

SALT LAKE COUNTY

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Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 8, 2024

2:45 PM

RM N2-800

County Council

1. CALL TO ORDER

Present: Council Chair Laurie Stringham
Council Member Jim Bradley
Council Member Ann Granato
Council Member Sheldon Stewart
Council Member Dea Theodore

Excused: Council Member Arlyn Bradshaw
Council Member Dave Alvord

Call In: Council Member Suzanne Harrison
Council Member Aimee Winder Newton

Invocation - Reading or Thought - Pledge of Allegiance

Ms. Erin Litvack, Deputy Mayor of County Services, led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Rhonda Withers stated she lives across from Riverbend Golf Course and she has continuously experienced problems with golfers on her property. When the course was built, she and other residents were assured fences would be installed and trees planted to keep errant golf balls from leaving the course. However, the fences have been removed and the trees have died, leaving no buffer whatsoever. The golfers do not seem to feel they need to stay on their side of the road, and they regularly jump fences and trespass into the residents' yards to retrieve golf balls. When asked by the residents to leave the property, conversations often get very volatile, and the golfers often make threats. She has contacted County personnel many times without success. She asked the Council to do something to fix this issue.

Council Member Stewart stepped out of the meeting to discuss the matter further with Ms. Withers, and stated he would take her phone number so Council Member Stringham could follow up.

3. REPORT OF ELECTED OFFICIALS:**3.1. County Council Members**

Council Member Theodore stated she graduated from the Utah Rural Leadership

Academy with Southern Utah University, which is a yearlong program that teaches leadership skills and collaboration with some of the more rural counties throughout Utah. She found it to be an enjoyable experience. Other Council members have attended and will attend.

3.2. County Mayor

Mayor Jennifer Wilson did not have anything to report.

3.3. Other Elected County Officials

Mr. Chris Harding, Auditor, stated his office would be kicking off its 2025 audit plan. He would be sending out an email soliciting ideas and concerns soon. Those ideas will be ranked and assessed. He is looking forward to receiving feedback.

4. WORK SESSION

4.1 Proposed Hire Report / Incentive Plans - \$3,000 and Under / [24-2175](#) Weekly Reclassification Report

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[Proposed Hire Report 10-02-2024](#)
[Incentive Plans - \\$3,000 and Under 10-2-2024](#)
[Weekly Reclassification Report 10-2-2024](#)

Presenter: Hoa Nguyen, Council Budget and Policy Analyst. (Approx. 3:00PM, Less than 5 Min.)

Informational

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

4.2 Budget Adjustment: The Sheriff's Office Requests to Shift [24-2185](#) \$26,535 in the Justice Assistance Grant from Operations to Capital Purchases to Purchase Drug Detection Equipment as Approved in the Grant

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[33886 - SHF Justice Assistance Grant \(JAG\) Appropriation Shift](#)

Presenter: Hoa Nguyen, Council Budget and Policy Analyst. (Approx. 3:00PM, 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 Granato, seconded by Council Member Theodore, that this agenda item be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote. Council Member Stewart was absent for the vote.

4.3 Budget Adjustment: Mayor's Finance Requests \$250,000 for Public Notice and Education Related to General Obligation Public Safety Bonds [24-2183](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)

[33885 - Public Safety GO Bond - Public Noticing Costs](#)

Presenter: Hoa Nguyen, Council Budget and Policy Analyst. (Approx. 3:00PM, 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 Bradley, seconded by Council Member Theodore, that this agenda item be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote. Council Member Stewart was absent for the vote.

4.4 Budget Adjustment: The District Attorney's Office Requests a Time-Limited Position for a Domestic Violence/Special Victims Investigator Liaison. This Position and Its Operating Budget Will Be Funded by a Three-Year, \$500,000 Enhancing Investigations and Prosecution Grant from the Department of Justice Office on Violence Against Women [24-2182](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)

[33842 - OVW Grant Award](#)

Presenter: Hoa Nguyen, Council Budget and Policy Analyst. (Approx. 3:05PM, 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 Granato, seconded by Council Member Theodore, that this agenda item be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote. Council Member Stewart was absent for the vote.

4.5 Budget Adjustment: The Clerk's Office Requests to Transfer \$381,000 from Contracted Labor to Temporary Personnel Due to Its Success in Hiring Temporary Election Staff [24-2181](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[33891 - 2024 Temps Budget Adjustment](#)

Presenter: Hoa Nguyen, Council Budget and Policy Analyst. (Approx. 3:05PM, 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 Granato, seconded by Council Member Theodore, that this agenda item be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote. Council Member Stewart was absent for the vote.

4.6 Budget Adjustment: The Municipal Services District Requests to Recognize \$3M in Additional Class B Road Revenue, Based on Current Estimates. These Funds Will Be Allocated to Road Projects Within the Member Cities and the Unincorporated County [24-2158](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[33854 - Record Additional Class B Revenue and Pass Through Expense](#)

Presenter: Hoa Nguyen, Council Budget and Policy Analyst. (Approx. 3:05PM, 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 Granato, seconded by Council Member Bradley, that this agenda item be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote. Council Member Stewart was absent for the vote.

4.7 Budget Adjustment: Arts and Culture Requests to Transfer the Mid-Valley Exterior Signage project with \$80,000 Budget in the Arts and Culture Fund to the Mid-Valley Construction Project in the Tourism, Recreation, Cultural, and Convention Bond Projects Fund [24-2186](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[33903 33904 33905 Consolidate Mid-Valley Exterior Signage and Construction Projects](#)

Presenter: Hoa Nguyen, Council Budget and Policy Analyst. (Approx. 3:10PM, 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 Granato, seconded by Council Member Theodore, that this agenda item be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote. Council Member Stewart was absent for the vote.

4.8 Budget Adjustment: Parks and Recreation Requests to Recognize \$3,015,000 in Contributions from South Jordan City and Jordan School District for the South Jordan Recreation Center Pool Expansion [24-2176](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[32905 - PAR Jordan School District - South Jordan Pool Addition](#)
[33871 - PAR South Jordan City - South Jordan Pool Addition](#)

Presenter: Hoa Nguyen, Council Budget and Policy Analyst. (Approx. 3:10PM, 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 Granato, seconded by Council Chair Stringham, that this agenda item be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote. Council Member Stewart was absent for the vote.

4.9 Budget Adjustment: Parks and Recreation Requests to Recognize \$75,000 in Grant Funding from the Utah Outdoor Recreation Grant (UORG) Program for Maintenance Work on Parley's Trail Between Tanner Park and I-215 [24-2177](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[32912 - PAR Utah Outdoor Recreation Grant - Parley's Trail Maintenance](#)

Presenter: Hoa Nguyen, Council Budget and Policy Analyst. (Approx. 3:10PM, 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 Bradley, seconded by Council Member Granato, that this agenda item be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote. Council Member Stewart was absent for the vote.

4.10 Budget Adjustment: Parks and Recreation Requests to Recognize \$75,000 in Reimbursable Grant Funding from the Utah Outdoor Recreation Grant (UORG) Program for Trail Repair Work on the Jordan River Trail Between 3900 South and 4800 South [24-2178](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[33878 - PAR Utah Outdoor Recreation Grant - Jordan River Trail Maintenance](#)

Presenter: Hoa Nguyen, Council Budget and Policy Analyst. (Approx. 3:15PM, 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 Bradley, seconded by Council Member Granato, that this agenda item be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote. Council Member Stewart was absent for the vote.

4.11 Budget Adjustment: Parks and Recreation Requests to Recognize \$307,000 in Contracted Revenue from Salt Lake City School District (SLCSD) for New Pool Scoreboards at Three Facilities: Fairmont Aquatic Center, SLC Sports Complex, and Northwest Recreation Center [24-2179](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[33725 - PAR Salt Lake City School District - Pool Scoreboards](#)

Presenter: Hoa Nguyen, Council Budget and Policy Analyst. (Approx. 3:15PM, 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 Granato, seconded by Council Member Theodore, that this agenda item be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote. Council Member Stewart was absent for the vote.

4.12 Budget Adjustment: Parks and Recreation Requests to Recognize \$18,000 in Annual Revenue from Salt Lake City School District (SLCSD) for Pool Maintenance Fees at Three Facilities: Fairmont Aquatic Center, SLC Sports Complex, and Northwest Recreation Center [24-2180](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[33877 - PAR Salt Lake City School District - Annual Pool Maintenance](#)

Presenter: Hoa Nguyen, Council Budget and Policy Analyst. (Approx. 3:15PM, 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 Granato, seconded by Council

Member Theodore, that this agenda item be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote. Council Member Stewart was absent for the vote.

4.13 Consideration of a Resolution of the Salt Lake County Council Formally Petitioning the Utah Legislature to Approve the Dissolution of the Salt Lake County Justice Court Consistent with Utah Code Ann. § 78a-7-123; and Related Purposes [24-2139](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[Justice Court Legislature Resolution \(RAFL\)](#)

Sponsor: Council Chair Laurie Stringham. (Approx. 3:20PM, 10Min.)
Discussion/Direction

Council Member Stringham stated she was the sponsor of this resolution. The Council voted to dissolve the Justice Court two years ago. This resolution would allow the Council to take that last step and move forward with the legislative process.

Council Member Theodore stated she knows some people are concerned about the dissolution of the Justice Court. The County is trying to move away from providing municipal services as the unincorporated portion of the County decreases in size. She has done her best to address citizen concerns, but ultimately, this decision makes the most sense from a fiscal standpoint.

Council Member Granato stated she agreed with Council Member Theodore. She has been assured by the District Attorney's Office that every legal avenue has been explored and considered. The Human Resources Division's staff is ensuring that former Justice Court employees receive the proper benefits available.

Mr. Mitchell Park, Legal Counsel, Council Office, stated the terms of the resolution will include asking the Legislature to allow the County to "wind down" with the Justice Court effective July 1st, 2026. This will allow time for answering budgetary and policy questions. It will also allow things to align with the fiscal year of the Greater Salt Lake Municipal Services District and the municipalities that utilize the Justice Court. The reason the Legislature must be petitioned is because some of the cases may fall to the Third District Court.

Council Member Stringham stated it is the County's intention not to let any cases fall to the Third District Court, but to contract them to other municipal justice courts.

RESOLUTION NO. 6243

A RESOLUTION OF THE SALT LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL FORMALLY PETITIONING THE UTAH LEGISLATURE TO APPROVE THE DISSOLUTION OF THE SALT LAKE COUNTY JUSTICE COURT CONSISTENT WITH UTAH CODE ANN. § 78A-7-123; AND RELATED PURPOSES

WHEREAS, Utah Code Ann. § 78A-7-123 provides that a county shall obtain legislative approval to dissolve a justice court if the caseload from that court would fall to the district court upon dissolution; and

WHEREAS, Utah Code Ann. § 78A-7-123 further provides that in order to obtain approval of the Legislature to terminate a county justice court, the governing authority of the county shall petition the Legislature to adopt a joint resolution to approve the dissolution; and

WHEREAS, Utah Code Ann. § 78A-7-123 also requires that a county shall provide notice to the Judicial Council not later than July 1 two years prior to the general session in which the county intends to seek legislative approval for the dissolution of a Class I justice court; and

WHEREAS, on June 21, 2022, the Salt Lake County Council approved Resolution No. 5986, which resolution provided notice to the State of Utah, the Judicial Council, and the Utah Administrative Office of the Courts of Salt Lake County's intent to dissolve the Salt Lake County Justice Court, a Class I justice court; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 5986 further provided that the County would petition the Utah Legislature during the 2025 general session for a joint resolution approving the dissolution of the Salt Lake County Justice Court, as authorized by Utah Code Ann. § 78A-7-123; and

WHEREAS, on June 24, 2022, the Salt Lake County Council Chair issued a

letter to Chief Justice Durrant, Chair of the Utah Judicial Council, which letter specifically informed the Judicial Council of the Salt Lake County Council's approval of Resolution No. 5986, and of Salt Lake County's intent to petition the Utah Legislature for approval to dissolve the Salt Lake County Justice Court during the 2025 general session; and

WHEREAS, Salt Lake County has timely complied with the notice requirements of Utah Code Ann. § 78A-7-123; and

WHEREAS, the City of Millcreek withdrew its caseload from the Salt Lake County Justice Court in 2023, greatly reducing filings at the Salt Lake County Justice Court; and

WHEREAS, the Utah Legislature recently adopted H.B. 35 (2024 general session), which legislation converted certain metro townships located in Salt Lake County that are currently being served by the Salt Lake County Justice Court to municipalities, thereby providing those newly converted municipalities with greater autonomy to determine whether and how to provide justice court services for their residents; and

WHEREAS, the Utah Legislature recently adopted H.B. 330 (2024 general session), which legislation provided legal mechanisms by which various unincorporated areas of Salt Lake County will be annexed or incorporated into municipalities by 2027; and

WHEREAS, the cumulative effect of these legislative enactments is likely to be a substantial reduction in both the population and geographical areas of Salt Lake County that are currently being serviced by the Salt Lake County Justice Court, and a corresponding decrease in the Salt Lake County Justice Court's caseload; and

WHEREAS, the Salt Lake County Council does now determine that it is in the best interest of the County and its residents to dissolve the Salt Lake County Justice Court, and to allow its residual caseload to fall to the Utah Third District Court as may be necessary; and

WHEREAS, the Utah Legislature's 2025 general session is scheduled to begin on January 21, 2025, and the time is now procedurally appropriate for Salt Lake County to formally petition the Legislature to adopt a joint resolution to approve the dissolution of the Salt Lake County Justice Court;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Salt Lake County Council that:

1. Salt Lake County does hereby formally request that the Utah Legislature adopt a joint resolution approving the dissolution of the Salt Lake County Justice Court during its 2025 general session, in a manner consistent with Utah Code Ann. § 78-7-123; and

2. That the dissolution of the Salt Lake County Justice Court be allowed to be made effective as of July 1, 2026; and

2. That upon dissolution of the Salt Lake County Justice Court, its caseload be allowed to fall to the Utah Third District Court as may be necessary; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Salt Lake County Clerk shall provide copies of this Resolution to President of the Utah Senate and the Speaker of the Utah House of Representatives upon its passage; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council’s Legislative Affairs Director and the County’s governmental relations contractual representatives shall undertake all other activities that are necessary and proper to petition the Utah Legislature to adopt a joint resolution approving the dissolution of the Salt Lake County Justice Court during the 2025 general session.

APPROVED and ADOPTED this 8th day of October, 2024.

SALT LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL

ATTEST (SEAL)

By /s/ LAURIE STRINGHAM
Chair

By /s/ LANNIE CHAPMAN
Salt Lake County Clerk

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

5. CONSENT ITEMS

A motion was made by Council Chair Stringham, seconded by Council Member Granato, that the Consent Agenda be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

- 5.1 Consideration of a Donation Valued at \$3,750.00 of Utah Transit Authority (UTA) Bus Passes to Salt Lake County Criminal Justice Services from the Salt Lake Basin District of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints** [24-2167](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[Donation Form - Cash Above \\$5000 Property Above \\$1000 - CJS](#)

The vote on this consent item was approved.

- 5.2 Council Consideration of a Waiver of the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Gold Standards Requirements for the South Jordan Recreation Center Pool Addition Project, Consistent with the Process Outlined by Salt Lake County Facilities Management's Approved Design Standards** [24-2168](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[SJ Competition Pool LEED Waiver Request](#)

The vote on this consent item was approved.

6. APPROVAL OF TAX LETTERS

A motion was made by Council Chair Stringham, seconded by Council Member Granato, that the Tax Letters be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

- 6.1 DMV Registration Refunds** [24-2189](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[MA 0029 Personal Property Tax Refund DMV Vet \\$6457](#)

The vote on this tax letter was approved.

7. APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

7.1 Approval of September 17, 2024 County Council Minutes [24-2169](#)

Attachments: [091724 Council Minutes](#)

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

8. POTENTIAL CLOSED SESSION**8.1 Council Update from the District Attorney's Office on Pending or Reasonably Imminent Litigation** [24-2166](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)

(Approx. 3:30PM, 30 Min.)

Mr. Mitchell Park, Legal Counsel, Council Office, stated for the record, that the meeting would go into recess after the closed session and would reconvene at 4:00 in the Council Chambers.

A motion was made by Council Member Stewart, seconded by Council Member Granato, to go into closed session to discuss pending or reasonably imminent litigation, after which, the meeting would go into recess and would reconvene at 4:00 in the Council Chambers. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

9. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND ISSUANCE OF PUBLIC NOTICES**10. PENDING LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS****11. ACCEPTANCE OF ETHICS DISCLOSURES****12. OTHER ITEMS REQUIRING COUNCIL APPROVAL****13. PROCLAMATIONS, MEMORIALS, AND OTHER CEREMONIAL OR COMMEMORATIVE MATTERS****14. OTHER BUSINESS**

RECESS AND RECONVENE AT 4:00PM IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS N1-100