

SALT LAKE COUNTY

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Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 15, 2022

1:30 PM

Room N2-800

Council Work Session

1. CALL TO ORDER

- Present** Chair Laurie Stringham
Council Member Richard Snelgrove
Council Member Jim Bradley
Council Member Steve DeBry
Council Member Dave Alvord
Council Member Aimee Winder Newton
Council Member Dea Theodore
- Excused** Council Member Arlyn Bradshaw
- Call In** Council Member Ann Granato

2. CITIZEN PUBLIC INPUT

3. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

**3.1 Proposed Hire Report / Weekly Reclassifications Report / [22-0121](#)
Incentive Plans**

- Attachments:** [Staff Report](#)
[Proposed Hire Report 2-9-2022](#)
[Weekly Reclassification Update for Council 2-9-2022](#)
[Incentive Plans 2-9-2022](#)

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

Mr. Brad Kendrick, Budget and Policy Analyst, Council Office, reviewed the new hires, reclassifications, and incentive plans.

**3.2 Budget Adjustment: Capital Improvement’s Request for New [22-0128](#)
Capital Project and Transfer of \$100,000 from Under-expend
for Election Island in the South Building Parking Lot**

- Attachments:** [Staff Report](#)
[23580 - FAC182 - Election Island South Building Parking](#)

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

Mr. Brad Kendrick, Budget and Policy Analyst, Council Office, reviewed the budget adjustment. The amount for this project has been reduced to \$75,000.

A motion was made by Council Member Winder Newton, seconded by Council Member Snelgrove, that this agenda item be approved for an adjusted amount of \$75,000 and forwarded to the 4:00 PM Council meeting for ratification. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

3.3 Budget Adjustment: Economic Development's Request to Appropriate \$1,500,000 in Revenue and Expense related to EPA Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund for Environment Remediation Loans [22-0129](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[23588 - EPA RLF](#)

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

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

Council Member Stringham asked if there are specific known areas where businesses qualify for this loan and if the County approaches businesses who may be eligible.

Ms. Kersten Swinyard, Senior Economic Development Manager, Regional Transportation, Housing & Economic Development, stated there is a combination of marketing factors to get these loans out to the community. Her office works with the Urban Land Institute (ULI), it performs specific city-based outreach, and works with the Utah Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) to get this information out. There is also individual development company outreach.

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

3.4 Proposed 2020 Transportation Funding [22-0122](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[2020 Proposed Transportation Funding](#)

Presenter: Helen Peters, Director, Salt Lake County Regional Planning & Transportation (Approx. 20 mins).

Discussion/Direction

Ms. Helen Peters, Director, Regional Planning and Transportation, delivered a PowerPoint presentation on the proposed 2020 Transportation Funding. She reviewed 4th Quarter revenue; allowable uses of Local Option Sales and Use Tax Revenue; select projects funded by 4th Quarter funds; map of projects; Mayor's recommendations: focus on Salt Lake County active transportation priorities; Parks and Recreation projects funded with 4th Quarter funds; Mayor's proposed active transportation projects; regional trails; recommendations for 2020 4th Quarter Funds; and a 4th Quarter Choice Transportation Funds summary.

Council Member DeBry motioned to approve this item as presented with the following legislative intent:

It is the intent of the Council that the Office of Regional Development explore using Regional Choice Funds to improve traffic flow and to reduce congestion. To that end, the Council requests Regional Development staff work with SLCO municipalities and identify partnering opportunities that use the 2021 and 2022 Regional Choice Funds to help mitigate traffic congestion.

Council Member Alvord asked for a friendly amendment to include passive transportation in the next spending.

Council Member DeBry stated he would accept the amendment.

Council Member Theodore asked if the Cardiff Bridge is part of the Regional Transportation plan.

Ms. Peters stated it is not part of the plan. It is a priority for Parks and Recreation.

Mr. Martin Jensen, Director, Parks and Recreation Division, stated it was a project that was brought forward in partnership with the US Forest Service and it will be maintained by the Forest Service.

A motion was made by Council Member DeBry, seconded by Council Member Snelgrove, that this agenda item be approved as presented with the following legislative intent by Council Member DeBry: "It is the intent of the Council that the Office of Regional Development explore using Regional Choice Funds to improve traffic flow and to reduce congestion. To that end, the Council requests Regional Development staff work with Salt Lake County municipalities and identify partnering opportunities that use the 2021 and 2022 Regional Choice Funds to help mitigate traffic congestion." Council Member Alvord amended the motion to include passive transportation in the next spending. Council Member DeBry accepted the amendment. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

**3.5 Budget Adjustment: Community Services Request to Add [22-0020](#)
\$4,328,206 in Additional Funding to the Jordan River Trail -
Parley's Trail Connector Project:**

\$100,000 GOED grant

\$2,500,000 UDOT Funds

**\$60,326 ORD CATNIP (County Active Transportation
Network Improvement Program) 2019**

**\$917,880 GO Bond funds under expend from completed
projects**

\$750,000 Transportation funds from ORD

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)

[23561 - Jordan River Trail - Parley's Trail Connector
Construction](#)

[23584 - Jordan River Trail - Parley's Connector
Construction \(ORD\)](#)

Presenter: Robin B. Chalhoub, Interim Director, Community Services (Approx. 5 mins).

Discussion/Direction

Ms. Robin Chalhoub, Interim Director, Community Services Department, stated based on the passage of 2020 Transportation Funding, she is asking for a budget adjustment that includes some of the funds that were just approved. This would be for the Parley Pratt Trail and the budget adjustment would allow Community Services to sign the contract today.

Council Member Newton asked if there were other projects considered for the General Obligation (GO) Bond.

Mr. Martin Jensen, Director, Parks and Recreation Division, stated other projects were considered, but this was the best fit.

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

3.6 Salt Lake County Resolution: [22-0136](#)

Extension of the Public Health Emergency Declared by the Salt Lake County Mayor and the Executive Director of the Salt Lake County Health Department COVID-19 Pandemic

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[Resolution for Seventeenth Extension of Public Health Emergency \(April 15 2022\)\(2-9-22\)\(AATF\)](#)

Sponsor: Chair Laurie Stringham (Approx. 10 mins).
Discussion/Direction

Council Member Stringham stated this resolution would extend the public health emergency to April 15th, after which the eligible Federal Emergency Management Act (FEMA) reimbursable percentage will drop from 100 percent to 75 percent. The resolution includes intent that the emergency end on April 16th.

Council Member DeBry, seconded by Council Member Winder Newton, motioned to approve the resolution as stated.

Council Member Theodore asked if the County would still have 30 days to be reimbursed by FEMA in the event the Council voted not to extend the order any further.

Mr. Darrin Casper, Deputy Mayor of Finance and Administration, stated expenditures will be eligible for reimbursement for 30 days past the end of the emergency, but the time it takes to compile expenses is likely to be longer than 30 days. If the Council chooses not to extend the emergency, the 30-day period for eligibility will start today.

Council Member Theodore made a substitute motion not to extend the public

health emergency any further. The motion failed for lack of a second.

Council Member Newton asked Mr. Casper if he could estimate how much money the County might lose by not extending the health emergency.

Mr. Casper estimated it to be about a million dollars.

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

Aye: Chair Stringham, Council Member Snelgrove, Council Member Bradley, Council Member DeBry, Council Member Alvord, Council Member Winder Newton, and Council Member Granato

Nay: Council Member Theodore

Excused: Council Member Bradshaw

3.7 Update on Salt Lake County's Coordinated Response to [22-0114](#) COVID-19

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[County Council Presentation for 02152022](#)

Presenters: Mayor Jenny Wilson; Dr. Angela Dunn, Executive Director, Health Department; and David Schuld, COVID-19 Coordinating Officer (Approx. 30 mins).

Informational

Ms. Erin Litvack, Deputy Mayor of County Services, stated there was a conversation last week about removing the mask mandate for County facilities. The decline in COVID-19 cases is continuing, and the Mayor's Office is comfortable moving toward an optional plan, which will take effect Wednesday, February 23rd.

Ms. Kylie Sage, Data Surveillance Manager, Salt Lake County Department of Health, delivered a PowerPoint presentation on the weekly COVID-19 Update on behalf of Dr. Angela Dunn. The PowerPoint highlighted the incidence trajectory for Salt Lake County; it showed ED visits for COVID-like illness are down across all age groups; Statewide ICU utilization

is at 84 percent of ICU beds are occupied and 30 percent are COVID patients; in the past 14 days, SLCo averaged 34.4 hospitalizations per day; hospitalization hotspots in the past 14 days; 31.9 percent of the eligible population are up-to-date on their COVID-19 vaccination; and 48.7 percent of eligible population has received a booster.

3.8 Legislative Update

[22-0137](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)

Presenter: Kara Trevino, Legislative Director, Council (Approx. 60 mins).
Discussion/Direction

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

- 1st Sub SB 162 County Governance Amendments

Ms. Trevino stated the County had previously decided to hold off on supporting this bill. The language has since been changed to reflect the status quo on how Salt Lake County runs its budget process. This bill passed out of committee and is now on the Senate floor.

Council Member Newton stated this language gives the Council options to change definitions by ordinance. It provides for more separation of powers.

Mr. Darrin Casper, Deputy Mayor of Finance and Administration, stated he likes the modifications to this bill and appreciates the effort.

Council Member Stringham asked if the County Auditor supported this bill.

Mr. Christopher Harding, Salt Lake County Auditor, stated he does.

A motion was made by Council Member Winder Newton, seconded by Council Member Snelgrove, to support SB 162. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

- SB 200 Revisions to Property Tax

Ms. Trevino stated this is a bill the Assessor's group has been working on through the Utah Association of Counties (UAC).

Mr. Chris Stavros, Salt Lake County Assessor, stated he would like to monitor this bill. The ultimate goal would have been to combine the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) codes with the filing requirement because HB 199 reduces the filing requirement on personal property from five years to one. He feels there is no point in collecting the data not to utilize it. He would prefer that the Council monitor for now.

Council Member Snelgrove stated he agrees and cannot see why NAICs codes are required. It could be misinterpreted by different people.

Council Member Bradley asked if the other county assessors agreed with Mr. Stavros.

Mr. Stavros stated they do.

The Council decided to continue to monitor the status of SB 200.

- HB 199 Tangible Personal Property Tax Amendments

Ms. Trevino stated HB 199 is moving quickly through the process. It has a lot of support. UAC and the assessors oppose it, but the sponsor is resistant to backing off. This bill will lead to more audits.

A motion was made by Council Member Winder Newton, seconded by Council Member Snelgrove, that the Council change its status of HB 199 to oppose. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

- SB 20 Property Tax Amendments

Mr. Stavros stated SB 20 is a telecommunications bill sponsored by Senator Bramble. This bill would change how telecoms are valued; it would go from being centrally to locally assessed. The passage is inevitable, so he is working with the sponsor to add a funding component to hire the experts needed to properly value those properties. His recommendation is that the Council continue to monitor.

- HB 362 Taxing Entity Amendments

Ms. Trevino stated this bill would allow Community Redevelopment Agencies (CRAs) to force the County's increment into a deal if other entities opted in.

Mr. Jevon Gibb, Director, Regional Development, stated this would severely limit the County's ability to say no. He understood the motivation because there is frustration when certain taxing entities do not participate, but not all entities should participate in all deals. He asked the Council to oppose.

A motion was made by Council Member DeBry, seconded by Council Member Winder Newton, to oppose HB 362. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

- SB 66 Electric Assisted Bicycle Use

Ms. Trevino stated this bill already passed through the Senate. There is some concern from the Parks and Recreation Division over it.

Ms. Erin Litvack, Deputy Mayor of County Services, stated the Mayor's Office is very supportive of providing access to trails for citizens. The concern is the conservation easements the County has on some of these properties within its trails. The easements do not allow for motorized vehicles. The Mayor's Office is working through American With Disabilities Act (ADA) language for ways to provide flexibility to keep from violating state law and the County's easement.

Ms. Darcy Goddard, Deputy District Attorney, stated the bill, as it is currently drafted, states any trail open to bicycles must allow all bikes. The bill's sponsor is open to ideas. She is hoping he will accept changes that will include ADA language that would allow for more nuanced decisions based on the characteristics of the trail and area. The County does not want to lose access to those properties.

Council Member DeBry stated he understood the spirit of this bill, but thought these issues needed to be worked through. He would suggest monitoring and working with the sponsor for now.

A motion was made by Council Member DeBry, seconded by Council Member Winder Newton, to monitor SB 66 and work with the sponsor. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

- HB 239 Governmental Entity Budget Transparency

Ms. Trevino stated the Council opposed this bill last week. The sponsor has since come up with a first substitute and used Salt Lake County's budget as an example.

Mr. Casper stated from what he understands, the bill has substantially improved and is very agreeable.

Council Member Newton asked if it will be cumbersome for other counties or if it makes sense for transparency's sake.

Mr. Casper stated understanding population growth and Consumer Price Index (CPI) growth is very important. Taxes do not grow with inflation. Overall, it is not a burden to Salt Lake County, nor should it be a burden to smaller counties.

A motion was made by Council Member Winder Newton, seconded by Council Member Snelgrove, to support HB 239. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

- SB 25 Property Tax Deferral Amendments

Ms. Trevino stated Wayne Cushing, Salt Lake County Treasurer, has been following this bill. It passed the House Committee and is now in the House Rules Committee because it has a fiscal note. The County's position is already to support it, but to make sure it gets funded.

4. CONSENT ITEMS:

A motion was made by Council Member Bradley, seconded by Council Member Alvord, 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 Appointment of Jolee Kochanowski as Bail Commissioners [22-0099](#)
Pursuant to Utah Code Annotated Section 17-32-1**

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[Bail Commissioner Appointment Form_Jolee](#)

This consent item was approved and forwarded.

**4.2 Approval of In-Kind Donation from Friends of CJC to the [22-0104](#)
Salt Lake County District Attorney Office's South Valley
Children's Justice Center**

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[Friends Nonprofit Gift Form - \\$35,157.52](#)

This consent item was approved and forwarded.

- 4.3 Approval of a Donation of New Winter Coats Valued at \$13,500 from Operation Warm to Library Services** [22-0134](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[Declaration of Donation Form](#)

This consent item was approved and forwarded.

- 4.4 A Resolution of the Salt Lake County Council Authorizing Execution of the Attached Boundary Line Agreement with the City of South Jordan to Exchange the Surplus Real Property with the City of South Jordan** [22-0123](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[Resolution for Boundary Line Agreement with South Jordan - 02.07.22 - aatf](#)

This consent item was approved and forwarded.

- 4.5 A Resolution of the Salt Lake County Council Authorizing the Corporation of the Episcopal Church In Utah to Use a Portion of a Salt Lake County Owned Parcel** [22-0124](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[Camp Tuttle License Resolution, 2022 AATF](#)

This consent item was approved and forwarded.

- 4.6 A Resolution of the Salt Lake County Council Approving and Authorizing Execution of an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between Salt Lake County and The City of South Salt Lake for a Contribution of TRCC Funds to Fund Construction of an All-Inclusive Playground at the City's** [22-0133](#)

Columbus Park

- Attachments:** [Staff Report](#)
[2021 South Salt Lake Columbus Park playground resolution 220202](#)
[ILA and Resolution - SSL and SLCo TRCC funding 2021](#)

This consent item was approved and forwarded.

5. ITEMS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS

5.1. Internal Business

Notice of Cancellation of the Tuesday, February 22, 2022, Council Work Session

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

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

6.1 Approval of February 01, 2022 Council Work Session [22-0101](#) Minutes

- Attachments:** [020122 - CWS Minutes](#)

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

ADJOURN 3:45 PM for Board of Equalization

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 PM.

SHERRIE SWENSEN, COUNTY CLERK

By _____
DEPUTY CLERK

By _____
CHAIR, SALT LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL