Presenter: Kara Trevino, Legislative Director, Council (Approx. 30 mins).
Informational

Ms. Kara Trevino, Intergovernmental Relations Manager, Council Office, reviewed the following legislative bills:

- SB 214 Official Language Amendments

Ms. Trevino stated this bill allows the government to print material in languages other than English. It passed in both the Senate and the House.

- SB 240 County Recreational Area Amendments

Ms. Trevino stated this is the Mountainous Planning District bill. It passed in both the Senate and the House.

- 4th Sub HB 433 Amendments Related to Infrastructure Funding

Ms. Trevino stated this is the \$1.1 million Transportation Bond.

- 5th Sub HB 244 First Class County Highway Road Funds Amendments

Ms. Trevino stated this bill passed in both the Senate and the House as well.

- HB 294 Pandemic Emergency Powers Amendments

Ms. Trevino stated this bill provides for the termination of emergency powers and public health emergency powers related to COVID-19 when the following thresholds have all been met:

- Utah's 14-day COVID-19 case rate is less than 191 per 100,000 people
- Utah's 7-day average of COVID-19 ICU utilization is less than 15 percent
- 1,633,000 prime doses of a COVID-19 vaccine have been allocated to Utah.

If trends continue as they have been, it is expected that by April 10, 2021, these thresholds will all be met.

Mayor Jennifer Wilson stated she is worried about children because they will not receive vaccines by this time.

Mr. Mitchell Park, Legal Counsel, Council Office, stated the Council needed to remember that Salt Lake County never imposed a mask mandate; it was done at the State level. The Council can do a mask mandate if the three conditions have not been met by April 10, 2021; however, Salt Lake County might be close to meeting all three thresholds by the 10th of April so it probably would not matter. This bill expires on July 1, if the thresholds have not been met by that time.

- 5th Sub SB 18 Property Tax Exemption Amendments

Ms. Trevino stated this bill passed with the compromises the County supported.

Mr. Chris Stavros, County Assessor, stated the original bill cut revenue to the County by approximately \$1 million, with the compromise the cut to the County would be approximately \$125,000 to \$150,000. This was a big win for the County.

- 1st Sub HB 390 Urban Farming Amendments

Ms. Trevino stated this bill modifies the definition of urban farming to include livestock production. It applied to 3rd to 6th class counties. When the bill was heard on the Senate floor, leadership wanted it to apply to Salt Lake County, so the bill was amended to include all counties. It passed. The County Assessor and County Attorney will be looking into the bill to see if the County can adopt an ordinance so this definition is not be abused.

Mr. Stavros stated he is optimistic that a County ordinance can be adopted that will work through the issues relating to this bill.

- 3rd Sub SB 195 Emergency Response Amendments

Ms. Trevino stated this bill creates checks on executive emergency powers without hindering rapid response. It applies state policies to local levels in relation to health departments, chief executives, and legislative bodies. This bill passed.

Mr. Park stated it will be necessary to look at County ordinances and make sure the State follows this bill.

- 5th Sub HB 82 Single-family Housing Modifications

Ms. Trevino stated this bill is the Accessory Dwelling Unit bill. It includes flexibility for cities and counties on parking regulation, additional enforcement provisions, and allows cities and counties to require business licenses. This bill passed.

- 2nd Sub HB 256 County Land Use and Development Amendments

Ms. Trevino stated this bill provides that a provision in a county development agreement is unenforceable if the provision requires the initiation of annexation processes as a condition for issuing building permits. This bill passed.

- 2nd Sub HB 52 Property Tax Deferral Modification

Ms. Trevino stated this billed failed. It will be worked on over the interim.

3.6 Update on Salt Lake County's Coordinated Response to [21-0280](#) COVID-19

**The Council may Take Action, Including Votes, on any
Necessary Legislative Matters Related to the Ongoing State
of Emergency**

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[County Council Briefing -- 03092021](#)
[Vaccination Briefing to Council -- 03092021](#)

Presenters: Mayor Jenny Wilson, David Schuld, Intelligence Section Chief; Gary Edwards, Health Department Executive Director (Approx. 30 mins).
Discussion/Direction

Mayor Jennifer Wilson stated the report today will update the Council on what is happening with COVID-19.

Mr. Gary Edwards, Director, Salt Lake County Health Department, reviewed declines in new cases, death rates, and vaccinations. He stated the County would probably meet two of the three mandates relating to HB 294 by April 10, 2021. However, the County is not receiving the number of vaccines needed to meet the third criteria, but it will be close.

Mr. David Schuld, Salt Lake County COVID-19 Response and Recovery Coordinating Officer, delivered a PowerPoint presentation explaining the Council's response to COVID-19. He reviewed key numbers, the active case curve, an infection snapshot, zip code surveillance, current cases by age, a rolling 14-day comparison, a testing analysis, known versus community cases, and potential exposure sources.

Mr. Edwards delivered a PowerPoint presentation reviewing the County's vaccination update. He covered the vaccine priority group update, vaccine dose projections, vaccine administration report, the number of first and second doses administered, vaccination operations, and COVID-19 and flu vaccination clinics.

**3.7 Update on Re-opening Timeline for Salt Lake County [21-0284](#)
Community Services Venues**

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[Final SLCo Facilities Update - COVID Closures \(1\)](#)

Sponsors: Council Member Richard Snelgrove and Council Member Dea Theodore

Presenter: Holly M. Yocom, Director, Community Services Department (Approx. 30 mins).

Informational

Ms. Holly Yocom, Director, Community Services Department, delivered a PowerPoint presentation relating to the reopening of community services facilities throughout Salt Lake County and the overall requirements that must be followed. She highlighted the directors of each division and what has been happening as far as what programs were opened and when other programs are projected to open.

Council Member Snelgrove asked if Salt Lake County libraries have had an increase in patrons because the Salt Lake City library system is closed.

Mr. Jim Cooper, Director, Library Services Division, stated the library does not track what cities patrons come from, so numbers are not available.

3.8 **Update on Dimple Dell Projects and Upcoming Dimple Dell Master Plan Launch** [21-0240](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[DDRP - Council Presentation](#)

Presenters: Holly M. Yocom, Community Services Department Director; Martin Jensen, Parks and Recreation Division Director; Walt Gilmore, Associate Division Director (Approx. 20 mins).

Informational

Ms. Holly Yocom, Director, Community Services Department, stated a few years ago, an advisory committee was formed to get ideas from citizens of what should be done with the 630 acres within the Dimple Dell park and what the County could do to take better care of it.

Mr. Martin Jensen, Director, Parks & Recreation Division, delivered a PowerPoint presentation on Dimple Dell Regional Park. He highlighted future events relating to the park, including the updating of the master plan, which should be completed in the Spring of 2022.

Mr. Walt Gilmore, Associate Director, Parks & Recreation Division, continued the PowerPoint presentation highlighting the 2016 park bond improvements, which included the amphitheater removal and restoration, interpretive signage, wayfinding signs and trail head kiosks, Wrangler Trailhead restroom replacement, New Badger Cover Trailhead and restroom, Dimple Dell Trailhead restroom remodel, fire prevention, a vegetation management plan, trail realignment, Poulsen Farmhouse preservation, parking lot improvements, and trail surfacing. He stated several of these projects have been completed and others are underway.

Council Member DeBry asked about the full-time caretaker position that was created after a reclassification of another position. He stated he felt this position should have come before the Council for approval, especially if it will affect future budgets.

Mayor Jennifer Wilson stated there is no future budgetary impact. A reclassification is not something that normally goes before the Council.

3.9 Parks and Recreation Bond Project Updates

[21-0273](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[PR Bond Projects - March2021](#)

Presenters: Holly M. Yocom, Community Services Director; Martin Jensen, Parks and Recreation Director; Walt Gilmore, Parks and Recreation Associate Director (Approx. 30 mins).

Informational

Ms. Holly Yocom, Director, Community Services Department, stated the presentation today is to provide the quarterly review on 2016 Zoo, Arts, and Parks (ZAP) bond projects.

Mr. Martin Jensen, Director, Parks & Recreation Division, delivered a PowerPoint presentation relating to the 2016 Zoo, Arts, and Parks (ZAP) bond. He highlighted the ZAP process, funding history, and the history of previous bonds.

Mr. Walt Gilmore, Associate Director, Parks & Recreation Division, continued the PowerPoint presentation showing a list of projects that have

been completed as well as those under construction. He highlighted several of the projects showing a completed project in each of the four planning areas.

3.10 West General Plan Steering Committee Appointment

[21-0257](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)

Presenters: Ryan Perry, Director, Regional Planning & Transportation and Jake Young, Planning Program Manager, Regional Planning & Transportation (Approx. 5 mins).

Discussion/Direction

Mr. Ryan Perry, Director, Regional Planning and Transportation, stated his division is in the process of developing a long-range plan for the unincorporated western areas of Salt Lake County, and it would like to request the appointment of one to two Council Members to participate on a steering committee that has been created for this purpose.

A motion was made by Council Member Snelgrove, seconded by Council Member Bradshaw, to appoint Council Members Newton and Stringham to this committee.

Council Member Newton stated she would be happy to serve on this committee but thought Council Member Alvord should be appointed since this was in his district.

Council Member Alvord stated he would like to serve on the committee.

A motion was made by Council Member Snelgrove, seconded by Council Member Bradshaw, to appoint Council Members Newton and Stringham to this Committee and to forward this agenda item to the 4:00 PM Council meeting for ratification. The motion carried 8 to 1, with Council Member Newton voting "Nay."

3.11 A Resolution of the Salt Lake County Council Approving Distribution of Salt Lake County General Funds to Townships Within Salt Lake County to Assist the Townships in Responding to the COVID-19 Pandemic

[21-0276](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[Township COVID Fund Transfer Resolution Final Rev1](#)
[AATF](#)

Presenters: Lisa Hartman, Associate Deputy Mayor and Darrin Casper, CFO and Deputy Mayor (Approx. 10 mins).

Discussion/Direction

Ms. Lisa Hartman, Associate Deputy Mayor, Mayor's Administration, stated this resolution on the agenda today relates to Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES) funds. The County distributed CARES funds to all municipalities including townships to aid in their response to the pandemic. However, due to the restrictions placed on how the CARES funds could be used, the townships were not able to fully spend their allotments and had to return funds back to the County. This resolution and subsequent agreements will allow the townships to fully utilize their CARES dollars.

A motion was made by Council Member Winder Newton, 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.

- 3.12 An Ordinance of the Legislative Body of Salt Lake County, Utah, Amending Section 2.04.075 of the Salt Lake County Code of Ordinances, 2001, Entitled "Work Meetings" to Establish the Name of the Salt Lake County Council's Weekly Work Meeting as the 'Council Work Session,' and Updating Other Sections of County Ordinance to Reference the Same** [21-0289](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[Council Work Session Ordinance Draft \(AATF\)](#)

Sponsors: Council Member Aimee Winder Newton and Council Member Laurie Stringham (Approx. 5 mins).

Discussion/Direction

A motion was made by Council Member Newton, seconded by Council Member Stringham, to forward this ordinance to the 4:00 PM Council meeting to be introduced. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

3.13 Closed Session Regarding Discussion of the Purchase, Exchange, or Lease of Real Property [21-0288](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)

(Approx. 20 mins).

A motion was made by Council Member Bradshaw, seconded by Council Member Winder Newton, to close the Committee of the Whole meeting to discuss a real estate issue. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

4. CONSENT ITEMS:

A motion was made by Council Member Bradshaw, seconded by Council Member Stringham, that the consent agenda be approved and forwarded to the 4:00 p.m. Council meeting for ratification. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

4.1 Approval of Proposed 2020-21 and 2021-22 Eccles Theatre Virtual Rental Rates as Approved by the UPACA Advisory Board [21-0263](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[Eccles Theater 2020-21 and 2021-22 Rental Rates with Proposed Virtual Rates](#)

This consent item was approved and forwarded.

4.2 Approval of Donation to the County Library from Heather Connolly, Vice President of Operation Warm, of 1,830 Books Valued at \$5,088.21 [21-0265](#)

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

This consent item was approved and forwarded.

4.3 Approval of Donation to the County Library from Heather Connolly, Vice President of Operation Warm, of 1,860 Winter Coats Valued at \$93,000 [21-0267](#)

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

This consent item was approved and forwarded.

5. ITEMS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS

5.1. Internal Business

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

6.1 Approval of Committee of the Whole Minutes for February 23, 2021 [21-0270](#)

Attachments: [022321 - COW Min.](#)

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.

ADJOURN 3:45 PM for Board of Equalization

The meeting was adjourned at 4:10 PM.

SHERRIE SWENSEN, COUNTY CLERK

By _____
DEPUTY CLERK

By _____
CHAIR, SALT LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL