

SALT LAKE COUNTY

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Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 11, 2025

1:30 PM

Room N2-800

County Council

1. CALL TO ORDER

Present: Council Member Laurie Stringham
Council Member Suzanne Harrison
Council Member Natalie Pinkney
Council Member Arlyn Bradshaw
Council Member Carlos Moreno
Council Member Aimee Winder Newton
Council Member Ross Romero
Council Chair Dea Theodore

Call In: Council Member Sheldon Stewart

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

Mr. Jerry Schmidt stated he was a former case worker for the Salt Lake County Aging and Adult Services Division. In that capacity, he has learned of many programs that benefit the County's seniors. He was attending to speak on Senate Bill 197 (SB 197), sponsored by Representative Daniel McCay, which would eliminate the opportunity for low income seniors on a fixed income to receive property tax relief after five years. The Utah Association of Counties is preparing to release a public statement of opposition to this bill. Mr. Schmidt urged the Council to release a statement of opposition as well, as many seniors residing in Salt Lake County would be adversely affected by this legislation. The fiscal note for the bill stated it would save Utah taxpayers \$4.55 per year. In contrast, it would cost seniors \$930 in tax relief. Representative Wayne Harper's Senate Bill 224, an alternative to SB 197, would save and enhance the tax relief program, costing taxpayers 68 cents per year. Mr. Schmidt argued that the benefit to taxpayers would be insignificant when compared to the cost to low income seniors.

Ms. Elizabeth Fullmer stated she was a resident of White City and was requesting a revision of the language in section 19.15.140 of Title 19 of the Salt Lake County Code of Ordinances, which outlines zoning requirements for metering for accessory dwelling units (ADUs). Ms. Fullmer recently finished building an ADU for her aging mother, and was advised by Rocky Mountain Power that the simplest course of action would be to install a second meter. She was unaware that having

two meters on the same parcel of land was prohibited in her jurisdiction. It would cost her around \$18,000.00 to have Rocky Mountain Power fix the issue. Other entities across the state allow owners of ADUs to have two units per parcel, and this has not affected safety, servicing, nor community standards. With ADUs becoming more common in the County, she felt it was essential that Title 19 allow for cost effective practical solutions.

Council Member Theodore stated her office was recently made aware of this issue and she was working on it.

Council Member Stringham asked if Ms. Fullmer had applied for a variance.

Ms. Fullmer stated she had already been told a variance was probably not going to be granted.

Ms. Lisa Hartman, Associate Deputy Mayor of Regional Operations, stated she was working with planning staff to remedy the issue going forward. For now, the only thing Ms. Fullmer could do was apply for a variance through a hearing officer. Once the language to Title 19 was updated, it could be applied retroactively.

3. REPORT OF ELECTED OFFICIALS:

3.1. County Council Members

Council Member Harrison stated she recently attended the Behavioral Health Services Advisory Council (BHSAC) meeting where she was updated on the opening of the University of Utah's Mental Health Crisis Care Center. This center will be an amazing asset for the community and can be utilized by anyone experiencing a mental health crisis.

Council Member Stringham stated members of the Utah Association of Counties (UAC) attended the legislative session last week. She was able to meet with elected officials from other counties.

On Friday, she took a tour of the Oxbow Jail. The jail is currently facing issues with the cost of beds and updating its technology.

On Saturday, she and Council Member Theodore were able to experience skijoring at the Visit Salt Lake Winter Roundup.

On Monday, she attended the Celebrate Our State event at the Natural History Museum of Utah. She recommended seeing the special display currently being featured at the museum.

Council Member Theodore stated she attended a Ballet West performance of Cinderella, which was excellent.

3.2. County Mayor

Mayor Jennifer Wilson welcomed two new members of her staff. Elise Courtney would be serving as the Mayor's Executive Assistant. David Schuld would be returning to direct the Emergency Management Division.

Ms. Catherine Kanter stated Ms. Courtney had 15 years of service in the hospitality industry, which would be valuable to the Mayor's Office. Mr. Schuld had experience working in Homeland Security.

Ms. Catherine Kanter delivered the Mayor's weekly report.

- Mayor Wilson delivered her State of the County address last Tuesday. Attendance was great, and included several mayors across the County. During her address, Mayor Wilson announced the launch of saltlakecounty.gov/family, which details low cost and engaging family activities. The Mayor's full address is on her webpage.
- The Visit Salt Lake Winter Roundup recently took place, which included a skijoring event. Participants skied behind horses through an obstacle course.
- The Salt Lake County Health Department's Air Quality Bureau is offering a Vehicle Replacement Assistance Program (VRAP), which is open to individuals with a household income at or below 300 percent of the federal poverty level. It is intended to improve air quality. Eligible vehicle owners can receive up to \$1,000 for emissions related repairs on vehicles ten years old or newer; or \$7,560 toward replacing a vehicle over ten years old with a newer model. Since 2021, this program has replaced over 400 qualifying vehicles.
- The Acord Ice Center and Salt Lake City Sports Complex are offering activities for residents to learn to skate or play ice hockey during February and March.

- The Holladay Lions Recreation Center is offering fitness classes on February 22, from 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM.
- The Library Services Division is hosting its annual free Valentine's Day Dance at the Viridian Event Center on Friday night from 7:00 to 9:30 PM. This is always a popular event, and tickets sold out quickly.
- The Library Services Division is hosting its Teen Formal Wear Swap event this month. More information is on the Library Service Division's website.
- The Aging and Adult Services Division is partnering with the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) to deliver roses to isolated seniors for Valentine's Day.
- The Clark Planetarium hosted its Celebrating Women and Girls in Science event last Friday.
- The Housing & Community Development Division of the Office of Regional Development will be hosting an open house tonight from 4:30 to 7:30 PM, at the Viridian Event Center. People of all ages are invited to attend and share feedback on the future of housing in Salt Lake County.

Council Member Ross Romano asked if there was a central way all these events offered by the County could be posted for Council members to help promote and share on their social media pages.

Ms. Michelle Hicks, Executive Office Administrator, Mayor's Office, stated Liz Sollis, Mayor's Office, would be the person to contact.

Mayor Wilson stated she thought that was a great suggestion and she would have Ms. Sollis look into that.

3.3. Other Elected County Officials

4. 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. Council Member Moreno was absent for the vote.

- 4.1 **Appointment of Bail Commissioner:** [25-2560](#)
- Kiersten Moser

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[Bail Commissioner Appointment Form 2025](#)
[Kiersten Moser - Resume Redacted](#)

The vote on this consent item was approved.

- 4.2 **Acceptance of a Donation of Two Forensic Buddy Ballistic Collection Devices** [25-2561](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[Forensic Buddy Ballistic Collection Device 1020](#)

The vote on this consent item was approved.

