

SALT LAKE COUNTY

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Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 20, 2024

2:40 PM

AMENDED AGENDA

Room N2-800

County Council

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

Invocation - Reading or Thought - Pledge of Allegiance

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

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Hindy Friedman stated she is a recipient of the County's Senior Companion program, which has been a lifeline for her, but her companion received a letter that the Senior Companion and Folster Grandparents programs would be discontinued as of June 30, 2024. She asked friends to read a statement and poem on her behalf.

Ms. Sue Crowdis read Ms. Friedman's statement as follows: "I am here today to fight for the Senior Companion program. This is a program to help seniors age in place. Five years ago, I started losing my sight. The Senior Companion program has given me the chance to have a more normal life back. My senior companion takes me to the grocers to get food - health food, to doctors' appointments, the bank, for a haircut, just to name a few. I depend on her to be a reliable constant person in my life. There are just a few months remaining in the program if it is pulled. Neither my senior companion nor I had a chance to give input, make suggestions, or try to help. We want to bring the Olympics back to Salt Lake City - a lot of time, money, and volunteers. That is wonderful, but what about some consideration by Salt Lake for the senior population showing Salt Lake City and the world cares. I know that the senior programs are small compared to the Olympics, but look what we are losing - the Senior Companion, Foster Grandparent, rides for the blind, etc. These programs help the most vulnerable population. We look to you to be kind, caring, and helpful. You on the Council have determined the fate of 125 people in the Senior Companion program, 26 people serving 400 students in coming services for the Foster Grandparent program, and 100 people who are on the waiting list

for the Senior Companion program. I know you need more volunteers, but I hope you will find a way to keep this program. You too shall grow old, and I hope that these services will be available for you. Let the world know how Salt Lake City is the leadership in helping all people, seniors included. Thank you.”

Ms. Crowdis stated these programs are so valuable. She used the rideshare program, which her husband once managed. Back then, she would never have thought she would be using that program.

Ms. Betty Yanowitz stated she was 82 years old and for many years had volunteered for Salt Lake County’s Aging Services Division’s Meals on Wheels program and its bill payer program. A gentleman she helped on the bill payer program had cerebral palsy and had no one else to help him. She became his driver and companion, but he became her friend, a relationship that added to her life. People relied on these programs. They gave seniors a connection to the world. Without them, many people would be left isolated and totally alone, which was unforgivable. She read the following poem by Pastor Martin Niemoller, on behalf of Ms. Friedman: “First they came for the socialists, and I did not speak out - because I was not a socialist. Then they came for the trade unionists, and I did not speak out - because I was not a trade unionist. Then they came for the Jews, and I did not speak out - because I was not a Jew. Then they came for me - and there was no one left to speak for me.”

Ms. Dorothy Blakely encouraged the Council to consider not removing this program, as it was vital. She also offered to volunteer for the program.

[Unnamed Person] stated she cared for her husband who had macular degeneration and dementia, but there were times when she could not care for him as she had health issues too. Without her care, she did not know what would happen to him. Then, some people needed help to get items at the grocery store, besides just getting a ride there, or call the doctor, or figure out how to pay bills. Like food, these were all necessities.

Council Member Alvord stated he had not known this program was in threat and would like to put it on a Council agenda.

Ms. Erin Litvack, Deputy Mayor of County Services, stated this was a proposed budget cut in the 2024 budget because of the way the Federal Government did this program. The County dollars that were used to match the Federal dollars will be put into other programs that support the community.

Mr. Paul Leggett, Director, Aging & Adult Services Division, stated the grant for the Senior Companion program expires June 30, 2024, and the County had chosen not to reapply for that grant. Aging and Adult Services is required to have a certain number of volunteers every year to run the program, but it could not get enough volunteers to do that. To volunteer for the program, a person had to be very low income, and with so many available jobs, the County was struggling to get volunteers. On top of that, the County has a deficit of almost \$1.7 million in its Meals on Wheels program. Every five years, the County does a needs assessment to determine the most needed services, and that assessment indicates access to food for older adults is the number one priority. By not continuing with the Senior Companion and Foster Grandparents programs, Aging and Adult Services could reinvest those County dollars into recruiting more Meals on Wheels volunteers.

Mayor Jennifer Wilson stated her office would take another look at funding this program over the next month or two and see what the operational barriers were.

3. REPORT OF ELECTED OFFICIALS:

3.1. County Council Members

Council Member Theodore stated she and Council Member Stringham attended Visit Salt Lake's skijoring event downtown. It was a great event and well attended. She posted a video on Instagram of the event, and it got over one million views.

Council Member Stringham stated Visit Salt Lake dumped six truckloads of snow onto West Temple for the event for people to skijore on. She, Council Member Theodore, and others skijored there and had a great time.

Council Member Harrison stated Lannie Chapman, Clerk, invited the Council and the public to watch the Logic and Accuracy Test, which is done before every election. She thanked the Clerk for continuing to ensure elections are safe, accurate, and fair.

Council Member Stringham stated she received notice that Sandy City annexed Olsen Farms, located at 10216 South, 10250 South, and 10354 South on Dimple Dell Road into Sandy City, and it just adopted an ordinance, which incorporates Olsen Farms as part of Sandy City. All of the legal requirements for that annexation have been completed.

3.2. County Mayor

Mayor Jennifer Wilson stated the County held an event this morning on its homelessness, human services, and criminal justice reform initiative. Staff members from the Sheriff's Office, the District Attorney's Office, and her office got together to further identify the costs and needs of reform within the County's system. There is a deep need in the community to prioritize this, and that need is growing. The business community and people living in downtown Salt Lake had asked the County to do more. A couple months ago, the County created eight working groups to address housing and work force challenges, and criminal justice reform. The County also discussed some capital needs in the jail, and perhaps selling property and reapplying it. It set aside some funding to look into what it needed to cover some of the costs and move forward with an alternative accountability and justice center. Those costs would be addressed through the County process, by seeking additional federal funding, through utilizing some of the opioid settlement funds, and hopefully, from the State's investment. That cost analysis was presented to community leaders and the business community today.

3.3. Other Elected County Officials

4. WORK SESSION

4.1 **Proposed Hire Report / Incentive Plans - \$3,000 and Under / [24-1354](#)
Weekly Reclassification Report**

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[Proposed Hire Report 02-14-2024](#)
[Incentive Plans Under \\$3,000 2-14-2024](#)
[Weekly Reclassification Report 2-14-2024](#)

Presenter: Hoa Nguyen, Council Budget and Policy Analyst (Approx. 2:50PM, less than 5MIN)

Discussion/Direction

Ms. Hoa Nguyen, Budget & Policy Analyst, Council Office, reviewed the new hires and reclassifications. There were no incentive plans this week.

4.2 **Budget Adjustment: Public Works Engineering requests to [24-1351](#)
add \$520,000 to their budget to be used for traffic calming at
Kearns Elementary and Sams Boulevard. This will be**

reimbursed by the Greater Salt Lake Municipal Services District (GSLMSD).

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[30762 - New Funding for traffic calming in Kearns](#)

Presenter: Hoa Nguyen, Council Budget and Policy Analyst (Approx. 2:50PM, less than 5MIN)

Discussion/Direction

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

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

- 4.3 Budget Adjustment: This is a post year-end budget adjustment for 2023. The Assessor's Office requests to shift \$372,323 from personnel budget to establish budget for subscription-based information technology arrangements (SBITAs) for the Thimgan-Prognose Software.** [24-1329](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[30769 - Unit Shift to Establish SBITA for Thimgan-Prognose](#)

Presenter: Hoa Nguyen, Council Budget and Policy Analyst (Approx. 2:50PM, less than 5MIN)

Discussion/Direction

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

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

- 4.4 Consideration of a Fee Waiver Request not to Exceed \$22,800 for Parking Fees at the Hyatt Regency for Members of the Utah State Legislature for the Remainder of the 2024 Legislative Session** [24-1379](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[Fee Waiver Request Form SPCC](#)
[Fee Waiver Request SPCC](#)

Presenters: Erin Litvack, Deputy Mayor. Dan Hayes, General Manager Salt Palace Convention Center (Approx. 2:50PM, Less than 5MIN)
Discussion/Direction

Ms. Erin Litvack, Deputy Mayor of County Services, reviewed the request of the Utah State Legislature for a fee waiver for legislators to park at the Salt Palace Convention Center parking lot free of charge for up to 45 days during the legislative session. If the Council approved this request, the Mayor's Office would deliver parking passes to the Legislature to distribute to legislators.

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

4.5 **Report of Deposits and Investments as of December 31, 2023** [24-1348](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[Txrlf23 totals](#)
[UtahDandIReportHoldings 12312023.pdf](#)
[2023 Interest Income_handout.pptx](#)

Presenter: K. Wayne Cushing, Treasurer (Approx. 2:55PM, 15MIN)
Informational

Mr. Wayne Cushing, County Treasurer, reviewed the Deposit and Investment Report for the period ending December 31, 2023, to be filed with the Utah Money Management Council. He stated last summer, he asked to have an insert placed in the Auditor's evaluation notice regarding tax relief programs available in the County. After the insert went out, the County had an increase in the number of calls, but not an increase in the circuit breaker program. There was an increase in the circuit breaker applications, but many of those people were barely over the income level and did not qualify for the program. There was an additional \$3 million granted in veteran tax relief in 2023 from 2022, but that was because the price of homes had gone up so much that in 2022, veterans had reached the maximum valuation reduction they could take, and many veterans owed tax that year when they had not

owed tax in prior years. In 2023, the Legislature made a change to the valuation number, so all those who had not qualified for a full exemption in 2022, did so in 2023.

This year, Senator Todd Weiler proposed SB 250, which would raise circuit breaker limits from \$38,000 to \$42,000, to allow more people to qualify, but it did have a fiscal note on it for the State and the County. For those making under \$38,000, the County's portion of the fiscal note would be that it would pay on 55 percent of its valuation, but instead of deducting 45 percent of the valuation, it would grant an additional 20 percent off. The State has a sliding scale, whereby the less someone made, the greater amount they would get from the State. There have been proposals in the past to do this, but they have never gotten past the fiscal note. The bill will be heard in committee tomorrow, and he asked that the Council support it.

Mr. Cushing also delivered a PowerPoint presentation entitled Salt Lake County Investment Income 2023, reviewing a history of investment income; a breakdown of 2023 interest income; Salt Lake County's total portfolio as of 12/31/2023; and market expectations.

4.6 2024 Legislative Session Update

[24-1358](#)

The Council May Vote to Take Positions Concerning 2024 Legislation and Other Related Actions

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)

Presenter: Kara Trevino, Legislative Director. (Approx. 3:10PM, 60MIN)
Discussion/Direction

Ms. Kara Trevino, Intergovernmental Relations Manager, Council Office, reviewed the following legislation and provided a handout of all the bills to be discussed:

- 3rd Sub HB 298 Homelessness Services Amendments

Ms. Trevino reviewed the bill.

Ms. Katherine Fife, Associate Deputy Mayor, stated this bill would change the structure

of the Utah Homelessness Counsel from a 29-member counsel to an 11-member counsel, and would expand requirements around reporting, data, and outcomes. It would impact protocol for Code Blue by allowing municipalities to enforce no camping ordinances even if the shelter was at capacity for Code Blue. It would also expand the definition of service provider, when talking about homeless services, to include correctional facilities and the Administrative Office of the Courts, and it would require client level data to be shared among those service providers.

Mayor Jennifer Wilson stated she was concerned this could dilute the County's involvement on the Utah Homelessness Counsel. She understood there would be two Utah Association of Counties' (UAC) representatives - a specialist and a staff member. She imagined the County would take one of those roles, but not both. She thought there should be a future conversation with UAC as to whether or not the County wanted to advocate for one or the other of those roles.

A motion was made by Council Member Bradshaw, seconded by Council Member Stewart, to support 3rd Sub. HB 298. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

- 3rd Sub HB 421 Homelessness and Vulnerable Populations

Ms. Fife stated this bill just passed the House. It would require a prioritization standard for beds in a homeless shelter; allow a non-profit to apply for grants with any matching dollars; require municipalities to prohibit certain conduct, i.e., panhandling, to protect pedestrian safety in order to be eligible for the homelessness mitigation funding; and raise the Code Blue temperature from 15 to 18 degrees.

A motion was made by Council Member Harrison, seconded by Council Member Stewart, to support 3rd Sub. HB 421. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

- Appropriations

Ms. Fife reviewed some appropriations for homeless services that were part of the Governor's budget and are being considered this week:

Homeless Shelter Cities Mitigation Fund - this would increase ongoing funding for a city that hosted a shelter to help with mitigation of any issues that happened in its community.

Statewide Homeless System Support - this would add additional ongoing funding for statewide service providers to apply for funding for additional services. As the cost of

labor and salaries goes up for providers, so does the need for increased funding.

Low Barrier Shelter Development - this would be one-time funding for the creation of a permanent micro-shelter location, and funding for operations for the micro-shelter community.

Non-Congregate Shelter - this would be funding for three years for operations for the Medically Vulnerable People (MVP), as well as for other non-congregate shelter that has come online.

Winter Response and Systems Stabilization - this would be three years of funding for winter response and Code Blue efforts. Without this funding, the County would have to do more with less or not be able to do anything in the winter.

- 1st Sub HB 335 State Grant Process Amendments

Ms. Trevino reviewed the bill, stating the original bill did not allow any political subdivision to get any State grant money without being called out specifically, and the first substitute narrowed that down to just apply to counties of the first- and second-class and all the political subdivisions within those areas, which would impact the County by \$50 million to \$60 million. There is a second substitute, which stripped that exclusion out of the bill, but there would still be strict requirements in order to get State grant money. That substitute has not been adopted yet.

A motion was made by Council Member Winder Newton, seconded by Council Member Harrison, to oppose 1st Sub. HB 355, unless counties of the first- and second-class got taken out, after which it would stay neutral. The motion carried 6 to 2, with Council Members Alvord and Stewart voting “Nay.” Council Member Bradley was absent for the vote.

- HB 476 Municipal Land Use Regulations Modifications

Mr. Zachary Shaw, Deputy District Attorney, stated this is the annual cleanup bill of Utah’s Land Use, Development, and Management Act (LUDMA). The fundamental issue with this bill was not with the language, but with the process. The Utah League of Cities and Towns (ULCT) would be negotiating and drafting this language cleanup, but the Utah Association of Counties (UAC) needed a place on that drafting and negotiating table. He attended the meetings, but a lot of the work was done after the meetings, and UAC needed to be able to monitor that. Then, a number of other County attorneys did have some concerns about the language of the bill.

Ms. Trevino suggested monitoring the bill to see whether technical issues arose.

- HB 478 Animal Care Amendments

Ms. Trevino stated this bill came out late in last year's legislative session and it passed the House, but it did not pass the Senate. This year, the sponsor consulted with the County's Animal Services Division, as it had some concerns.

Ms. Talia Butler, Director, Animal Services Division, stated fundamentally, the Animal Services Division agreed with the bill, as it would address puppy mills. However, the bill had not addressed where puppies would go if the bill was enforced by the Department of Agriculture and Food. She worked with the sponsor who agreed to include that a shelter could accept the puppies if they had the capacity or ability to do so.

A motion was made by Council Member Bradshaw, seconded by Council Member Harrison, to support HB 478. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

- 2nd Sub HB 491 Data Privacy Amendments

Mr. Zachary Posner, Chief Information Officer, Information Services Division, reviewed the bill, which would force data privacy issues around personal information. The bill would create the Utah Privacy Governing Board, the Office of Data Privacy, and rename the Personal Oversight Commission to the Utah Privacy Commission. However, counties and cities would only get one seat at the table on the Utah Privacy Commission, which is challenging from a local control perspective. Many amendments were good, but the implementation dates were a little aggressive; and notifications of privacy, in terms of breach, were challenging and inconsistent with other legislation. The County would have to implement privacy notifications for personal information it kept and controlled, and it would probably have to put in place additional policies and processes to address privacy concerns. Long-term, it may need to appoint an Essential Privacy Officer, although that was not explicit in the bill.

Ms. Trevino stated the Council took a position to oppose the original version of the bill. She suggested monitoring the substitute to see if the Utah Association of Counties (UAC) was able to get some of its concerns addressed.

- HB 501 Health Amendments

Mr. Tim Whalen, Director, Behavioral Health Division, reviewed the bill, which would allow the County to extend Medicaid coverage to inmates in the jail. Currently, Medicaid dollars are prohibited from being used in an incarcerated setting. This would enable the County to use Medicaid dollars 90 days prior to an inmate's release. It would also enable case managers to go into the jail to help inmates get ready to transfer out into the community.

Mr. Matt Dumont, Chief Deputy, Sheriff's Office, stated inmates were now staying in the jail for longer periods of time. The jail has just under 500 sentenced individuals who are there an average of 122 days. This bill would be a significant savings to the County with that group alone. He encouraged the Council to support the bill.

Council Member Granato stated this would enable an inmate being released from jail to continue treatment and medication, which would be invaluable for case management.

A motion was made by Council Member Winder Newton, seconded by Council Member Harrison, to support HB 501. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

- HB 502 Critical Infrastructure and Mining

Ms. Trevino stated this bill was similar to SB 72, but it also had some study requirements for counties for critical infrastructure materials.

Ms. Bridget Romano, Deputy District Attorney, stated SB 72 would vastly expand critical infrastructure material operations in the canyons, but HB 502 would do that in a faster and potentially more pernicious way. It would require all political subdivisions with counties to adopt an ordinance by December 31, 2024, that would allow Seemo Mining into all zones in the County that had available land within 1,000 feet of a dwelling and 500 feet of a highway or railroad. Essentially, every area in the County would be open to the development of Seemo operations. If a county did not adopt an ordinance by December 31st, it would legislatively be treated as if it had, and Seemo operations would be permitted. Then, by May 31, 2024, Seemo operations would be permitted in every zone in any political subdivision without regard to regulations that are in use now, and that included the County's Foothill and Canyons Overlay Zone (FCOZ) and its Forestry Recreation (FR) Zone. That ran in conflict with the pending litigation the County had now at Parley's Canyon, and it would create an impediment to the County stopping the Parley's expansion on the north side of Parley's Way.

The bill would also require counties to put together a feasibility study and a plan to show

how they were going to guarantee a continuous supply of critical infrastructure materials in their county for development over the next 20 years. That study and plan would need to be done by November of this year, and that report would need to be updated on five-year horizons. The amount of detail that would have to go into that was extensive and would require engaging experts, engineers, and individuals in the field. Conservatively, it would cost the County \$1.25 million in the first year and \$7.75 million thereafter. There was also a referring requirement that by December 31st, counties would need to provide an update to the Legislative Management Committee about what they were going to do in their 20-year plan.

This bill was drafted largely in secret. It has been available for a Committee hearing for the past three weeks, which signaled to her, it could be heard late in the session and pushed through both the House and the Senate without much public input or comment. The process and the vast impact this would have on the County's land use authority and regulations already in place would be preempted if this bill were to pass. The legislation is opposed by every local governmental entity and the Utah Association of Counties.

Council Member Harrison stated the lack of allowing local control over air quality or health was concerning.

A motion was made by Council Member Harrison, seconded by Council Member Winder Newton, to oppose HB 502.

Council Member Alvord stated he was torn on this bill as it would encroach on the County's ability to have control over what happened in its areas; however, the County and State were grappling with housing costs and high paying jobs so people could afford housing. The general anti-mining sentiment could be shortsighted. It could push away opportunities to create revenue and income for some Salt Lake County residents and cause the County to have to export gravel.

Council Member Stringham stated this would allow a special interest group the ability to circumvent the system that is currently in place, which superseded communities' rights.

Mayor Wilson stated she has been talking with the sponsor of the bill about the County's willingness to participate in aggregate mining. Some proponents of the bill created a false narrative that the County was not participating in aggregate mining, which is not true. The County has participated in aggregate mining. The County had to maintain a balance of investing in growing industry while also preserving the foothills and canyons. This bill should not pass for reasons articulated.

Council Member Bradshaw stated the bill is so egregious, he did not want to negotiate. As local leaders, the County should be able to exercise land use authority to determine the appropriateness of mining location and mitigation of mining impacts on neighboring landowners, rather than giving that authority to the State. Having local government make that decision did not mean it was anti-mining.

Council Member Bradley stated the need for aggregate mining and who could develop at the lowest cost so someone could make money, versus the consequences of mining on the environment and health to the existing population in the areas affected was a no-brainer. Opposing this bill was the only thing to do.

A motion was made by Council Member Harrison, seconded by Council Member Winder Newton, to oppose HB 502. The motion carried 8 to 1, with Council Member Alvord voting in opposition.

Council Member Alvord stated he voted no for the reasons he stated.

Council Member Stewart stated there were flaws in the bill, which he thought could be corrected in SB 72, so he wanted to work with the sponsor on that bill.

- HB 507 Construction Amendments

Mr. Kade Moncur, Director, Flood Control Engineering Division, stated this bill would prohibit a county from requiring stormwater detention on development, which could cause problems with flooding across the County's flood control facilities. It basically nullified the County's fifth minimum control measure (MCM), a long-term post construction stormwater management section of the County's current Utah Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (UPDES) permit. The bill would set up a menu of Best Management Practices (BMP) that developers could use, but if the developer selected a BMP from that list, the County would have no ability to change or alter anything as development went forward, even if it was not working. The bill would also give a de facto approval to a permit once the developer submitted a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan. The way the bill was written, the County would need to issue a Stormwater Runoff Permit to the developer three days after the developer submitted the application for that permit. That three-day time period would eliminate the County's ability to request changes because by the time it did request a change and the developer got back to it, the three days would be past.

Ms. Trevino recommended opposing this and working with the Utah Association of Counties and the League of Cities and Towns, which were getting stakeholders together to negotiate with the homebuilders who were pushing this.

A motion was made by Council Member Harrison, seconded by Council Member Bradshaw, to oppose HB 507. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

- SB 98 Online Data Security and Privacy Amendments

Ms. Trevino stated this bill passed. Last year, the bill was proposed, and part of it passed requiring all governmental entities to move to the website domain of dot gov. However, the effective date for doing that was delayed from January 2, 2025, to July 1, 2025.

- 1st Sub 208 Housing and Transit Reinvestment Zone (HTRZ) Amendments

Ms. Trevino reviewed the bill, stating this makes changes to the HTRZ statute, which gets amended every year.

Ms. Dina Blaes, Director, Office of Regional Development, stated the County had requested some revisions to the bill and was working with the sponsor on them. It requested that three percent of the HTRZ budget for every application be transferred to the housing authority in counties where HTRZs existed for the purpose of verifying that the affordable housing units being built were occupied by families that met the Area Median Income limits. Currently, it had no mechanism to verify that. The sponsor put one percent in the bill, but she expected he would change that to two percent. She would support that because a lot of the units have not come online yet, so there would be time to see what was needed to make sure compliance was sound. The second request was that 40 percent of the HTRZ budget go to the city, instead of all of the money going to the developer for reimbursement, for the purpose of putting in place a stationary plan between the building around the development, such as a bike trail, pedestrian walkway, open plaza, etc., which cities were now required to do. The sponsor has agreed to include 20 percent in the bill.

One additional change she would like to see was the elimination of Line 315. The bill says, “the housing and transit reinvestment zone may not exceed a one-quarter mile radius from the light rail stations or any point on the light rail line between the two stations.” Allowing this zone at any point on the light rail line between the two stations flew in the

face of the purpose of an HTRZ. These HTRZs were designed so people could walk to a transit stop.

Mayor Wilson stated this would further erode the County's tax base.

A motion was made by Council Member Winder Newton, seconded by Council Member Bradley, to oppose 1st Sub. 208, until Line 315 was taken out of the bill. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

- 1st Sub HB 13 Infrastructure Financing Districts

Ms. Trevino reviewed the bill, which passed the House with zero no votes. The Council took a position to monitor the bill because it would allow districts to be stacked onto a single property, but the sponsor took that out of the bill.

Mr. Zachary Shaw, Deputy District Attorney, stated the biggest concerns were the ability to stack districts and impose property taxes. He had recommended a tax notice be required, but the bill now limited the ability of districts to impose property taxes, so that was no longer a concern. He had also recommended shorter sentences for board members, but the sponsor was not willing to do that. The League of Cities and Towns negotiated with the sponsor and got him to specify the exact infrastructure the financing could be used for. Language was also added to the substitute bill that would require a report of infrastructure financing district revenues, and that the report be provided to municipalities, but it had not included providing that to counties and unincorporated areas.

Ms. Trevino stated she thought that was an oversight. The Utah Association of Counties was going to ask for that change.

- HB 35 Metro Township Modifications

Ms. Trevino stated the County took a position to support this bill, and it is moving forward. It is on the Senate second reading calendar.

- 2nd Sub HB 289 Property Rights Ombudsman Amendments

Ms. Trevino stated the Council took a position to oppose the bill. The second substitute is better for local government than the original bill.

Ms. Bridget Romano, Deputy District Attorney, stated the substitute would allow a court to award attorney fees and costs to a party that substantially prevailed in challenging a development decision. The bill still had a provision for consequential damages, and a \$250 per day civil penalty was added, but consequential damages could only be awarded against a governmental entity on the showing that the land use decision was an intentional and knowing violation of the law.

- HB 330 Unincorporated Areas Amendments

Ms. Trevino stated the sponsor has been working on a substitute that would add feasibility language to ensure that if Granite wanted to incorporate, it had accurate numbers for the residents. The Council took a position to support the bill if the substitute had what it wanted in it. That substitute bill should be coming out tomorrow.

- SB 172 Protection Areas Revisions

Ms. Trevino stated the Council took a position to oppose the bill, which would create a new protection area for critical infrastructure material operations. The original bill was abandoned by the sponsor, but it had a new sponsor.

- SB 185 Residential Building Inspection Amendments

Ms. Trevino stated this bill would allow third party inspectors that the County had not contracted with. The County is negotiating with the sponsor.

- HB 84 School Safety Amendments

Ms. Trevino reviewed the bill. A substitute removed the Sheriff from being over all guardians. The law enforcement agency that the school was in would be the guardian over that school. The Sheriff would be over the training, but she understood the Sheriff would be reimbursed from the schools to pay for that training. There will be a fourth substitute coming out, which she will monitor.

- HB 366 Criminal Justice Amendments

Ms. Trevino stated this has changed a couple of times, but it did still work with the

County's Criminal Justice Advisory Council (CJAC).

Mayor Wilson stated when bills related to tax increment forced the County to participate, it put a strain on the County's essential services and programs. She thought the County could be more active during the non-legislative season to educate legislators about the challenges the County was facing, and her office would be working towards doing that.

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND ISSUANCE OF PUBLIC NOTICES

6. PENDING LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

- 6.1 Consideration of Final Adoption of an Ordinance of the Legislative Body of Salt Lake County, Utah Repealing and Replacing Title 18 of the Salt Lake County Code of Ordinances, 2001, Entitled "Subdivisions," in Order to Comprehensively Update the Title to Reflect State Legislative Change, Changes to the Planning and Development Service Provider for Salt Lake County, and to Otherwise Update Salt Lake County Policy on Subdivisions to Reflect Better Principles of Planning, Efficiency, and Affordability, and Making Other Related Changes** [24-1341](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[OAM2023-001026 SLCO Title 18 Repeal and Replace CC](#)
[Combined Staff Report Jan 2024 \(1\)](#)
[Title 18 Final \(RAFL\)](#)

Presenter: Brian Tucker, Planning Manager for the MSD. Zach Shaw, Deputy District Attorney, Salt Lake County District Attorney. (Approx. 4:10PM, 5MIN)

Discussion/Direction

The Council reviewed Ordinance No. 1922.

[Ordinance No 1922 is not typed into the minutes due to its length. A complete copy of this ordinance is available in the Office of the Council Clerk, 2001 South State Street Room #N2-700, Salt Lake City, Utah, 84114.]

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.

6.2 Consideration of A Resolution of The Salt Lake County Council Calling on Utah School Board Member Natalie Cline to Resign [24-1343](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[Utah School Board Resolution](#)

Sponsors: Council Member, Aimee Winder Newton. Council Member Dea Theodore. Council Member Ann Granato. Council Member Suzanne Harrison. Council Member Jim Bradley. Council Member Arlyn Bradshaw (Approx. 4:15PM,15MIN)

Discussion/Direction

Council Member Winder Newton read the following resolution calling on Utah School Board Member Natalie Cline to resign. She stated the Utah House of Representatives and the Utah State Board of Education have issued statements to this effect as well.

RESOLUTION NO. 6169

A RESOLUTION OF THE SALT LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL CALLING ON UTAH SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER NATALIE CLINE TO RESIGN

WHEREAS, Salt Lake County deplors the bullying of our children in any form, especially when the bullying of a child is done by an adult, and even more so when the adult is an elected official who is held to a higher standard of public accountability; and

WHEREAS, on or about February 6, 2024, Utah State School Board of Education Member Natalie Cline used social media to post a photo of a Utah girls high school basketball player and falsely implied that the student athlete in the photo was not female; and

WHEREAS, Board Member Cline's post and the comments that it encouraged were reckless and cruel, and resulted in online vitriol and threats that put that student, her team, her school, and her community in danger; and

WHEREAS, this incident is not the first time Board Member Cline has made false, inflammatory, divisive, and unfair social media posts about our public schools, students, and teachers, for which she has been reprimanded by her board; and

WHEREAS, Board Member Cline’s post targeted Salt Lake County high school students attending schools in the Granite School District; and

WHEREAS, Salt Lake County shares the hurt felt by students, parents, and educators in the Granite School District community, which is very much also Salt Lake County’s community; and

WHEREAS, on or about February 9, 2024, the Granite School Board of Education, in an overwhelming vote, approved a resolution calling on “colleagues from school boards throughout the state and other elected officials to join us in demanding Board Member Cline’s immediate resignation from the State Board of Education”; and

WHEREAS, Salt Lake County desires to send a formal message of love and support to the targeted young woman athlete, her family, her team, her school, our school district, and any others who may feel hurt or grief from Board Member Cline’s online actions;

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Salt Lake County Council, acting as the legislative body for Salt Lake County, that the Council joins the Granite School District Board of Education and other state and local elected officials in demanding Utah State Board of Education Member Natalie Cline’s immediate resignation from the Utah State Board of Education.

APPROVED and ADOPTED this 20th day of February, 2024.

SALT LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL

ATTEST (SEAL)

By /s/ LAURIE STRINGHAM
Chair

By /s/ LANNIE CHAPMAN
County Clerk

A motion was made by Council Member Winder Newton, seconded by Council Member Harrison, that this agenda item be approved.

Mayor Wilson commended the Council for this resolution, stating she agreed that Ms. Cline should resign.

Council Member Harrison stated her heart went out to the family and student affected by Ms. Cline's actions.

Council Member Bradshaw stated he believed it was appropriate to recognize when an elected official did not take responsibility for their role in the community seriously, particularly as it related to the protection of students, which is a charge of the State Board of Education. This type of hurt could occur when people were not cognizant of the results of their actions.

Council Member Stringham stated Ms. Cline posted a picture of a student on social media accusing her of being a transgender when she was not a transgender. She had no right to post the picture and she did not consider the safety of other people's children with her comments, including the safety of this child as well as transgender children.

Council Member Alvord read the following joint statement signed by him and Council Member Stewart:

"We too are deeply saddened for the student who was negatively impacted as a result of board member Cline's actions. Since the county council does not have authority over a State School Board member, we feel that this resolution does not have a clear objective and only continues to bring unnecessary attention to the student. Furthermore, the State Board of Education and the State Legislature, which do have direct jurisdiction and oversight of Board Member Cline, have already spoken on this issue. We defer to their official actions and vote no to this resolution."

A motion was made by Council Member Winder Newton, seconded by Council Member Harrison, that this agenda item be approved. The motion carried 7 to 2, with Council Members Alvord and Stewart voting "Nay."

7. CONSENT ITEMS

A motion was made by Council Member Harrison, seconded by Council Member Bradshaw, that the consent agenda be approved, with the exception of Item 7.1, which was approved separately. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

7.1 Fee Waiver Request - Joan Woodbury Celebration of Life Event [23-1324](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[Fee Waiver Request - Joan Woodbury Celebration of Life Event April 7 2024](#)
[RWDC 501c3 Federal Determination Letter for Co 1974](#)
[Ririe-Woodbury Dance Foundation Final FS 063022](#)

A motion was made by Council Member Winder Newton, seconded by Council Member Bradshaw, to approve this agenda item having found that the waiver of fees contributed to the safety, health, prosperity, wellbeing, peace, or comfort or convenience of County residents. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

7.2 Adoption of the 2024 Mid-Year Budget Calendar [23-1326](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[2024JuneBudgetCalendar](#)

The vote on this consent item was approved.

8. POTENTIAL CLOSED SESSION

9. APPROVAL OF TAX LETTERS

A motion was made by Council Member Harrison, seconded by Council Member Bradshaw, that the tax letters be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

9.1 Assessor's Tax Letters [23-1323](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[08-33-251-003-6117](#)
[21-26-103-042](#)

The vote on this tax letter was approved.

9.2 Refunds of Duplicate Payment [24-1332](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[24-9002 24-1332 Personal Property Tax Refund 13 701646](#)
[NEC Financial Services 2.7.24](#)

The vote on this tax letter was approved.

9.3 Partial Release of Lien [24-1333](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[Eastridge Herriman LLC 32-10-427-005.pdf](#)
[Raddon 114, LLC 27-22-251-074.pdf](#)
[JNG Investments LLC, TC 70% 21-24-428-050.pdf](#)
[Copper Crossing Land Co 14-03-200-001.pdf](#)
[C, C, & L Enterprises 16-28-303-012.pdf](#)
[Kelly M Kim, et al 28-18-403-034.pdf](#)
[Oman Prop 50%; Teancum Prop 50% 14-22-126-003.pdf](#)
[Charles Atuahene & Angelia Shelton 21-05-429-004.pdf](#)
[Tag-C Group LLC 15-14-405-001; -002; -008.pdf](#)

The vote on this tax letter was approved.

9.4 Refunds of Overpaid Personal Property Taxes [24-1335](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[24-9003 24-1335 Personal Property Tax Refunds \\$1,475.11](#)
[2.7.24](#)

The vote on this tax letter was approved.

9.5 DMV Registration Refunds [24-1336](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[MA 007 Personal Property Tax Refund DMV Vet](#)
[\\$1,095.00](#)
[MA 008 Personal Property Tax Refund DMV \\$113.00](#)

The vote on this tax letter was approved.

9.6 Tax Sale Listing Adjustments and Tax Payment Shortages [24-1352](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[Tax Sale Listing Adjustments.pdf](#)
[2023 Tax Payment Shortages.pdf](#)

The vote on this tax letter was approved.

9.7 DMV Registration Refunds [24-1356](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[MA 0010 Personal Property Tax Refund DMV \\$153.00](#)

The vote on this tax letter was approved.

9.8 2023 Tax Exemptions and Abatements [24-1357](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[Txrlf23totals.pdf](#)

The vote on this tax letter was approved.

10. ACCEPTANCE OF ETHICS DISCLOSURES

A motion was made by Council Member Harrison, seconded by Council Member Bradshaw, that the ethics disclosures be received and filed. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

10.1 2024 District Attorney's Office Disclosure Form [24-1337](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[Shaw, Zach](#)

The vote on this ethics disclosure was received and filed.

10.2 2024 Assessor's Disclosure of Personal or Financial Interest [24-1359](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[Disclosure of Personal Or Financial Interest](#)

The vote on this ethics disclosure was received and filed.

11. APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

11.1 Approval of January 30, 2024 County Council Minutes [24-1360](#)

Attachments: [013024 Council Minutes](#)

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

- 12. **OTHER ITEMS REQUIRING COUNCIL APPROVAL**
- 13. **PROCLAMATIONS, MEMORIALS, AND OTHER CEREMONIAL OR COMMEMORATIVE MATTERS**
- 14. **OTHER BUSINESS**

ADJOURN

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS to come before the Council at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 4:45 PM until Tuesday, February 27, 2024.

LANNIE CHAPMAN, COUNTY CLERK

By _____
DEPUTY CLERK

By _____
CHAIR, SALT LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL