# **SALT LAKE COUNTY**

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# **Meeting Minutes**

Tuesday, October 8, 2024 6:00 PM

Public Meeting - This will commence at the conclusion of the MBA Meeting.

Council Chambers, N1-100

**County Council** 

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### 1. PENDING LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

**Present:** Council Chair Laurie Stringham

Council Member Arlyn Bradshaw Council Member Dave Alvord Council Member Ann Granato Council Member Sheldon Stewart Council Member Dea Theodore

**Excused:** Council Member Jim Bradley

Council Member Aimee Winder Newton

Call In: Council Member Suzanne Harrison

1.1 Consideration For Adoption of A Resolution Of The County Council of Salt Lake County, Utah (The "County") Authorizing And Approving the Execution and Delivery of a Fourth Amendment to Master Lease Agreement, By and Between the County and the Municipal Building Authority of Salt Lake County, Utah (The "Authority"); Authorizing the Issuance and Sale By the Authority of Not More Than \$35,000,000 Aggregate Principal Amount of Lease Revenue Refunding Bonds; and Related Matters

**<u>Attachments</u>**: <u>Staff Report</u>

Resolution of County - Salt Lake County MBA Ref 2024(w

24-2192

Exhibits)

Presenter: Craig Wangsgard, SLCo Senior Civil Attorney, District Attorney's

Office. (Approx. 5 Min.) Discussion/Direction

## RESOLUTION NO. 6245

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL (THE "COUNCIL") OF SALT LAKE COUNTY, UTAH (THE "COUNTY") AUTHORIZING AND THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY APPROVING OF A FOURTH **AMENDMENT** TO MASTER **LEASE** AGREEMENT, BY **AND** THE COUNTY THE **BETWEEN** AND **MUNICIPAL BUILDING AUTHORITY** OF SALT **LAKE** COUNTY, **UTAH** (THE "AUTHORITY"); AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION **DELIVERY** AND OF A BOND PURCHASE AGREEMENT AND A FIRST AMENDMENT TO GROUND LEASE AGREEMENT; AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE BY THE AUTHORITY OF NOT MORE THAN \$35,000,000 AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL **AMOUNT** OF LEASE **REVENUE** 

REFUNDING BONDS, 2024 (THE "BONDS"); AUTHORIZING SERIES Α SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURE, Α PRELIMINARY OFFICIAL STATEMENT, AN OFFICIAL STATEMENT, A FIRST SUPPLEMENT DEED OF TRUST, AND OTHER DOCUMENTS LEASEHOLD NECESSARY FOR THE ISSUANCE OF THE BONDS; AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE USE AND DISTRIBUTION PRELIMINARY OFFICIAL **STATEMENT** AND AN OFFICIAL **TAKING** OF ALL STATEMENT: AUTHORIZING THE OTHER CONSUMMATION ACTIONS NECESSARY TO THE OF THE CONTEMPLATED BY TRANSACTIONS THIS RESOLUTION: AND RELATED MATTERS.

WHEREAS, Salt Lake County, Utah (the "County") is a political subdivision, municipal corporation, and body politic existing as such by virtue of the Constitution and laws of the State of Utah; and

WHEREAS, the County Council (the "Council") of the County has previously authorized and directed the creation of the Municipal Building Authority of Salt Lake County, Utah (the "Authority"); and

WHEREAS, under the Articles of Incorporation of the Authority (the "Articles"), the objects and purposes for which the Authority has been founded and incorporated are to acquire, improve or extend one or more projects and to finance their costs on behalf of the County in accordance with the procedures and subject to the limitations of the Act (defined below) in order to accomplish the public purposes for which the County exists; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of the Local Building Authority Act, Title 17D, Chapter 2, Utah Code Annotated 1959, as amended, and the Utah Refunding Bond Act, Title 11, Chapter 27, Utah Code Annotated, as amended (collectively, the "Act"), the Governing Board of the Authority (the "Governing Board") has the power to issue its Lease Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2024 (the "Series 2024 Bonds") (to be issued in one or more series and with such other series or title designation(s) as may be determined by the Authority) for the purpose of (a) refunding certain outstanding lease revenue bonds of the Authority (the "Refunded Bonds") and thereby refinancing the facilities financed with such Refunded Bonds (the "Prior Project") and (b) paying costs of issuance of the Series 2024 Bonds; and

WHEREAS, there has been presented to the County at this meeting the form

of (a) a Fifth Supplemental Indenture of Trust (the "Fifth Supplemental Indenture"), amending and supplementing the General Indenture of Trust dated as of December 1, 2009, as previously 4861-7288-4692, v. 23 supplemented (the "General Indenture" and collectively with the Fifth Supplemental Indenture, the "Indenture"), (b) a Fourth Amendment to Master Lease Agreement (the "Fourth Amendment to Master Lease"), amending and supplementing the Master Lease Agreement dated December 1, 2009 (the "Master Lease Agreement" and collectively with the Fourth Amendment to Master Lease, the "Lease"), (c) a First Supplement to Leasehold Deed of Trust, Assignment of Rents and Security Agreement (the "First Supplement to Leasehold Deed of Trust") and an Assignment of Ground Lease dated as of December 1, 2009 (the "Assignment of Ground Lease" and collectively with the First Supplement to Leasehold Deed of Trust, the "Security Documents") and (d) a First Amendment to Ground Lease Agreement (the "First Amendment to Ground Lease") amending a Ground Lease Agreement dated as of December 1, 2009 (the "Original Ground Lease" and collectively with the First Amendment to Ground Lease, the "Ground Lease"); and

WHEREAS, the Authority by its resolution dated the date hereof (the "Authority Resolution") has or is expected to authorize, approve and direct the execution of the Fifth Supplemental Indenture, the Fourth Amendment to Master Lease, the First Amendment to Ground Lease and the First Supplement to Leasehold Deed of Trust and to authorize the issuance of the Series 2024 Bonds and the refinancing of the Prior Project; and

WHEREAS, there has been presented to the County at this meeting a form of a Bond Purchase Agreement (the "Bond Purchase Agreement") to be entered into between the Authority, the County and Stifel, Nicolaus & Company, Incorporated, as underwriter for the Series 2024 Bonds (the "Underwriter"), in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit E; and

WHEREAS, The County desires to authorize the use and distribution of a Preliminary Official Statement (the "Preliminary Official Statement") in substantially the forms attached hereto as Exhibit F, and to approve a final Official Statement (the "Official Statement") in substantially the form as the Preliminary Official Statement; and

WHEREAS, under the Articles, the Authority may not exercise any of its powers without prior authorization by the County and, therefore, it is

necessary that the County authorize certain actions by the Authority in connection with the transactions contemplated hereby in connection with the issuance of the Series 2024 Bonds; and

WHEREAS, there has been presented to the County the Fourth Amendment to Master Lease, the First Amendment to Ground Lease, the Fifth Supplemental Indenture, the Bond Purchase Agreement, the Preliminary Official Statement and the First Supplement to Leasehold Deed of Trust for the purpose of obtaining the approval and authorization of the County of the terms and provisions thereof and for the purpose of confirming the execution thereof (where required) as the official act of the County.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby resolved by the County Council of Salt Lake County, Utah, as follows:

Section 1. The County hereby finds and determines that it is in the best interests of the County and its residents to authorize the issuance by the Authority of not more than Thirty-Five Million Dollars (\$35,000,000) aggregate principal amount of the Authority's Lease Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2024, to bear interest at a rate of not to exceed five and one-half percent 4861-7288-4692, v. 2 4 (5.5%) per annum, to mature in not more than six (6) years from their date or dates, and to be sold at a price not less than ninety-eight percent (98%) of the total principal amount thereof for the purpose of (i) refunding the Refunded Bonds and (ii) paying costs of issuance, all pursuant to this resolution (this "Resolution"), the Fifth Supplemental Indenture to be entered into at the time of issuance of the Series 2024 Bonds substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit B, the Fourth Amendment to Master Lease substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit C, the First Supplement to Leasehold Deed of Trust, substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit D, and the First Amendment to Ground Lease, substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit G.

Section 2. The County hereby authorizes the refunding of the Refunded Bonds and the delegation by the Authority to certain officers of the Authority, the ability to set the final terms of the Series 2024 Bonds within the parameters established by the Authority in the Authority Resolution.

Section 3. The County hereby authorizes the utilization of the Preliminary Official Statement in the form attached hereto as Exhibit F, in the marketing of the Series 2024 Bonds and hereby approves the Official Statement in

substantially the same form as the Preliminary Official Statement.

Section 4. The County hereby authorizes, approves the continued leasing of the site of the Prior Project by the County to the Authority in the manner provided in the Ground Lease, and the continued leasing of the Prior Project by the Authority to the County in the manner provided in the Lease.

The Fifth Supplemental Indenture, the Fourth Amendment to Section 5. Master Lease, the First Supplement to Leasehold Deed of Trust, the First Amendment to Ground Lease, the Preliminary Official Statement, the Official Statement, and the Bond Purchase Agreement are hereby authorized, approved, and confirmed. The Mayor or Designee (the "Mayor") and the County Clerk or any Deputy County Clerk (the "County Clerk") of the County are hereby authorized to execute and deliver the Fourth Amendment to Master Lease, the Ground Lease and the Bond Purchase Agreement, in substantially the same form and with substantially the same content as the forms presented at this meeting for and on behalf of the County with final terms as may be established for the Series 2024 Bonds by the Authority and with such alterations, changes or additions as may be necessary or as may be authorized by Section 6 hereof. When authorized by the Governing Board of the Authority, the County hereby approves and authorizes the execution and delivery by the Authority of the Fifth Supplemental Indenture, the Fourth Amendment to Master Lease, the First Supplement to Leasehold Deed of Trust, the Preliminary Official Statement, the Official Statement, the First Amendment to Ground Lease and the Bond Purchase Agreement, in substantially the same form and with substantially the same content as the forms presented at this meeting for and on behalf of the Authority with final terms as may be established for the Series 2024 Bonds by the Authority and with such alterations, changes or additions as may be necessary or as may be authorized by Section 7 hereof.

Section 6. The Mayor or other appropriate officials of the County are authorized to make any alterations, changes or additions to the Fourth Amendment to Master Lease, the Preliminary Official Statement, the Official Statement, the First Amendment to Ground Lease, the Bond Purchase Agreement or any other document herein authorized and approved which may be 4861-7288-4692, v. 2 5 necessary to conform the same to the final terms of the Series 2024 Bonds (within the parameters set by this Resolution), to correct errors or omissions therein, to complete the same, to remove ambiguities therefrom, or to conform the same to other provisions of

said instruments, to the provisions of this Resolution or any resolution adopted by the County or the provisions of the laws of the State of Utah or the United States.

Section 7. The President, the Vice President, the Chair or other appropriate officials of the Authority are authorized to make any alterations, changes or additions to the Fifth Supplemental Indenture, the Fourth Amendment to Master Lease, the First Supplement to Leasehold Deed of Trust, the First Amendment to Ground Lease, the Series 2024 Bonds, the Preliminary Official Statement, the Official Statement, the Bond Purchase Agreement or any other document herein authorized and approved which may be necessary to conform the same to the final terms of the Series 2024 Bonds (within the parameters set by this Resolution), to correct errors or omissions therein, to complete the same, to remove ambiguities therefrom, or to conform the same to other provisions of said instruments, to the provisions of this Resolution, the Authority Resolution or any resolution adopted by the Authority or the provisions of the laws of the State of Utah or the United States.

Section 8. The form, terms, and provisions of the Series 2024 Bonds and the provisions for the signatures, authentication, payment, registration, transfer, exchange, redemption, and number shall be as set forth in the Indenture. The President or Vice President and Secretary of the Authority are hereby authorized to execute and seal the Series 2024 Bonds and to deliver said Series 2024 Bonds to the Underwriter. The signatures of the President or Vice President and the Secretary may be by facsimile or manual execution.

Section 9. Upon their issuance, the Series 2024 Bonds will constitute special limited obligations of the Authority payable solely from and to the extent of the sources set forth in the Series 2024 Bonds and the Indenture. No provision of this Resolution, the Indenture, the Lease, the Security Documents, the Ground Lease, the Series 2024 Bonds, the Bond Purchase Agreement, the Preliminary Official Statement, the Official Statement, or any other instrument, shall be construed as creating a general obligation of the Authority, or of creating a general obligation of the County, the State of Utah or any political subdivision thereof, or as incurring or creating a charge upon the general credit of the County or its taxing powers. The obligation of the County to pay any rentals and the obligation of the Authority to pay the Series 2024 Bonds will not constitute a general obligation or a debt of the County, the State of Utah or any political subdivision of the State of Utah. The Series 2024 Bonds are not an indebtedness or a liability of the County or

the State of Utah. The Authority has no taxing power.

Section 10. The President, the Vice President, the Chair or other appropriate officials of the Authority and the County, and each of them, are hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver for and on behalf of the Authority and the County, respectively, any or all additional certificates, documents and other papers (including, but not limited to, tax compliance procedures and security documents related to the Prior Project) and to perform all other acts they may deem necessary or appropriate in order to implement and carry out the matters authorized in this Resolution and the documents authorized and approved herein.

Section 11. After the Series 2024 Bonds are delivered to the Underwriter, and upon receipt of payment therefor, this Resolution shall be and remain irrepealable until the Series 2024 Bonds are deemed to have been duly discharged in accordance with the terms and provisions of the Indenture.

Section 12. All resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are, to the extent of such conflict, hereby repealed and this Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its approval and adoption.

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

SALT LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL

ATTEST (SEAL)

By <u>/s/ LAURIE STRINGHAM</u> Chair

By <u>/s/ LANNIE CHAPMAN</u>
Salt Lake County Clerk

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

### 2. PUBLIC MEETING

2.1 Presentation of the Salt Lake County Public Safety Bond
Text, Overview, and Submitted Arguments For, Against and
Rebuttal

Attachments: Staff Report

Arguments For and Against and Rebuttal

Presenter: Andrew Roberts, SLCo Mayor Administration, Chief of Staff. (Approx. 10Min.)

Informational

**Mr.** Andrew Roberts, Chief of Staff, Mayor's Administration, read the following argument for the public safety bond, a citizen's argument in opposition to it, and a rebuttal:

Argument For:

The Public Safety Bond is an investment in our community.

Over the last 15 years, Utah's population has grown by nearly one million people. The space in our jail has barely increased. Inmates are being released without access to the resources needed to put them on a path toward self-reliance, leading to a cycle of repeat offenses. A fentanyl-fueled increased substance criminal drug crisis has use. activity. homelessness on our streets. The State of Utah, municipal partners, and Salt Lake County have committed to a strategic plan to address our mental health, public safety, and homelessness challenges. As a part of this plan, Salt Lake County is taking actions such as expanding the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) Task Force, investing in affordable housing, and advancing the Public Safety Bond.

The Public Safety Bond will fund:

1. Construction of a Justice and Accountability Center:

The Justice and Accountability Center is a secure alternative to jail for low-level offenders, many of whom are experiencing homelessness, and often have substance use and mental health challenges. Integrated with the criminal justice system, the facility will provide resources to stop the cycle of criminal behavior. This includes caseworkers, job training, mental health and substance use disorder treatment, and connection to housing opportunities.

Our jail has become the primary system to serve people experiencing

homelessness. Jail is also the largest mental health and substance use disorder treatment facility in the County. This comes at great expense to taxpayers, costing an average of \$136 a day per inmate. It fails to address the cycle of repeat offenders and related costs. Instead, at \$75 a day, the Justice and Accountability Center will save taxpayers as much as \$6.8 million per year while reducing crime and improving public safety.

# 2. Expansion and Improvement of the County Jail:

Not a single jail bed has been added since 2001. The public safety bond increases jail capacity and combines the two county jails into one. It increases and improves access to mental health treatment. It also builds a reentry unit where inmates preparing to exit jail will work with caseworkers to access resources needed to rejoin society on a path towards self-reliance.

Timing is crucial because one of the two jails is nearing the end of its life span and needs to be replaced. It is more cost-effective to combine the jails now than to invest in repairs and build a replacement in ten years.

The Public Safety Bond will make our community safer, reduce homelessness, and improve lives.

Vote yes on the Public Safety Bond on November 5.

--Salt Lake County

Opposing Argument:

I urge voters to turn down the proposed bond because it does not prioritize increasing jail beds which are desperately needed along with adequate funding of the DA that is required to lock up criminals that constantly threaten public safety. The revolving door reputation of the County Jail is partially due to the repurposing of the previous jail bond of \$9.4 million a year to general funds instead of focusing on more jail beds and funding to fully prosecute constant criminal activity. Adequate staffing of the Jail and Sheriff's office is also not prioritized. Police are unable to book drug dealers due to jail restrictions (they are usually released immediately).

Allowing the County to plan and build homeless shelters without proper and respectful citizen and neighborhood agreement has resulted in shelter neighborhoods bearing the brunt of constant criminal activity. The Legislative audit found the homeless shelters to be plagued by drug use and criminal activity near the shelters. This bond does not protect citizens from the County unilaterally placing shelters or Justice Centers in their neighborhoods without neighborhood approval.

The bond should not be passed since it does not prioritize public safety. A respectful public safety bond would increase available jail beds along with adequate staffing and prosecution funding to ensure that constant criminal behavior results in incarceration. Creating more jail beds and filling them with career criminals should happen before more homeless shelters or Justice Centers are built. This bond may also decrease the available jail beds temporarily while a bigger jail is constructed.

We need more jail beds, prosecutors, jail staff and police more than more homeless shelters. This bond may also result in more tax increases for operations and maintenance. Please vote against this bond.

George Chapman Salt Lake City, Utah

#### Rebuttal:

The Public Safety Bond is an investment in public safety by breaking the cycle of crime. It is a balanced approach to reduce crime, hold people accountable, and enhance public safety while saving taxpayer dollars.

Mr. Chapman is correct about Salt Lake County needing more jail beds. Not a single new jail bed has been added in Salt Lake County since 2001. The Public Safety Bond provides 812 newly constructed jail beds, including new mental health beds and a new unit to put inmates on a path toward self-reliance. Adequate staffing is always a priority for Salt Lake County. A key part of the Sheriff's job is to ensure the jail operates safely and efficiently.

An additional aspect of the Public Safety Bond-the Justice and Accountability Center-is a supervised and secure alternative for low-level offenders. It connects them to mental health services, substance use treatment, job training, and housing opportunities. With services, offenders are less likely to re-offend because they face a healthier, productive future.

The Public Safety Bond is an efficient use of taxpayer dollars. Housing an inmate at the County Jail costs \$136 a day. The Justice and Accountability Center costs an estimated \$75 per day.

Like Mr. Chapman, Salt Lake County wants to end the revolving door in and out of the corrections system. Jails and emergency rooms should not be the default destination for low-level offenders with underlying issues. This bond reduces the number of offenders on the streets, increases neighborhood safety, and protects our businesses.

--Salt Lake County

## 2.2 Public Comment

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**Attachments:** Staff Report

Mr. Soren Simonsen, Executive Director, Jordan River Commission, spoke in favor of the Public Safety Bond. He stated the Commission has not taken a formal vote or action relative to the bond; however, it has taken action on a community vision called the Blueprint Jordan River. The bond initiative is consistent with the work to improve the river, its surrounding environment, and the activity that happens around the river. This is an important part of addressing both criminal activity that happens with increasing frequency around the Jordan River, particularly low-level offenses, but also heightened drug activity. It will help improve the revolving door that puts a lot of offenders back on the streets, continuing the things that create challenges in the community. As an individual constituent in Salt Lake County, he planned to support this and hoped that all residents of Salt Lake County would support it as well.

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Mr. Steve Van Maren spoke in favor of the Public Safety Bond. He would like to see more information made public regarding the details of the bond.

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Later in the meeting.

Mr. Jeff Rose stated he would like clarification on how the bond would increase access to housing opportunities for the unhoused. He questioned whether there was specific language in the proposal addressing homelessness and how the bond would help individuals who are unhoused, but who are not involved in criminal activity. His main concern was understanding the bond's connection to addressing homelessness rather than just criminal justice issues.

Mayor Jennifer Wilson stated that although the bond primarily addresses criminal justice reform, it includes two opportunities to support housing. One involves funding about 100 additional beds in a step-down unit within the jail, where individuals nearing release would receive services to help transition to housing, mental health care, or substance abuse treatment. The second is the Justice and Accountability Center, which would offer support services for lower-level offenders. While this specific bond is meant to create capacity to address more support, there is a broader plan to help people who are experiencing homelessness, but who are not criminally involved.

Council Member Stewart stated he is opposed to the bond and still has concerns about the financial details. When he joined the County Council, he was told that \$150 million would cover an additional jail pod, but even accounting for inflation, the current costs-around \$600-700 million did not seem justified. He acknowledged the inclusion of the Justice and Accountability Center, but he still felt there was insufficient information provided to support the bond. Additional clarity on the impact of inflation and other factors was needed before moving forward.

**Council Member Alvord** asked if now that the "argument for" has been presented, could minor changes be made to the language?

Mr. Mitch Park, Legal Counsel, Council Office, stated one of the statutory requirements outlined in the Council's resolution to place this item on the ballot is the need to develop arguments for presentation to the voters. The Council, in its resolution, delegated to the Mayor's Office the responsibility to draft those arguments. Presenting these arguments is a step required by statute along the path to putting the question to the voters, who will ultimately decide whether to authorize the County to issue the debt. The Council does not need to approve or vote on the arguments, as they are simply required to

be presented to the public.

Council Member Alvord asked if the arguments would appear on the ballot initiative.

Ms. Bridget Romano, Chief Deputy District Attorney, District Attorney's Office, stated the arguments for and against the bond will appear in a voter information pamphlet, which is currently live on the Mayor's website, along with a ballot landing page that provides public information. Statutorily, certain information must be provided to voters no more than 45 days and no less than 15 days before the election. This includes a facsimile of the voter information pamphlet that can be mailed or a notification sent to all registered voters, informing them how to request a paper copy of the pamphlet or where to access it online.

Council Member Alvord stated he had concerns about the phrasing regarding the consolidation of two jails, as it may not accurately represent the situation. He clarified that one jail is being closed while capacity is being increased to compensate for that closure. Describing the process as combining two jails could confuse voters and raise unnecessary questions. He recommended improving the language to provide clearer information.

Council Member Granato acknowledged the significant effort made by the Mayor's Office in educating the public about the bond. Several Council Members attended individual city meetings, where detailed informational packets were distributed. Printouts of this information were left for the public in the two cities she visited. Extensive discussions and back-and-forth questioning occurred during these meetings, ensuring that both voters and officials received comprehensive education. Attendees were also provided with a website to access the full packet, which included details on what the bond would cover, its costs, and additional services offered. The efforts were well-received and praised by the councils at those meetings.

Mayor Wilson stated a working committee, which included Council staff, put in significant effort in communication regarding the bond. Some language might be locked due to legal timelines and the ballot preparation processes. If adjustments could be made, the working committee could consider the request for simplified terms. The process has been collaborative and inclusive.

Mr. Park stated the terminology regarding combining two jails was not only part of the arguments presented, but it was also included in the ballot language that the Council had separately approved earlier. The phrase was found in Section Two of the ballot language considered and voted on by the Council when initiating the resolution. The inclusion of this language was not solely at the discretion of the Mayor; rather, it had undergone previous consideration and approval by the Council.

Ms. Romano stated Utah Code 59-1-1601 is the Transparency of Ballot Propositions Act. In subsection 1604(2), arguments for and against ballot propositions must be crafted according to a specific timeline. The argument in favor must be submitted to an election officer at least 65 days before the election, followed by the opposition argument within a designated timeframe. If an opposition argument is submitted, the entity or individual who provided the supportive argument has the opportunity for a rebuttal, though there are limits on the scope, number, and timing of these rebuttals. The timeline has now passed.

### 3. OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Eric Browning stated his dog, Mika, was severely injured by a chicken that flew over a six-foot fence into his yard on June 15th. Despite surgery and extensive treatment, Mika eventually passed away on August 6th, due to complications from the injuries. On August 26th, a second chicken entered his yard; however, his other dog was able to chase it up a bush until a neighbor returned it to the owner.

Chickens are classified as livestock and should not be considered pets in suburban settings. He requested that the Council amend the current ordinance to require that all chickens be kept in coops or confined to appropriately fenced areas, preventing them from escaping and causing further harm. Allowing chickens to roam freely in residential areas poses a risk to both pets and small children.

### **ADJOURN**

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS to come before the Council at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 6:45 PM until Tuesday, October 15, 2024.