- 4.3 **Resolution of the Salt Lake County Council Approving Execution of an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with Herriman City Providing for the Transfer of up to Two Million Nine Hundred Eleven Thousand Seven Hundred Ninety-Two Dollars (\$2,911,792) for Bridge Construction at Midas Creek and 6400 West** [25-2550](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[250203 Resolution.Herriman - Midas Creek Bridge_RATF](#)
[250127 ILA.Herriman - Midas Creek Bridge_RATF](#)

RESOLUTION NO. 6265

A RESOLUTION OF THE SALT LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL APPROVING EXECUTION OF AN INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT WITH HERRIMAN CITY PROVIDING FOR THE TRANSFER OF UP TO TWO MILLION NINE HUNDRED ELEVEN THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED NINETY-TWO DOLLARS (\$2,911,792) FOR BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION AT MIDAS CREEK AND 6400 WEST

WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, Salt Lake County (the “County”) and Herriman City (the “City”) are “public agencies” as defined by the Utah Interlocal Cooperation Act, UTAH CODE §§ 11-13-101 to -608, and are therefore authorized to enter into an Agreement to act jointly and cooperatively in a manner that will enable them to make the most efficient use of their resources and powers; and

WHEREAS, during the 2018 General Session, the Utah State Legislature enacted Senate Bill 136, which allowed for a one percent local option sales and use tax, which is used by the County in its Regional Transportation Choice Fund (4th Quarter), which provides for on-going transportation funding in Salt Lake County (hereinafter “Transportation Funds”); and

WHEREAS, on December 10, 2024, the Salt Lake County Council Appropriated Transportation Funds to further regional transportation by financing all or a portion of the costs of transportation projects throughout the County in accordance with Utah Code § 59-12-2219 and all other applicable federal, state and local laws, rules and regulations; and

WHEREAS, among these transportation projects is the Midas Creek Bridge project; and

WHEREAS, the Parties now desire to enter into an agreement providing for the transfer of up to Two Million Nine Hundred Eleven Thousand Seven Hundred Ninety-Two Dollars (\$2,911,792) of Transportation Funds to the City to reimburse the City for certain costs incurred by the City to complete the Project; and

WHEREAS, the County now desires to enter into an interlocal cooperation agreement with the City, which agreement is attached hereto as ATTACHMENT A (the “Interlocal Agreement”), to provide for the transfer of County Transportation Funds to the City on a reimbursement basis for a certain transportation project, as more fully described in the Interlocal Agreement;

RESOLUTION

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, by the County Council of Salt Lake County:

1. That the Interlocal Agreement between Salt Lake County and Herriman City is approved, in substantially the form attached hereto as ATTACHMENT A, and that the Salt Lake County Mayor is authorized to execute the same.

2. That the Interlocal Agreement between Salt Lake County and South Jordan City is approved, in substantially the form attached hereto as ATTACHMENT “B”, and that the Salt Lake County Mayor is authorized to execute the same.

3. That the Interlocal Agreement will become effective as stated therein.

APPROVED and ADOPTED this 11th day of February, 2025.

SALT LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL

ATTEST (SEAL)

By /s/ DEA THEODORE
Chair

By /s/ LANNIE CHAPMAN
Salt Lake County Clerk

The vote on this consent item was approved.

4.4 Resolution of the Salt Lake County Council Approving Execution of an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with Millcreek City Providing for the Transfer of up to Eight Hundred Eighty-One Thousand One Hundred Six Dollars (\$881,106) for Sidewalk Construction on West Temple Between 3900 South Trax and Central Avenue [25-2551](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[250203 Resolution.Millcreek - West Temple Sidewalk Construction_RATF](#)
[250127 ILA.Millcreek - West Temple Sidewalk Construction_RATF](#)

RESOLUTION NO. 6266

A RESOLUTION OF THE SALT LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL

APPROVING EXECUTION OF AN INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT WITH MILLCREEK CITY PROVIDING FOR THE TRANSFER OF UP TO EIGHT HUNDRED EIGHTY-ONE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED SIX DOLLARS (\$881,106) FOR SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION ON WEST TEMPLE BETWEEN 3900 SOUTH TRAX AND CENTRAL AVENUE

WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, Salt Lake County (the “County”) and Millcreek City (the “City”) are “public agencies” as defined by the Utah Interlocal Cooperation Act, UTAH CODE §§ 11-13-101 to -608, and are therefore authorized to enter into an Agreement to act jointly and cooperatively in a manner that will enable them to make the most efficient use of their resources and powers; and

WHEREAS, during the 2018 General Session, the Utah State Legislature enacted Senate Bill 136, which allowed for a one percent local option sales and use tax, which is used by the County in its Regional Transportation Choice Fund (4th Quarter), which provides for on-going transportation funding in Salt Lake County (hereinafter “Transportation Funds”); and

WHEREAS, on December 10, 2024, the Salt Lake County Council Appropriated Transportation Funds to further regional transportation by financing all or a portion of the costs of transportation projects throughout the County in accordance with Utah Code § 59-12-2219 and all other applicable federal, state and local laws, rules and regulations; and

WHEREAS, among these transportation projects is the West Temple sidewalk construction project; an

WHEREAS, the Parties now desire to enter into an agreement providing for the transfer of up to Eight Hundred Eighty-One Thousand One Hundred Six Dollars (\$881,106) of Transportation Funds to the City to reimburse the City for certain costs incurred by the City to complete the Project; and

WHEREAS, the County now desires to enter into an interlocal cooperation agreement with the City, which agreement is attached hereto as ATTACHMENT A (the “Interlocal Agreement”), to provide for the transfer of County Transportation Funds to the City on a reimbursement basis for a

certain transportation project, as more fully described in the Interlocal Agreement;

RESOLUTION

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, by the County Council of Salt Lake County:

- 1. That the Interlocal Agreement between Salt Lake County and Millcreek City is approved, in substantially the form attached hereto as ATTACHMENT A, and that the Salt Lake County Mayor is authorized to execute the same.
- 2. That the Interlocal Agreement will become effective as stated therein.

APPROVED and ADOPTED this 11th day of February, 2025.

SALT LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL

ATTEST (SEAL)

By /s/ DEA THEODORE
Chair

By /s/ LANNIE CHAPMAN
Salt Lake County Clerk

The vote on this consent item was approved.

- 4.5 Resolution of the Salt Lake County Council Approving Execution of an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with the City of South Salt Lake Providing for the Transfer of up to Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000) to Support the Identification of Active Transportation Infrastructure Opportunities Between 2100 South and I-80 in Downtown South Salt Lake City** [25-2552](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[250203 Resolution.SSL - Downtown Active Transportation RATF](#)
[250127 ILA.SSL - Downtown Active Transportation RATF](#)

RESOLUTION NO. 6267

A RESOLUTION OF THE SALT LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL APPROVING EXECUTION OF AN INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF SOUTH SALT LAKE PROVIDING FOR THE TRANSFER OF UP TO FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$500,000) TO SUPPORT THE IDENTIFICATION OF ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE OPPORTUNITIES BETWEEN 2100 SOUTH AND I-80 IN DOWNTOWN SOUTH SALT LAKE CITY

WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, Salt Lake County (the “County”) and the City of South Salt Lake (the “City”) are “public agencies” as defined by the Utah Interlocal Cooperation Act, UTAH CODE §§ 11-13- 101 to -608, and are therefore authorized to enter into an Agreement to act jointly and cooperatively in a manner that will enable them to make the most efficient use of their resources and powers; and

WHEREAS, during the 2018 General Session, the Utah State Legislature enacted Senate Bill 136, which allowed for a one percent local option sales and use tax, which is used by the County in its Regional Transportation Choice Fund (4th Quarter), which provides for on-going transportation funding in Salt Lake County (hereinafter “Transportation Funds”); and

WHEREAS, on December 10, 2024, the Salt Lake County Council Appropriated Transportation Funds to further regional transportation by financing all or a portion of the costs of transportation projects throughout the County in accordance with Utah Code § 59-12-2219 and all other applicable federal, state and local laws, rules and regulations; and

WHEREAS, among these transportation projects is the South Salt Lake Downtown Active Transportation project; and

WHEREAS, the Parties now desire to enter into an agreement providing for the transfer of up to Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000) of Transportation Funds to the City to reimburse the City for certain costs incurred by the City to complete the Project; and

WHEREAS, the County now desires to enter into an interlocal cooperation agreement with the City, which agreement is attached hereto as ATTACHMENT A (the “Interlocal Agreement”), to provide for the transfer of County Transportation Funds to the City on a reimbursement basis for a certain transportation project, as more fully described in the Interlocal Agreement;

RESOLUTION

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, by the County Council of Salt Lake County:

1. That the Interlocal Agreement between Salt Lake County and the City of South Salt Lake is approved, in substantially the form attached hereto as ATTACHMENT A, and that the Salt Lake County Mayor is authorized to execute the same.
2. That the Interlocal Agreement will become effective as stated therein.

APPROVED and ADOPTED this 11th day of February, 2025.

SALT LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL

ATTEST (SEAL)

By /s/ DEA THEODORE

Chair

By /s/ LANNIE CHAPMAN

Salt Lake County Clerk

The vote on this consent item was approved.

- 4.6 Resolution of the Salt Lake County Council Approving Execution of an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with the Utah Transit Authority Providing for the Transfer of up to Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) Toward Expenses Supporting the UTA Trax Ambassador Program** [25-2553](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[250203 Resolution.UTA - TRAX Ambassador](#)
[Program_RATF](#)
[250127 ILA.UTA - TRAX Ambassador Program_RATF](#)

RESOLUTION NO. 6268

A RESOLUTION OF THE SALT LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL APPROVING EXECUTION OF AN INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT WITH THE UTAH TRANSIT AUTHORITY PROVIDING FOR THE TRANSFER OF UP TO FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$50,000) TOWARD EXPENSES SUPPORTING THE UTA TRAX AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, Salt Lake County (the “County”) and the Utah Transit Authority (“UTA”) are “public agencies” as defined by the Utah Interlocal Cooperation Act, UTAH CODE §§ 11-13-101 to -608, and are therefore authorized to enter into an Agreement to act jointly and cooperatively in a manner that will enable them to make the most efficient use of their resources and powers; and

WHEREAS, during the 2018 General Session, the Utah State Legislature enacted Senate Bill 136, which allowed for a one percent local option sales and use tax, which is used by the County in its Regional Transportation Choice Fund (4th Quarter), which provides for on-going transportation funding in Salt Lake County (hereinafter “Transportation Funds”); and

WHEREAS, on December 10, 2024, the Salt Lake County Council Appropriated Transportation Funds to further regional transportation by financing all or a portion of the costs of transportation projects throughout the County in accordance with Utah Code § 59-12-2219 and all other applicable federal, state and local laws, rules and regulations; and

WHEREAS, among these transportation projects is the TRAX Ambassador program; and

WHEREAS, the Parties now desire to enter into an agreement providing for the transfer of up to Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) of Transportation

Funds to UTA to reimburse UTA for certain costs incurred by UTA to complete the Project; and

WHEREAS, the County now desires to enter into an interlocal cooperation agreement with UTA, which agreement is attached hereto as ATTACHMENT A (the “Interlocal Agreement”), to provide for the transfer of County Transportation Funds to UTA on a reimbursement basis for a certain transportation project, as more fully described in the Interlocal Agreement;

RESOLUTION

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, by the County Council of Salt Lake County:

1. That the Interlocal Agreement between Salt Lake County and the Utah Transit Authority is approved, in substantially the form attached hereto as ATTACHMENT A, and that the Salt Lake County Mayor is authorized to execute the same.

2. That the Interlocal Agreement will become effective as stated therein.

APPROVED and ADOPTED this 11th day of February, 2025.

SALT LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL

ATTEST (SEAL)

By /s/ DEA THEODORE
Chair

By /s/ LANNIE CHAPMAN
Salt Lake County Clerk

The vote on this consent item was approved.

- 4.7 Resolution of the Salt Lake County Council Approving Execution of an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with the Utah Transit Authority Providing for the Transfer of up to Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000) to Support the Davis County-Salt Lake County Community Connector Project** [25-2554](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[250203 Resolution.UTA - Davis-SLCo Community Connector RATF](#)
[250131 ILA.UTA - Davis-SLCo Community Connector RATF](#)

RESOLUTION NO. 6269

A RESOLUTION OF THE SALT LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL APPROVING EXECUTION OF AN INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT WITH THE UTAH TRANSIT AUTHORITY PROVIDING FOR THE TRANSFER OF UP TO FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$500,000) TO SUPPORT THE DAVIS COUNTY-SALT LAKE COUNTY COMMUNITY CONNECTOR PROJECT

W I T N E S S E T H

WHEREAS, Salt Lake County (the “County”) and the Utah Transit Authority (“UTA”) are “public agencies” as defined by the Utah Interlocal Cooperation Act, UTAH CODE §§ 11-13-101 to -608, and are therefore authorized to enter into an Agreement to act jointly and cooperatively in a manner that will enable them to make the most efficient use of their resources and powers; and

WHEREAS, during the 2018 General Session, the Utah State Legislature enacted Senate Bill 136, which allowed for a one percent local option sales and use tax, which is used by the County in its Regional Transportation Choice Fund (4th Quarter), which provides for on-going transportation funding in Salt Lake County (hereinafter “Transportation Funds”); and

WHEREAS, on December 10, 2024, the Salt Lake County Council appropriated Transportation Funds to further regional transportation by financing all or a portion of the costs of transportation projects throughout the County in accordance with Utah Code § 59-12-2219 and all other applicable federal, state and local laws, rules and regulations; and

WHEREAS, among these transportation projects is the Davis County-Salt Lake County Community Connector project; and

WHEREAS, the Parties now desire to enter into an agreement providing for

the transfer of up to Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000) of Transportation Funds to UTA to reimburse UTA for certain costs incurred by UTA to complete the Project; and

WHEREAS, the County now desires to enter into an interlocal cooperation agreement with UTA, which agreement is attached hereto as ATTACHMENT A (the “Interlocal Agreement”), to provide for the transfer of County Transportation Funds to UTA on a reimbursement basis for a certain transportation project, as more fully described in the Interlocal Agreement;

RESOLUTION

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, by the County Council of Salt Lake County:

1. That the Interlocal Agreement between Salt Lake County and the Utah Transit Authority is approved, in substantially the form attached hereto as ATTACHMENT A, and that the Salt Lake County Mayor is authorized to execute the same.
2. That the Interlocal Agreement will become effective as stated therein.

APPROVED and ADOPTED this 11th day of February, 2025.

SALT LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL

ATTEST (SEAL)

By /s/ DEA THEODORE
Chair

By /s/ LANNIE CHAPMAN
Salt Lake County Clerk

The vote on this consent item was approved.

5. APPROVAL OF TAX LETTERS

A motion was made by Council Member Bradshaw, seconded by Council Member Stringham, that the Tax Letters be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote. Council Member Moreno was absent for the vote.

5.1 Personal Property Tax Reduction Request [25-2558](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[25-9002 Personal Property Tax Refund \\$590.65](#)

The vote on this tax letter was approved.

6. ACCEPTANCE OF ETHICS DISCLOSURES

A motion was made by Council Member Bradshaw, seconded by Council Member Stringham, that the Ethics Disclosures be received and filed. The motion carried by a unanimous vote. Council Member Moreno was absent for the vote.

6.1 Consideration of Acceptance of the Salt Lake County Real Estate Division 2025 Conflict of Interest Disclosure Statements [25-2526](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[2025 Real Estate COI Letter and Forms](#)

This ethics disclosure was received and filed.

6.2 Consideration of Acceptance of the Salt Lake County Office of Data & Innovation 2025 Conflict of Interest Disclosure Statements [25-2524](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[2025 ODI Conflict of Interest Cover Letter and Forms](#)

This ethics disclosure was received and filed.

6.3 Consideration of Acceptance of the SLCo Human Services Criminal Justice Services 2025 Conflict of Interest Disclosure Statements [25-2513](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[Criminal Justice Services 2025 Conflict of Interest Cover Letter Forms](#)

This ethics disclosure was received and filed.

- 6.4 Consideration of Acceptance of the Salt Lake County Information Technology Division 2025 Conflict of Interest Disclosure Statements** [25-2523](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[2025 Information Technology COI Cover Letter Forms](#)

This ethics disclosure was received and filed.

- 6.5 Consideration of Acceptance of 2025 Brownfield Assessment Grant Committee Disclosure Statements** [25-2535](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[TextFileInSite-29-Jan-2025-04-25-32](#)
[2024 Brownfield Assessment Grant memo for Disclosure statements](#)

This ethics disclosure was received and filed.

- 6.6 Consideration of Acceptance of County Library Staff & Board 2025 Conflict of Interest Disclosure Statements** [25-2514](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[2025 Library Board COIs](#)

This ethics disclosure was received and filed.

- 6.7 Consideration of 2025 Citizen Advisory Board Disclosure Statements** [25-2533](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[TextFileInSite-29-Jan-2025-04-19-15](#)
[2025 Citizen Advisory Board Disclosure statements](#)

This ethics disclosure was received and filed.

7. APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

7.1 Approval of January 28, 2025 County Council Minutes [25-2576](#)

Attachments: [012825 Council Minutes](#)

A motion was made by Council Member Bradshaw, seconded by Council Member Stringham, that the minutes be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote. Council Member Moreno was absent for the vote.

8. WORK SESSION**8.1 Proposed Hire Report / Incentive Plans - \$3,000 and Under / Weekly Reclassification Report** [25-2563](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[Proposed Hire Report 2-5-2025](#)
[Incentive Plans - \\$3,000 and Under 2-5-2025](#)
[Weekly Reclassification Report 2-5-2025](#)

Presenter: Hoa Nguyen, Council Budget and Policy Analyst.
(Approx. 1:45PM, Less than 5 Min.)
Informational

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

Council Member Stringham asked why the incentive plan for the Taxpayer Care Specialist had not been made into a permanent position. She noticed it had been extended several times now. She explained incentive plans are typically intended for short-term projects, not ongoing roles.

8.2 Budget Adjustment: The Children's Justice Center Requests to Recognize \$133,370 in One-time Funding from the State of Utah. This Includes the 2025 Portion of the Original \$175,000, plus an Additional \$75,000, to Assist with Renovations of the Existing Location in West Jordan As Well As a New Location in Salt Lake City [25-2570](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[34268 - CJC One-time funds from State of Utah](#)
[34268 - DA22028 Amd 3 - State of Utah - Attorney General](#)
[34268 - DA22028 Amd 4 - State of Utah - Attorney General](#)

Presenter: Hoa Nguyen, Council Budget and Policy Analyst.
(Approx. 1:45PM, Less than 5 Min.)
Discussion/Direction

Ms. Hoa Nguyen, Budget and Policy Analyst, Council Office, reviewed the budget adjustment.

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

8.3 Budget Adjustment: The Children's Justice Center (CJC) Requests to Recognize \$26,100 in One-time Funding from the Friends of the Children's Justice Center to Assist with Relocation to the New CJC North Location [25-2571](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[38269 - CJC One-time funding from Friends of CJC](#)
[34269 - Friends- 100 Women Donation](#)

Presenter: Hoa Nguyen, Council Budget and Policy Analyst.
(Approx. 1:50PM, Less than 5 Min.)
Discussion/Direction

Ms. Hoa Nguyen, Budget and Policy Analyst, Council Office, reviewed the budget adjustment.

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

8.4 Budget Adjustment: Parks & Recreation Requests an Additional \$181,956 to the Irrigation Timing Clocks Project Budget to Replace the Entire System at Riverbend Golf Course [25-2572](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[34258 - PAR Riverbend GC Irrigation Timing Clocks Replaced](#)
[34258 - Riverbend GC Lynx System 09-13-24 - updated quote through 3.15.25](#)
[34258 - PB610 PARG25CONT](#)

Presenter: Hoa Nguyen, Council Budget and Policy Analyst.
(Approx. 1:50PM, Less than 5 Min.)
Discussion/Direction

Ms. Hoa Nguyen, Budget and Policy Analyst, Council Office, reviewed the budget adjustment.

Council Member Stewart asked if General Fund dollars would be used for this budget adjustment.

Ms. Nguyen stated the money would come out of the Golf Fund balance.

Council Member Stringham asked if the water used was secondary or culinary.

Ms. Robin Chalhoub stated culinary water was currently being used, but as the County had recently issued transformational initiative funds to Riverton City, the system at the Riverbend Golf Course would be modified to switch to well water this summer, which was secondary.

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.

8.5 Budget Adjustment: Parks & Recreation Requests a Budget True-Up for the Security Camera Project by Reducing \$128,685 from Its 2025 Budget. This Amount Has Already Been Billed in the 2024 Budget [25-2573](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[34271 - PAR Security Cameras True-Up](#)
[34271 - PB610 2024 PART23CAMS](#)
[34271 - PB610 2025 PART23CAMS](#)
[34271-PAR Security Cameras True-Up Change Summary](#)
[250203](#)

Presenter: Hoa Nguyen, Council Budget and Policy Analyst.
(Approx. 1:50PM, Less than 5 Min.)
Discussion/Direction

Ms. Hoa Nguyen, Budget and Policy Analyst, Council Office, reviewed the budget adjustment.

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

**8.6 Council Initiation of a Budget Adjustment to Provide [25-2567](#)
Additional Funds to the Salt Lake County Clerk for the
Purpose of Complying with a State Legislative Audit of Salt
Lake County Election Equipment**

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)

Sponsors: Councilmember Laurie Stringham. Seconded by Councilmember Natalie Pinkney.

Presenter: Lannie Chapman, SLCo Clerk.
(Approx. 1:55PM, 5 Min.)

Discussion/Direction

Council Member Stringham stated the State Legislative Auditor General intended to audit the election equipment used by all the Clerks in the State of Utah. The Salt Lake County Clerk would be one of the first to undergo this audit, and the purpose of this budget adjustment was to keep the warranty on the Clerk's Office's election equipment from being revoked.

Ms. Lannie Chapman, Clerk, stated her office welcomes the cybersecurity audit, as it will be a chance to assure voters that Salt Lake County elections are safe, secure, and accurate. However, to keep the warranties from being nullified during this audit, she would need to contract with a U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC) certified vendor to perform the audit. The

cost of this service is not expected to exceed \$20,000.

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

8.7 Presentation on Homelessness in Salt Lake County

[25-2557](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[2025 Salt Lake County Homelessness Informational](#)
[Overview](#)

Sponsors: Councilmember Ross Romero. Seconded by Council Chair Dea Theodore.

Presenters: Wayne Niederhauser, Homelessness Coordinator, State Office of Homelessness Services.

(Approx. 2:00PM, 20 Min.)

Informational

Mr. Wayne Niederhauser, Chief Administrative Officer, Utah Office of Homeless Services, delivered a PowerPoint presentation entitled Salt Lake County Council Office of Homeless Services. The presentation discussed how homelessness is an issue in every community; transitional versus persistent homelessness; those not ready for housing and services; sources of homelessness; homelessness prevention; how to fund supportive housing; rates of homelessness; the average length of time in the system while awaiting housing; the need for affordable and deeply affordable housing; local and state laws to support development of diverse housing interventions; local homeless councils; the Statewide Collaboration for Change's plan to address homelessness; a resource center model; homeless services budget recommendations; families experiencing homelessness; winter response accomplishments of emergency shelters during 2024 and 2025; and a transformative campus.

Council Member Stringham asked if rents are starting to stabilize and possibly decrease in some areas of the County. She was not personally aware of any low income housing options that were not rentals. She felt this was unfortunate as home ownership was one of the best ways to ensure generational wealth.

Mr. Niederhauser stated the cost is mostly driven by the amount of land

available. The supply of land is decreasing.

Council Member Stewart asked if Mr. Niederhauser was expecting taxpayers to pay for the stepdown program.

Mr. Niederhauser stated there were many political opinions, but people do fall on hard times and need help.

Council Member Pinkney asked Mr. Niederhauser to elaborate on some of the financial consequences County residents will face as a consequence of not addressing this issue.

Mr. Niederhauser stated community is important for everybody. West Valley City and Ogden City have built a model that focuses on community and creates resiliency.

Council Member Winder Newton stated having people on the streets affects economic development negatively.

8.8 2025 Legislative Session Update

[25-2545](#)

The Council May Vote to Take Positions Concerning 2025 Legislation and Other Related Actions

Presenter: Kara Trevino, SLCo Council Legislative Director.

(Approx. 2:20PM, 60Min.)

Discussion/Direction

Ms. Kara Trevino, Intergovernmental Relations Manager, Council Office, began by providing an additional update that was not on the list she had provided. This was an appropriation request for indigent defense funding. The State has been reimbursing the County for this, but it was not in the Governor's budget.

Mr. Neil Webster, Indigent Legal Services Manager, Human Resources Division, stated the County is required to provide indigent defense services in a variety of areas. One of those areas is parental defense. Parental defense services are required when the Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS) seeks to remove a child from the home and place them in foster

care. They can also be required in adoption cases where both parents must be able to give informed consent. While this is technically a statewide issue, the majority of needs occur in Salt Lake County because that is where most of the adoption agencies are based. The costs for the County have risen in the last few years, and this fiscal year, the County will not be reimbursed for its entire cost. It is trying to secure a one-time appropriation of \$200,000 from the state. Representative Anthony Loubet is working on that.

A motion was made by Council Member Bradshaw, seconded by Council Member Stringham, to support the appropriation. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

- HB 27 Voting Precinct Amendments - Rep. Jim Dunnigan

Ms. Lannie Chapman, Clerk, reviewed HB 27, which would cap precinct sizes at the time of redistricting. Under current law, Clerks are required to adjust their precincts every even year. She has been working with representatives from both major political parties to come up with a solution that works for everyone. Clerks statewide and the Utah Association of Counties (UAC) support this bill.

A motion was made by Council Member Bradshaw, seconded by Council Member Moreno, to support HB 27. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

- HB 69 Government Records and Information Amendments - Rep. Stephanie Gricius

Ms. Lannie Chapman, Clerk, reviewed HB 69, which would prohibit elected officials from disclosing when or how a voter or group of voters returned their ballots. The second substitution expanded the regulations to prohibit all government officers from using government information for any purpose other than official duties. Specifically, information should not be used for political or personal purposes. There is a third substitution, but that has not passed yet. Clerks statewide and the Utah Association of Counties (UAC) support this bill.

A motion was made by Council Member Harrison, seconded by Council Member Winder Newton, to support HB 69. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

- SB 54 Appearance of Candidate Name on Ballot - Sen. Stephanie Pitcher

Ms. Lannie Chapman, Clerk, reviewed SB 54, which would give guidelines and consistency on how a candidate's name should appear on a ballot in relation to nicknames and middle names.

A motion was made by Council Member Moreno, seconded by Council Member Bradshaw, to support SB 54. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

- HB 300 Amendments to Election Law - Rep. Jefferson Burton

Ms. Lannie Chapman, Clerk, reviewed HB 300, stating this is a large bill that would require every voter to visit their local clerk's office in person and show photo identification to "opt in" and be eligible to return their ballot by mail. Voters who did not opt in would only be allowed to use a drop box to return their ballot. Clerks would be required to obtain additional drop boxes, and they would have to station at least two poll workers at each drop box. Salt Lake County currently has 27 drop boxes, and this bill would require Salt Lake County to secure 48 more. The cost to the County would be an additional \$3.3 million dollars annually.

Council Member Winder Newton stated surveys show most of the public believes elections are well-run and secure, but for some reason, many Utah legislators think they need to reinvent the wheel where elections are concerned, at a substantial cost to taxpayers. She added that one in four Utahns has a disability and voter drop boxes are not always easily accessible to these voters.

Council Member Stewart stated he would prefer to wait and watch to see what happens with the sponsor. He had heard things were moving forward, and additional costs may not be involved.

Council Member Bradshaw stated this bill creates such a strong chance of disenfranchisement because voters will still be mailed a ballot, and it would be difficult to get the word out that the law had changed.

Council Member Moreno stated he would prefer to abstain from voting on

this issue.

Mr. Mitch Park, Legal Counsel, Council Office, stated a roll call vote would be necessary.

Council Member Stringham asked legal counsel if Council Members could abstain from voting.

Mr. Park stated Robert's Rules of Order did not state a Council member had to vote, but he noted the practical effect of abstention was a "yes" vote.

Council Member Romero asked why a roll call vote would be necessary.

Mr. Park explained it was due to guidelines established by the Open and Public Meetings Act and Salt Lake County internal policy. Since this meeting had remote attendees and the voice vote was not unanimous, a roll call vote would be in order.

A motion was made by Council Member Winder Newton, seconded by Council Member Bradshaw, to oppose HB 300. The motion carried by the following roll call vote.

Aye: Council Member Stringham, Council Member Harrison, Council Member Pinkney, Council Member Bradshaw, Council Member Winder Newton, Council Member Romero, and Council Member Theodore.

Nay: Council Member Moreno, and Council Member Stewart.

Council Member Moreno stated he did not feel the taxpayers should have to pay for the cost of this bill.

- HB 332 Voter Registration Data Amendments - Rep. Karianne Lisonbee

Ms. Lannie Chapman, Clerk, reviewed HB 332, which would require Utah to withdraw from using the Electronic Registration Information Center (ERIC), a nonprofit, nonpartisan membership organization created by and comprised of state election officials from around the United States in effort to maintain more accurate voter rolls and detect illegal voting. Under this bill,

the Lieutenant Governor would need to contract with a third party vendor that used quantum technology. Ms. Chapman stated she was unsure what quantum technology was. The bill would also require Utah to enter into direct agreements with other states. Ms. Chapman explained that while ERIC might not be perfect, it is currently all that exists to allow clerks in different states to share information and keep voters from being registered in more than one state. The Utah Association of Counties (UAC) opposes this bill, as do clerks statewide. She urged the Council to oppose it as well.

Council Member Winder Newton asked why ERIC gets such a bad reputation. She wanted to know if it had to do with conspiracy theories or if there were legitimate issues.

Ms. Chapman stated it was both. While ERIC has required some states to make efforts to register voters, Utah has a carveout exempting it from that requirement.

A motion was made by Council Member Harrison, seconded by Council Member Pinkney, to oppose HB 332. The motion carried by the following roll call vote.

Aye: Council Member Stringham, Council Member Harrison, Council Member Pinkney, Council Member Bradshaw, Council Member Winder Newton, Council Member Romero, and Council Member Theodore.

Nay: Council Member Moreno, and Council Member Stewart.

- HB 48 Wildland Urban Interface Modifications - Rep. Casey Snider

Ms. Kara Trevino, Intergovernmental Relations Manager, Council Office, reviewed HB 48, which would impose a fee on homes in the wildland-urban interface (WIU). Counties would have to collect the fee. The Utah Association of Counties has opted to monitor the bill, which has already passed the House of Representatives. Ms. Trevino would like to work with the sponsor and monitor the bill to better understand how this fee would be implemented. Salt Lake County would most likely want to ask to be granted a delayed implementation. There are logistical issues that need to be resolved with the tax offices.

A motion was made by Council Member Harrison, seconded by Council Member Romero, to monitor HB 48 and work with the sponsor. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

HB 428 Property Tax Changes - Rep. Jill Koford

HJR 7 Proposal to Amend Utah Constitution Property Tax - Rep. Jill Koford

Ms. Kara Trevino, Intergovernmental Relations Manager, Council Office, reviewed HB 428 and the companion bill, HJR 7, which would propose a constitutional amendment that would increase the exemption on residential homes from 45 to 50 percent. This would shift the tax from residential homes to businesses.

A motion was made by Council Member Stringham, seconded by Council Member Bradshaw, to support HB 428 and HJR 7. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

SB 197 Property Tax Amendments - Sen. Daniel McCay

Ms. Kara Trevino, Intergovernmental Relations Manager, Council Office, reviewed SB 197, which would modify provisions related to property taxation. It is on the second reading calendar and would phase out the Circuit Breaker Tax Credit for homeowners.

Ms. Sheila Srivastava, Treasurer, stated treasurers across the state were concerned about this bill because taxpayers will be hit with \$1.5 to \$2 million more in taxes. It would eliminate the State's responsibility for property tax relief. There are currently 2,267 parcels in Salt Lake County that benefit from the tax relief program.

Council Member Harrison stated she feared this would add additional stress to the County's most vulnerable seniors on fixed incomes, possibly resulting in housing and food insecurity.

A motion was made by Council Member Harrison, seconded by Council Member Stewart, to oppose SB 197. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

- SB 224 Property Tax Relief Modifications - Sen. Wayne Harper

Ms. Kara Trevino, Intergovernmental Relations Manager, Council Office, reviewed SB 24, which would increase income eligibility limits for the homeowner's tax credit.

Council Member Bradshaw asked how the abatement ultimately affects other taxpayers. There had been talk about how the veteran's exemption was being shifted, but then he thought he had heard at the Utah Association of Counties that this was not the case.

Mr. Brad Townley stated the answer could be very nebulous. However, there would not be a monetary appropriation; it would just be covered by the remainder of the taxpayers.

A motion was made by Council Member Harrison, seconded by Council Member Stewart, to support SB 24. The motion carried by a unanimous vote. Council Member Winder Newton was absent for the vote.

- HB 456 Transient Room Tax Amendments - Rep. Bridger Bolinder

Ms. Kara Trevino, Intergovernmental Relations Manager, Council Office, stated this bill was numbered over the weekend and was close to 1,000 lines. It was discussed at the Utah Association of Counties (UAC), and deals with the Transient Room Tax (TRT). There would be a state-imposed one percent tax. Of that, 50 percent would go to the State for infrastructure projects; 25 percent would go into an account for tourism mitigation for rural counties; and 25 percent would go to the county of origin.

Council Member Bradshaw stated he would like to monitor the bill. The TRT has been an ongoing issue for UAC.

The Council elected to monitor HB 456.

- SJR 3 Joint Resolution Dissolving Salt Lake County Justice Court - Sen. Kirk Cullimore

Ms. Kara Trevino, Intergovernmental Relations Manager, Council Office, reviewed SJR 3, which is the resolution that would dissolve the Salt Lake County Justice Court. Right now, the effective date is June 30, 2026.

However, there has been some resistance, and the date may end up being pushed to June of 2027, as that is when HB 330 will go into effect, dissolving the unincorporated areas of the County.

The Council opted to monitor the bill and work with the sponsor.

- HB 312 Criminal Justice Amendments - Rep. Karianne Lisonbee

Ms. Kara Trevino, Intergovernmental Relations Manager, Council Office, stated HB 312 is currently very problematic for the County. The County previously opted to work with the sponsor.

Chief Matthew Dumont stated he had recently returned from the Capitol. He had a conversation with the bill's sponsor and feels the County is making some headway. He is hoping for an extension of when this will be implemented, and ideally that would be September 1. The language limiting who can be released due to overcrowding has been modified. He is waiting to see the official substitute language.

Council Member Winder Newton asked Chief Dumont if he was able to help the sponsor better understand what the County is dealing with relating to overcrowding. There had been a lot of misinformation conveyed on social media.

Council Member Stringham asked Chief Dumont to discuss overcrowding release (OCR) for the record.

Chief Dumont stated OCR is the jail's "emergency release valve" when overcrowding is high. It is based primarily off the lowest level of charge possible. Class C misdemeanor offenders are released first, followed by Class B offenders, Class A offenders, and finally nonviolent third degree offenders. Jail officials also consider how many open charges an accused offender may have. If an offender has six or more open cases, or if a law enforcement agency expresses a public safety concern, the offender is not eligible for OCR. Offenders who are released through OCR still must appear for their court dates. With sexual assault cases, the vast majority are scenarios where someone is being charged with failure to register on the sex offender registry or a lewdness charge, such as public urination. As for felonies, only nonviolent offenders are released through OCR. Although

offenders who are released through OCR sometimes reoffend, until the jail can gain more capacity, OCR is going to be the only “emergency release valve.”

Chief Dumont noted there was one case where an offender who committed a second degree felony was released through OCR through an oversight. However, the jail has since taken measures to ensure this does not happen again.

Council Member Stewart stated there are varying interpretations of what might be dangerous. Many felons commit crimes that are not necessarily violent, but could still create danger to society.

Council Member Pinkney stated a person must be convicted to be called a felon, because the accused are innocent until proven guilty. Council members should be careful of the language they use because of their oaths to uphold the constitution.

Sheriff Rosie Rivera stated she agreed. Most of the inmates at the jail were awaiting trial. She had not been able to have a long conversation with the bill’s sponsor, but if the bill remained unchanged, it could negatively affect public safety.

Council Member Stringham asked if the bill’s sponsor had truly indicated a willingness to work with the County.

Sheriff Rivera stated the sponsor has been willing to make some concessions, but the bill would move forward regardless.

Council Member Winder Newton stated it would be nice to know how the sponsor intends to correct some of the false messaging that has gone out to the public and besmirched the reputation of Salt Lake County.

Council Member Harrison stated at this point, she would rather oppose the bill because of the public safety risk. The Council is being proactive in addressing these issues, and the bill is not needed.

A motion was made by Council Member Harrison, seconded by Council Member Pinkley, to oppose HB 312 as written. The motion carried by a

unanimous vote.

8.9 Presentation on the Jail Medication Assisted Treatment Program [25-2549](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[MAT Powerpoint](#)

Sponsors: Councilmember Suzanne Harrison. Seconded by Councilmember Aimee Winder Newton.

Presenters: Rob Ballard, SLCo Division Commander Health Services. Chief Matt Dumont, SLCo Chief Deputy Corrections Bureau.

(Approx. 3:20PM, 20 Min.)

Discussion/Direction

Council Member Harrison stated the Jail Medication Assisted Treatment program helps to reduce recidivism and helps put people onto the path of success.

Mr. Robert Ballard, Health Authority, Sheriff's Office, delivered a PowerPoint presentation entitled Salt Lake County Sheriff's Office Opiate Use Disorder (OUD) Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) Opiate Treatment Program (OTP). He reviewed objectives, OUD, OUD nationally, OUD in Utah, MAT in the carceral setting; MAT in the Salt Lake County Jail; MAT participation in Salt Lake County; and recidivism comparison.

Council Member Stewart asked if the populations and degree of offenses were being considered in relation to data collection for the recidivism comparison statistics. He was concerned about low level offenders being grouped with higher level offenders during the data collection.

Mr. Ballard stated for the purpose of this statistic, the data gatherers were looking at any inmate who was rebooked into the jail on a new charge. Returning to jail after sentencing would not be considered a new charge.

Mr. Ballard continued the presentation, reviewing maximizing full potential; limitations of the Salt Lake County Jail MAT program; OTP; benefits of OTP; and OTP programs work.

Council Member Romero asked if the jail had considered asking families

with financial means to pay for treatment. Family members might support ongoing treatment while not yet being willing to take someone in treatment back into the family home.

Mr. Ballard stated he did not know how that would work, but it was something to consider.

8.10 Council Ratification of Executive Committee Recommendation Establishing a Deadline for Council Authorization of Certain Payments Internal to the Council Office Offered Under County HR Policy 5-400 [25-2581](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)

Presenter: Mitchell Park, Legal Counsel, Council Office.

(Approx. 3:40PM, 5 Min.)

Discussion/Direction

This item was pulled from the agenda.

8.11 Council Consideration of an Internal Council Policy Concerning Council Office Internships [25-2582](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[Salt Lake County Council Intern Policy](#)

Sponsors: Councilmember Aimee Winder Newton. Second Councilmember Ross Romero.

(Approx. 3:45PM, 5 Min.)

Discussion/Direction

This item was pulled from the agenda.

9. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND ISSUANCE OF PUBLIC NOTICES

9.1 Notice of Cancellation of February 18, 2025 SLCo Council Weekly Meeting in Observation of President's Day [25-2562](#)

This item was pulled from the agenda.

10. PENDING LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

- 10.1 First Reading of an Ordinance of the Legislative Body of Salt Lake County, Utah, Enacting Chapter 3.13 of the Salt Lake County Code Of Ordinances, 2001, Entitled “Optional Sales And Use Tax to Fund Highways, a System for Public Transit, and Public Safety Purposes,” for the Purpose of Imposing A County Option Sales and Use Tax Of 0.2% on the Retail Sales and Uses in the County and Authorizing a Distribution of Revenue for Specific Purposes Authorized By Utah Code, Including Funding for Transportation and Public Safety** [25-2575](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[Ordance for Sales Tax Section 59-12-2220 \(002\)](#)

Sponsors: Council Chair Dea Theodore. Councilmember Aimee Winder Newton. Councilmember Suzanne Harrison. Councilmember Arlyn Bradshaw.
(Approx 3:50PM, 30 Min.)
Discussion/Direction

Council Member Winder Newton stated in 2018, the State Legislature approved a local option sales tax that could be implemented by counties. To date, Utah and Summit Counties have both implemented it. The sales tax implements one cent for every five dollars of purchases. Half of the funds will go back to the State for transportation projects, one quarter will go to the cities for transportation, and the other quarter will go to the county of origin to be used for transportation or public safety.

Mr. Andrew Gruber, Executive Director, Wasatch Front Regional Council (WFRC), reviewed a flow chart of the mechanics of the transportation portion of the local option sales tax.

Mayor Dirk Burton, West Jordan City, stated a bus route was funded for 5600 West when the Mountain View Corridor was built. The next phase of 5600 West cannot happen until that bus line starts running. West Jordan City is in dire need of this. West Jordan City would also like to install curbs and gutters on portions of 1300 West.

Mayor Jeff Silvestrini, Millcreek City, stated this tax option would benefit every city in the County. It would help promote the 5600 Bus Rapid Transit (BRT), which is sorely needed. The proposal is balanced because it would

provide funding for many different needs and promote the County's transportation objectives. He encouraged the Council to support it.

Council Member Stewart expressed concern that this tax was 'pork barreling' to fund the jail.

Sheriff Rosie Rivera stated the growing population of Salt Lake County has resulted in increased public safety needs. Something must be done to keep violent offenders in jail.

Chief Matthew Dumont stated the Oxbow Jail was built in 1991 and it operated at full capacity until 2002. In 2009, the first pod of the Oxbow Jail was reopened. In 2018, the County was able to open the second pod at the jail. It could not open the third pod due to staffing constraints. In 2020, the jail population decreased due to the pandemic and the plans to open the third pod never came to fruition. The jail is now back to pre-COVID numbers, and as the County has grown, the need for additional beds has increased. The jail offers the Correctional Addiction Treatment Services (CATS) program, and the Life Skills program to inmates. There is currently \$40 million of deferred maintenance for that facility.

Council Member Bradshaw stated there are differing philosophies on how to approach funding the jail, but ultimately, it needs to be done. The option to collect tax revenue for public safety exists, and he felt it was a good one.

Council Member Moreno stated he was concerned about implementing another tax on the west side of the County. He would prefer to see the Council make sacrifices before asking his constituents to sacrifice more.

Council Member Winder Newton stated she would like to make cuts to the budget, but the money was not there. Looking at the current General Fund budget, 74 percent was already allocated for criminal justice purposes. The remainder was allocated for elected officials to perform their statutory duties. It was not as if there was money to cut from libraries, golf courses, or other optional programs.

Council Member Harrison reminded Council Member Moreno that he testified in favor of HB 312 by Rep. Karianne Lisonbee, acknowledging the need for more jail beds. She stated the Council was being proactive in

addressing this public safety need.

Council Member Stewart stated he felt the Council could be more deliberate in cutting from the budget. There were many things he would cut if he could. Instead, the Council was trying to “back-door” this tax after the jail bond failed last November.

Council Member Stringham stated she had been going back and forth because she struggled with the idea of another tax increase. Times are hard, and some areas will be hit harder by this tax than others. However, the County has been asked by many mayors of other entities to implement this tax. There are multiple projects being undertaken by various cities that will be reimbursed once this tax is implemented. The Council has made many cuts over the years for the sake of having a more robust General Fund. She personally suggested many of those cuts. The Council has exercised a great deal of fiscal responsibility. However, the County needs new revenue streams. The State Legislature has put the County in a very tough position. She was not happy about it, but she felt this was the only mechanism the County had at its disposal to fill the Legislature’s mandate.

Council Member Theodore stated nobody wants new taxes, but the Council has done its due diligence. It has cut funds from the budget in many ways, but there is simply not enough left to cut. The issues with the jail have been ongoing. Kicking the can further down the road will not solve the problem.

A motion was made by Council Member Bradshaw, seconded by Council Member Romero, to forward this item to the February 18, 2025, Council meeting for final consideration. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

- 10.2 First Reading of an Ordinance of the Legislative Body of Salt Lake County, Utah Amending Chapter 2.04 of the Salt Lake County Code of Ordinances, 2001, Entitled “County Council,” and Repealing Chapter 2.05 of the Salt Lake County Code of Ordinances, 2001, Entitled “Legislative Branch Organization,” in Order to Update and Clarify Certain Organizational Structures and Procedural Practices of the Salt Lake County Council, and Related Matters** [25-2578](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[Salt Lake County Ordinance](#)

Sponsors: Council Chair Dea Theodore. Councilmember Suzanne Harrison.
(Approx. 4:20PM, 10 Min.)
Discussion/Direction

Council Member Theodore reviewed the ordinance, which would give a set time of 1:30 PM, to start the weekly Council meeting. It would better commit the business day to the constituents who elected their representatives.

Council Member Harrison stated many of her constituents have asked why the Council does not meet at a set time every week. This ordinance would still give flexibility to change to an earlier start time during the budget season or the legislative season, if necessary.

Mr. Mitchell Park, Legal Counsel, Council Office, stated he was directed by the Council Chair to update the entire section about the Council. There were many references that dated back to the time when there was a Commission instead of a Council. Many of the updates were technical in nature, but some were restatements. Some of the updates were derived from legislative intent. There was nothing that deviated from current practices.

A motion was made by Council Member Theodore, seconded by Council Member Harrison, to forward the ordinance to the February 18, 2025, Council meeting for final consideration. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Council Member Stringham asked for clarification on how the meeting start times would be adjusted.

Mr. Park read the following language from the ordinance:

2.04.080 - Regular meetings

A. Regular meetings shall be held at least weekly on Tuesdays [~~in Salt Lake City at the County Government Center,~~] unless cancelled by majority vote of the council as provided by the Plan. Regular meetings shall be held at [~~two~~] one-thirty (1:30) p.m. or at another time so designated in the

meeting agenda as the council's business requires.

Mr. Park noted the ordinance had been changed to allow for meetings to take place outside the county seat.

10.3 First Reading of an Ordinance of the Legislative Body of Salt Lake County, Utah Amending Chapter 2.98 of the Salt Lake County Code of Ordinances, 2001, Entitled "Information Technology Advisory Board" [25-2579](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[Chapter 2.98 - Information Technology Advisory Board - Clean](#)
[Chapter 2.98 - Information Technology Advisory Board - Leg Draft](#)

Presenter: Zach Posner, Salt Lake County Chief Information Officer.
(Approx. 4:30PM, 10 Min.)
Discussion/Direction

Ms. Megan Hillyard stated part of the ordinance would officially change the name of the County's Information Services Department to the Information Technology Division. She asked Zachary Posner, Chief Information Officer, Information Technology Division, speak in more detail about the artificial intelligence (AI) policy.

Mr. Zachary Posner, Chief Information Officer, Information Technology, stated the division had been working with a small subgroup of the Technology Advisory Board (TAB) to establish guidelines for the use of AI in Salt Lake County. This policy addresses four guiding principles:

- Encouraging learning and use
- Protection of privacy
- Maintaining human accountability
- Working toward fairness and transparency

These guidelines were passed by TAB in December. The National Association of Counties (NACo) has put out some really good information on building these types of AI policies, and TAB has drafted off policies from other counties, as well as various private sector organizations. The County

does not have much intellectual property, but it does have a lot of personal information that must be kept confidential. Public models should not be used to ingest private data.

A motion was made by Council Member Bradshaw, seconded by Council Member Pinkney, to forward the ordinance to the February 18, 2025, Council meeting for final consideration. The motion carried by a unanimous vote. Council Member Harrison was absent for the vote.

10.4 Consideration of Adoption of Salt Lake Countywide Policy 1400-9, “Countywide Policy on Artificial Intelligence” [25-2580](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[1400-9 AI Policy Draft](#)

Presenter: Zach Posner, Salt Lake County Chief Information Officer.
(Approx. 4:40PM, 5 Min.)

Discussion/Direction

A motion was made by Council Member Bradshaw, seconded by Council Member Pinkney, that this agenda item be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote. Council Member Harrison was absent for the vote.

10.5 Resolution Of the Salt Lake County Council Declaring Official Intent to Reimburse Expenditures to its General Fund or Other County Funds for the Financing of Project Costs Associated with Acquiring, Improving, or Constructing a Government Center, Other County Capital Projects and Related Facilities [25-2548](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[Reimbursement resolution \(Government Center\)1.27.25](#)
[Debt Review Chair Letter 1-29-25](#)

Presenters: Darrin Casper, SLCo Deputy Mayor of Finance and Administration.
(Approx. 4:45PM, 5 Min.)

Discussion/Direction

Mr. Craig Wangsgard, Deputy District Attorney, reviewed the resolution, which was a way of reimbursing the County if it issued bonds for the purchase of the new Government Center in Midvale City. This resolution would give the County maximum flexibility.

RESOLUTION NO. 6270

RESOLUTION OF THE SALT LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL DECLARING OFFICIAL INTENT TO REIMBURSE EXPENDITURES TO ITS GENERAL FUND OR OTHER COUNTY FUNDS FOR THE FINANCING OF PROJECT COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH ACQUIRING, IMPROVING OR CONSTRUCTING A GOVERNMENT CENTER, OTHER COUNTY CAPITAL PROJECTS AND RELATED FACILITIES

The Legislative Body of Salt Lake County resolves as follows:

WHEREAS, Salt Lake County (“County”) expects to issue tax-exempt obligations to provide the funding for purchase and acquisition of a government center. Government Center may include purchase of land, purchase of buildings, planning & architectural services, construction, remodeling/renovation, and furniture, fixtures and equipment, other county capital projects and related facilities (“Projects”); and

WHEREAS, because the funds will not become available prior to December 31, 2025, the County must provide interim financing to cover the costs of the Projects incurred for certain capital expenditures, including due-diligence, initial acquisition and construction and planning expenses; and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that permanent long-term financing will be authorized and issued at a time when the Projects plans are finalized and approved, and site[s] are acquired by the County; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary, desirable, and in the best interests of the County to advance moneys from its funds on hand on an interim basis until the obligations can be issued and the bond funds become available.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Salt Lake County Council as follows:

1. The County intends to finance the Projects with long-term debt to be issued by the County.
2. The County shall make expenditures as needed from its funds on hand to pay the costs of the Projects until the proceeds of the bond obligations

become available.

3. The County hereby declares its official intent under 26 CFR Section 1.150-2 to reimburse said expenditures advanced for the Projects with proceeds of the bond obligations, the principal amount of which is not expected to exceed \$100 Million dollars.

4. No funds for payment of the Projects from sources other than the obligations are, or are reasonably expected to be, reserved, allocated on a long-term basis, or otherwise set aside by the County pursuant to its budget or financial policies.

5. Resolutions of the County together with minutes of meetings and other documents pertinent to the Projects are and will be reasonably available at the office of the Council Clerk, Salt Lake County Government Complex, 2001 South State Street, N2-700, Salt Lake City, Utah (“Government Center”). Plans, specifications, architectural drawings and related information are and will be reasonably available as they are developed at the office of the Salt Lake County Mayor’s Finance & Administration, Suite N4-200, which is located at the Government Center 2001 South State Street, Ste N4-200 Salt Lake City, Utah 84114.

This Resolution shall become effective upon its adoption and approval.

APPROVED and ADOPTED this 11th day of February, 2025.

SALT LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL

ATTEST (SEAL)

By /s/ DEA THEODORE

Chair

By /s/ LANNIE CHAPMAN

Salt Lake County Clerk

A motion was made by Council Member Winder Newton, seconded by Council Member Stringham, to approve the resolution. The motion carried by a unanimous vote. Council Member Stewart was absent for the vote.

11. OTHER ITEMS REQUIRING COUNCIL APPROVAL

12. OTHER BUSINESS

ADJOURN

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS to come before the Council at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 5:15 PM until Tuesday, February 18, 2025.

LANNIE CHAPMAN, COUNTY CLERK

By _____
DEPUTY CLERK

By _____
CHAIR, SALT LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL