

SALT LAKE COUNTY

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Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 18, 2023

1:00 PM

Room N2-800

Council Work Session

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

Call In Council Member Laurie Stringham

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Steve Van Maren spoke about the proposed budget adjustment that would raise several employees in the Fleet Management department from a grade 12 to a grade 13. He thought it would have made more sense to raise the pay range within the grade.

Mr. Vaughn Cox, Chair, Granite Community Council, spoke about the proposed resolution that would formally recognize the Granite Community Council. He encouraged the Council to vote in favor of the resolution and was pleased with how quickly the issue had been expedited.

3. DISCUSSION ITEMS:**3.1 Proposed Hire Report / Incentive Plans \$3,000 and Under / [23-0415](#)
Weekly Reclassification Report**

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[Proposed Hire Report 4-12-2023](#)
[Incentive Plans Under \\$3,000 4-18-2023](#)
[Weekly Reclassification Report 4-18-2023](#)

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

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

**3.2 Budget Adjustment: Fleet Management requests an upgrade [23-0426](#)
to its Fleet Technicians from Grade 12 to Grade 13.**

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[27557 - Fleet Technician Grade Increase](#)

Presenter: Hoa Nguyen, Council Budget and Policy Analyst (Less than 5 mins)
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 and forwarded to the 4:00 PM Council meeting for ratification. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

- 3.3 Consideration of An Ordinance of the Legislative Body of Salt Lake County, Utah, Amending Section 3.15.010 of the Salt Lake County Code of Ordinances, 2001, Entitled “Definitions”, Section 3.24.010 of the Salt Lake County Code of Ordinances, 2001, Entitled “Policy of the County”, and Section 3.24.020 of the Salt Lake County Code of Ordinances, 2001, Entitled “Preference System,” to Repeal the Small, Women-Owned, or Minority-Owned Emerging Business Preference for County Procurement of Goods or Services** [23-0416](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[Procurement Amendments Ordinance \(002\).bkr](#)
[Procurement one-pager.pdf](#)

Sponsor: Chair Winder Newton; Councilmember Stringham; Councilmember Theodore (Approx. 10 mins)
Discussion/Direction

Council Member Winder Newton stated the proposed policy change would remove the preference for small women owned or minority owned emerging businesses in the procurement of goods and services. The preference for hiring veterans or providing employee health care would remain the same. She brought this item forward because as the Council spends tax dollars, it should be looking at who can provide the best service for the lowest price; gender and race should not come into play.

Council Member Stringham stated this item in the procurement policy was meant to help those with fewer opportunities get a leg up. However, it has

not been implemented in the last five years because no applicant has qualified. The County spends money on programs, such as Workforce Inclusion and Successful Employment (WISE), that are much more effective in helping small businesses.

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 to be introduced. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Council Member Stringham, Council Member Alvord, Council Chair Winder Newton, Council Member Stewart, Council Member Theodore.

Nay: Council Member Harrison, Council Member Bradley, Council Member Bradshaw, Council Member Granato.

- 3.4 Consideration of a Resolution of the Salt Lake County Council Providing Notice that it Intends to Remove the Town of Brighton from the Recreation Area Established by Salt Lake County Council Resolution No. 5644, and Further Intends to Cease Providing County General Fund Dollars for Public Safety Services in the Town of Brighton After Fiscal Year 2024** [23-0425](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[Brighton Public Safety Resolution.pdf](#)

Sponsor: Councilmember Bradshaw; Chair Winder Newton (Approx. 30 mins)
Discussion/Direction

Council Member Winder Newton stated this issue has been discussed since budget season in October and it is very complicated. She and Council Member Bradshaw drafted this resolution to fulfill legislative intent to have a discussion and answer questions.

Council Member Bradshaw stated if the Council were to take no action on this resolution, the existing policy would reduce, and eventually eliminate, funding for Brighton. This resolution would provide an additional 18 months of funding. The canyons are a regional asset, and when the regional

government (the County) had direct input on how that asset was managed, it was appropriate to use General Fund dollars for emergency services in that area. Now that the relationship no longer exists, he felt Brighton should take on the full responsibilities of being an incorporated city. However, he did want to avoid acting rashly to ensure safety for people entering the canyon. He encouraged his colleagues on the Council to read the language on the resolution and become familiar with it.

Council Member Stewart stated he had a lot of issues with the resolution as drafted and he felt it was missing necessary language. Brighton is part of the taxing area and does not pay a separate tax. This was a Unified Fire Service Area (UFSA) decision that could affect the County and potentially cost it more tax dollars. He suggested having a conversation with UFSA and Rachel Anderson, District Administrator, UFSA.

Ms. Catherine Kanter, Deputy Mayor of Regional Operations, stated UFSA has been at the table since last December and Rachel Anderson has participated in multiple meetings on the subject. This resolution was never intended to encapsulate the complexity of this situation, but it would provide 18 months to figure things out. UFSA would be part of that discussion.

Council Member Stringham stated the Legislature is currently studying double taxation and the County needs to be careful to get this right because double taxation is currently a major talking point.

Council Member Stewart stated he simply wanted 30 days to study the issue.

Council Member Bradshaw asked legal counsel to address the “recreation area” aspect of the resolution.

Mr. Mitchell Park, Legal Counsel, Council Office, stated he would not define the space as a “recreation area” in the colloquial sense. Rather, the legal definition would allow the Council to avoid what would otherwise become a double taxation issue. There were no other benefits or designations for that area than this type of funding. Furthermore, the decision to make funding is not guaranteed simply for being in the recreation area. That decision must be made by the Council.

Council Member Winder Newton asked if delaying the vote would make things more difficult for Unified Fire Authority (UFA).

Chief Dominic Burchett, Unified Fire Authority, stated while UFA would like a decision sooner rather than later, 30 days was not a big deal. He did not think a solution could be reached in 30 days due to the complexity of this situation.

Mr. Keith Zuspan, Brighton Town Council, stated Brighton has moved this discussion to the May meeting for the sake of obtaining more public input. The mechanism for transferring funds needs to be considered. The Brighton Town Council would appreciate the opportunity to attend future discussions at the County level.

Mayor Jennifer Wilson stated while she did not like the idea of the cost of ski tickets going up, she would prefer that to having the other 22 municipalities subsidize the cost of fire services at Brighton. At the same time, she did not want to compromise public safety.

Council Member Winder Newton stated the discussion would be moved to May 9, 2023.

3.5 Consideration of a Resolution of the Salt Lake County Council Formally Recognizing the Granite Community Council Consistent with Chapter 2.56 of the Salt Lake County Code of Ordinances [23-0427](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[2a_GCC_Utah NonProfit Corporation_Redacted.pdf](#)
[2b_Copy of GCC Articles of Incorporation_05_24_2013_Redacted.pdf](#)
[3_slco-community-councils-map.pdf](#)
[4_GCC Bylaws_Rev&Updated 02_05_2020.pdf](#)
[GCC Ltr_to_SLCO_Certification_04_07_2023.docx](#)
[Granite Community Council Resolution.docx](#)

Presenter: Councilmember Stringham; Councilmember Theodore (Approx. 10 mins)

Discussion/Direction

Council Member Stringham stated the Granite Community Council had been great to work with and she recommended that it be approved as a community council. She read the resolution.

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

**3.6 Consideration of Human Resources' Attorney Pay [23-0430](#)
Recommendations**

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[DA Attorney Compensation Recommendations Council
041823.pptx](#)

Presenter: Sharon Roux, HR Division Director (Approx. 20 mins)
Discussion/Direction

Ms. Sharon Roux, Director, Human Resources Division, delivered a PowerPoint presentation entitled: Attorney Pay Recommendations. She discussed market changes, challenges, recommended actions, additional considerations for the Salt Lake Legal Defender Association (LDA), and budgetary impacts.

Council Member Winder Newton asked how this would affect the fund balance.

Mr. Darrin Casper, Deputy Mayor of Finance and Administration, stated the County is in pretty good shape to cover most of it. It will take advantage of under expend that has occurred and make the budget adjustment for 2023 less than the impact shown. The District Attorney's Office and LDA currently have substantial under expend, but that is largely due to the vacancy rate.

Mayor Jennifer Wilson stated notwithstanding the sticker shock, this was a needed investment for a unique market.

Council Member Alvord asked if the positions will be utilized considering the backlog in the courts.

Mr. Sim Gill, District Attorney, stated his office has prosecuted 46 jury trials since January. There was an initial backlog, but his office is working with the courts to get through it. Not having enough prosecutors is contributing to the backlog.

Mr. Ralph Chamness, Deputy District Attorney, stated it is difficult enough to compete with the private sector, but even competing public entities are offering \$30,000 more a year and a lighter workload.

Council Member Theodore asked what, aside from salary, would motivate job seekers to choose to work for Salt Lake County.

Mr. Richard Mauro, Director, Salt Lake Legal Defender Association, stated Salt Lake County is an interesting place to practice law because of the diversity of cases, social service programs, and innovation. While the caseloads tend to be heavy, these things attract candidates.

A motion was made by Council Member Harrison, seconded by Council Member Stringham, to adopt the resolution.

Council Member Stewart asked for a friendly amendment to require a report in a year.

A motion was made by Council Member Harrison, seconded by Council Member Stringham, that this agenda item be approved and that the District Attorney's Office deliver a report after one year on the effect of the pay increase. The motion carried by a unanimous vote and was forwarded to the 4:00 PM Council meeting for ratification.

3.7 Informational Update on Mayor Wilson's Declaration of a State of a Local Emergency & Informational Presentation on Current Snowpack Conditions and Spring Run Off Conditions [23-0422](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[Emergency Declaration.pdf](#)

Presenter: Mayor Wilson; Deputy Mayor Kanter; Kade Moncur, Director of Flood Control; Robert Thompson, Watershed Section Manager; Scott Baird, Public Works Director; Tara Behunin, Associate Director of SLCo Emergency Management (Approx. 30 mins)

Informational

Mayor Jennifer Wilson stated she declared an emergency the week prior due to flooding and she expected the emergency would last until late June or July. She updated the Council about how she plans to prepare and support Kade Moncur, Director, Engineering and Flood Control Division, and his team in their efforts to control the situation. She also talked about how this will affect the budget.

Mr. Kade Moncur stated he has received a lot of support. Sandbags are ready to go, and he would like to have a sandbag filling event in April or May. His division continuously delivers sandbags to various operations across the county. He is also using rock and has emergency contacts in place to obtain more rock if necessary. He has been deploying hazard assessment teams as necessary. He has also awarded emergency contracts to different private trailer and construction companies to help remove debris.

Mr. Scott Baird, Director, Public Works Department, stated crews consist both of County employees and contract employees. There has also been coordination with the cities. Public Works will post opportunities to volunteer to fill sandbags on its website.

Mr. Clint Mecham, Emergency Response Manager, Unified Fire Authority, stated he has been working with Kade Moncur's team since the first of March. He has been working on outreach with the media. His team has been proactive in identifying the high-risk areas and being ready to respond. Three homes in Sugarhouse and 20 homes in Emigration Canyon have experienced minimal damage. One home experienced significant damage. He is working with other County facilities and agencies to install a Base of Operations in anticipation of additional incidents.

Mr. Bob Thompson, Watershed Section Manager, Engineering and Flood Control, delivered a PowerPoint presentation entitled: 2023 Snowpack Update. He reviewed the current Snow Water Equivalents (SWE) for Northern Utah, Jordan Basin, City Creek at Louis Meadow, City Creek at Lookout Peak, Parley's Creek at Parley's Summit, Big Cottonwood Canyon

at Mill D North Fork Trail, Big Cottonwood at Brighton, and Little Cottonwood at Snowbird. He also reviewed a seven-day precipitation forecast, monthly precipitation forecast, seasonal precipitation forecast, monthly temperature forecast, seasonal temperature forecast, seasonal streamflow forecast, Utah Lake levels, and Wasatch Reservoir levels.

Mr. Mitchell Park, Legal Counsel, Council Office, stated this emergency might need to be extended and that would need to be determined by the May 9, 2023, Council meeting.

Ms. Catherine Kanter, Deputy Mayor of Regional Operations, stated the public can get more information on slco.org and slcoem.org.

TIME CERTAIN 3:25PM

**3.8 Informational Presentation on the Improvements to NOV [23-0406](#)
(Notice of Valuation)**

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[eNOV.pdf](#)

Presenter: Chris Harding, County Auditor (Approx. 20 mins)
Informational

Mr. Chris Harding, Assessor, delivered a PowerPoint presentation entitled Notice of Valuation (NOV) Improvements. He reviewed current NOV; history; how the County can improve; Quick Response (QR) codes; meeting times and locations; electronic NOV; and live demonstration.

Mr. Richard Jaussi, Chief Deputy, Assessor's Office, demonstrated how a taxpayer can use a QR code to pull up their personal tax information.

Mayor Jennifer Wilson stated she supports these efforts.

4. CONSENT ITEMS:

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

4.1 Consideration of Sugar House Park Authority Appointment [23-0383](#)

and Reappointment**Holly Nichols (reappointment)****Kaila Grafeman (appointment)**

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[2023 - Appointment to SH Park Authority_Redacted](#)

This consent item was approved and forwarded.

4.2 Consideration of Career Services Council Reappointment [23-0385](#)**Andrew Stephenson, Republican Representative**

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[AStephenson Packet](#)

This consent item was approved and forwarded.

4.3 Consideration of ZAP Tier II Volunteer Advisory Board Appointment(s) [23-0396](#)

Paul Pehrson - District 2
Sharon Cassidy - District 2
Gina Chamness - District 4
Patricia Hobfoll - District 6

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[ZAP Tier II Advisory Board Nominees - Mar 2023 \(002\) \(002\)](#)

This consent item was approved and forwarded.

4.4 Acceptance of a Donation of \$8,500 from Salt Lake Honorary Colonels to the Salt Lake County Sheriff's Office for the Annual Awards Banquet, Corrections/Law Enforcement Week, and Employee Recognition [23-0401](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[04062023_1006](#)

This consent item was approved and forwarded.

4.5 Acceptance of Donations Above \$1,000 to Animal Services During 1st Quarter 2023 [23-0402](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[In-kind - Chewy.com \\$1,400](#)
[In-kind - Humane Society \\$4,873.25](#)
[In-kind - PetSmart \\$4,711](#)

This consent item was approved and forwarded.

4.6 Acceptance of an In-Kind Donation from COSM Inc. to Clark Planetarium for a Location for its Annual Gala Fundraiser [23-0408](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[Clark Planetarium Cosm Facility License Agreement_013123 \(63d9749779\) \(version 4\)9945](#)

This consent item was approved and forwarded.

4.7 Consideration of a Resolution of the County Council of Salt Lake County Approving and Authorizing Execution of an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement Between Salt Lake County and Cottonwood Heights Parks and Recreation Service Area to Fund the Design, Construction, and Installation of Three Playgrounds at Three Parks Located within Cottonwood Heights [23-0409](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[2023 Interlocal Agreement TRCC funds](#)
[Cottonwood Heights-Community Park Playgrounds](#)
[Resolution 230307](#)

This consent item was approved and forwarded.

- 4.8 **Consideration of a Resolution of the County Council of Salt Lake County Approving and Authorizing Execution of an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement Between Salt Lake County and City of Taylorsville for a Contribution of TRCC Funds to Help Maintain the Form and Functionality of the Taylorsville Museum** [23-0410](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[Taylorsville City-Taylorsville Museum Resolution 230302](#)
[TRCC Funds - Heritage Museum.Executed Copy TVC](#)

This consent item was approved and forwarded.

- 4.9 **Consideration of a Resolution of the County Council of Salt Lake County Approving and Authorizing Execution of an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement Between Salt Lake County and City Of South Jordan for a Contribution of TRCC Funds to Help Fund the City of South Jordan Arts Master Plan.** [23-0411](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[Contract Arts Master Plan TRCC Grant Agreement 2023 - reduced](#)
[South Jordan-Arts Master Plan Resolution 230301](#)

This consent item was approved and forwarded.

- 4.10 **Consideration of a Resolution of the County Council of Salt Lake County Approving and Authorizing Execution of an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement Between Salt Lake County and Herriman City for a Contribution of TRCC Funds to Help Fund Construction of Herriman City Wide Hollow Trailhead** [23-0412](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[Herriman City-Wide Hollow Trailhead Resolution 230308](#)
[Salt Lake County-ICA for Wide Hollow Trailhead 2023 Signed](#)

This consent item was approved and forwarded.

- 4.11 Consideration of a Resolution of the County Council of Salt Lake County Approving and Authorizing Execution of an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement Between Salt Lake County and City of South Jordan for a Contribution of TRCC Funds to Help Fund Phase 1 of the Mystic Springs Nature Park** [23-0413](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[South Jordan-Mystic Springs Phase 1 Resolution 230302](#)
[South Jordan Mystic Springs Phase 1 Interlocal 230302](#)

This consent item was approved and forwarded.

5. ITEMS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS

5.1. Internal Business

Council Member Winder Newton stated Council Members Stewart and Harrison were scheduled to attend a Budget 101 meeting the next week. She asked if any other Council members wanted to attend. If five or more Council members wanted to attend, the meeting would need to be properly noticed. She would need to know by Thursday.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 6.1 Approval of March 28, 2023 Council Work Session Minutes** [23-0397](#)

Attachments: [032823 CWS Minutes](#)

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.

ADJOURN 3:45PM for BOE

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 PM.

LANNIE CHAPMAN, COUNTY CLERK

By _____
DEPUTY CLERK

By _____
CHAIR, SALT LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL