

SALT LAKE COUNTY

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Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 10, 2023

1:10 PM

Room N2-800

County Council

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

Excused: Council Chair Aimee Winder Newton

Invocation - Reading or Thought - Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Mitchell Park, Legal Counsel, Council Office, led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Lawrence Horman asked that the Council consider holding meetings at a consistent time to help the homeless attend. He also proposed that cities in the valley contribute to the purchase and upkeep of a building that would be located centrally in the valley and used as a cooling/warming center for people who are low income or homeless. He stated issues relating to homelessness are not the problem of a single city in the valley, but of the collective cities.

Mr. Steve Van Maren stated he had looked over the bylaws for the Sandy Hills Community Council and was concerned about some inconsistencies in election periods and times. He would like to see the last paragraph addressed to clarify whether it refers to “everyone in the community” or “everyone *present* in the community.”

3. REPORT OF ELECTED OFFICIALS:

3.1. County Council Members

Council Member Theodore read a written statement:

We have all witnessed the terrorist attacks taking place on the innocent in Israel right now. Atrocities against children, women, the elderly, and even American citizens in Israel are horrific and evil. I absolutely condemn these evil attacks on

the innocent people of Israel. I pray for those afflicted, and that these terrible acts will cease. I also want to mention that I stand with our local Jewish community who is experiencing terrorism right here in Salt Lake City. They need the compassion and support of our community right now. I stand in solidarity with Israel, as well as our local Jewish community.

She stated the Utah Stands with Israel event will take place at the State Capitol Wednesday, October 11th, at 5:00 PM.

Council Member Stringham stated the annular eclipse is coming up on Saturday, October 14th. She would be delivering sunglasses she got from the Clark Planetarium to the inboxes of all Council members. The Clark Planetarium is working on an expansion to house students and large groups. Some of the productions produced by the Clark Planetarium are being rented out to other planetariums in the nation, and seeing that successful change in business practices has been exciting.

Council Member Alvord stated this past Saturday, the National Interscholastic Cycling Association (NICA) utilized the Butterfield Trails. Thousands attended the event, including Mayor Jennifer Wilson. He thanked everyone in the Mayor's Office, the Bureau of Land Management, Rio Tinto, and the Council who helped to fund and organize the event.

3.2. County Mayor

Mayor Jennifer Wilson stated the following:

- The National Interscholastic Cycling Association (NICA) event was amazing.
- She stated her concerns and condolences regarding the terrorist attacks in Israel.
- The annular eclipse party will be taking place this weekend at the Clark Planetarium.
- COVID-19 and influenza vaccines will be available to the public through the Health Department and to County employees on Tuesday, October 17th at the Government Center.
- The Mayor's website is rolling out an events calendar.
- October 23rd will be the seven year anniversary of the Eccles Theater.
- Friday, October 27th will be the groundbreaking for The Yard, which will be

the first master plan built-to-rent community in the area.

- The Library will be hosting its annual costume swap. Gently used costumes can be dropped off between now and October 18th. Donors will receive a token for a different costume.

3.3. Other Elected County Officials

4. WORK SESSION

4.1 Consideration of a Resolution of the Salt Lake County Council Formally Recognizing the Sandy Hills Community Council Consistent with Chapter 2.56 of the Salt Lake County Code of Ordinances. [23-0897](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[Sandy Hills Community Council Resolution](#)
[SHCC_SLCoRecognition_ltr_09-2023](#)
[Sandy Hills Proof of Incorporation](#)
[Sandy Hills Map](#)
[SHCC_Bylaws_Final_10-2-23](#)

Presenter: Councilmember Laurie Stringham, Second Councilmember Dea Theodore. Sandy Hills Community Council (Approx. 1:25PM)
Direction/Discussion

Council Member Stringham stated the members of the Sandy Hills Community Council were present to be recognized for meeting all the qualifications to become a community council.

Mr. Ron Faerber, Chair, Sandy Hills Community Council, stated the Sandy Hills Community Council has completed all the tasks required, notwithstanding some challenges resulting from the pandemic. Last year, the Council did not need to ask for any money, but it will probably be out of funds by the end of the year.

Mr. John Tanner, Sandy Hills Community Council, stated the Community Council wants to be able to continue to cooperate with the County Council.

Mr. David Arnold, Treasurer, Sandy Hills Community Council, stated Sandy Hills represents about 25 percent of the unincorporated population in

the County. He was glad to be part of the Council.

Council Member Alvord asked if anyone wanted to address Mr. Steve Van Maren's public comment that he made earlier in the meeting.

Mr. Mitchell Park, Legal Counsel, Council Office, stated the County ordinance has a minimum standard for elections. He and the District Attorney's Office have reviewed the ordinance and found it to be compliant with the County standard. This is a private, non-profit entity, and the main concern is that elections are, at a minimum, held privately and with transparency.

RESOLUTION NO. 6147

A RESOLUTION OF THE SALT LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL
FORMALLY RECOGNIZING THE SANDY HILLS COMMUNITY
COUNCIL CONSISTENT WITH CHAPTER 2.56 OF THE SALT LAKE
COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES

WHEREAS, Salt Lake County Code of Ordinances, 2001, Chapter 2.56, provides a mechanism by which the Salt Lake County Council formally recognizes community councils in the unincorporated area of the county upon demonstration of compliance with certain requirement; and

WHEREAS, the Sandy Hills Community Council is a nonprofit entity entitled to tax exempt status under the laws of the State of Utah, and has been established by private individuals living in the unincorporated county to represent the collective interests of residents living in a particular geographic area of the unincorporated Salt Lake County; and

WHEREAS, the Sandy Hills Community Council has maintained a long-established relationship with Salt Lake County; and

WHEREAS, the Sandy Hills Community Council is now seeking recognition from Salt Lake County pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 2.56 of the Salt Lake County Code of Ordinances, as recently amended and adopted by the County Council; and

WHEREAS, the Sandy Hills Community Council is now seeking recognition from Salt Lake County pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 2.56 of the Salt

Lake County Code of Ordinances, as recently amended and adopted by the County Council; and

WHEREAS, the Sandy Hills Community Council has provided the Salt Lake County Council with copies of all information required by Salt Lake County Code of Ordinances § 2.56.030; and

WHEREAS, the Salt Lake County Council and Salt Lake County District Attorney’s office have reviewed the application and supporting materials provided by the Sandy Hills Community Council, and have found that they are in substantial compliance with the ordinance requirements;

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Salt Lake County Council, acting as the legislative body for Salt Lake County, that:

- 1) The Council does hereby grant formal recognition to the Sandy Hills Community Council pursuant and subject to the provisions of Chapter 2.56 of the Salt Lake County Code of Ordinances.
- 2) The Council Clerk shall provide notice to the Sandy Hills Community Council and the Salt Lake County Mayor that formal recognition has been granted to the Sandy Hills Community Council by the Salt Lake County Council.
- 3) A copy of the supporting materials provided by the Sandy Hills Community Council are included as an exhibit to this resolution, and the map of the Sandy Hills Community Council’s boundaries is approved and incorporated by reference.

APPROVED and ADOPTED this 10th day of October, 2023.

SALT LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL

ATTEST

By /s/ DAVID ALVORD

Vice Chair

By /s/ LANNIE CHAPMAN

County Clerk

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

unanimous vote.

4.2 Annual Meeting with Sandy Hills Community Council to [23-0898](#) discuss its Priorities and Budget.

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[2023 Sandy Hill Application for Contributions](#)
[SHCC Budget Request 2024](#)

Presenter: Councilmember Laurie Stringham, Second Councilmember Dea Theodore. Sandy Hills Community Council (Approx. 1:35PM)
Informational

Mr. Ron Faerber, Chair, Sandy Hills Community Council, delivered a presentation on the budget. The pandemic, along with not receiving funding for 2023, skewed the variance of the budget. The price of postage and copies resulted in a slight increase. The request went from around \$4,800 to \$6,339.

Mr. David Arnold, Treasurer, Sandy Hills Community Council, stated the Community Council has absorbed some unincorporated area, which will affect the budget as well.

Mr. John Tanner, Sandy Hills Community Council, stated it is amazing to note that there is a representative from almost every unincorporated island at the monthly Community Council meeting.

4.3 Consideration Of Changes In SLCo Life-Insurance Benefits [23-0974](#) And In The 2024 Premium Costs For Health-Insurance Plans.

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[2024 Council Benefits Presentation](#)

Presenter: Sharon Roux, Human Resources Director (Approx. 1:45PM)

Ms. Sharon Roux, Director, Human Resources Division, stated she would be back next week with the full compensation recommendations and a broader view of benefits in general. What she had to share today was more of a focused look at what the Human Resources Division needed for medical plan funding. There was also one proposed change to life insurance. Ms. Roux delivered a PowerPoint presentation entitled Benefits Funding

Recommendations 2024 Proposal. She reviewed 2024 funding recommendations and renewals.

Ms. Elaine Schurter-Sullivan continued the presentation, reviewing 2024 funding recommendations and renewals; premium increases by subscriber; and 2024 recommendations for continuing benefits.

Council Member Theodore asked what percentage of employees are enrolled in the high deductible plan, as opposed to the Preferred Provider Organization (PPO) plan. She also wanted to know the cost to the County for each plan.

Ms. Roux stated probably 80 percent of employees are enrolled in the high deductible plan, which is also less expensive to the County.

Council Member Alvord asked when the last increase was.

Ms. Schurter-Sullivan stated this is looked at annually, and there has been an increase every year for the last few years. Last year the increase was 13 percent. It will be less this year.

Council Member Alvord asked what percentage of the \$6 million increase will be absorbed by the employee and what percentage will be paid by the General Fund.

Ms. Schurter-Sullivan stated the County pays about 82 percent of the medical portion.

Mr. Darrin Casper, Deputy Mayor of Finance and Administration, stated during the height of COVID-19, the County experienced significant savings because people had more difficulty accessing medical providers. However, as things improved and people caught up on deferred medical needs, and as inflation occurred, costs started to rise again. He, Ms. Schurter-Sullivan, and Ms. Roux have met extensively with consultants to get costs as low as possible. The initial recommendation was 20 percent. There is an \$8 million Employee Service Reserve (ESR) for medical purposes, pursuant to County policy. He felt the percentage was as low as it could possibly be without depleting the reserve.

Council Member Alvord asked if this was already part of next year's budget.

Mr. Casper stated it was part of the projection for next year and it was a priority. This was going to be a difficult budget year, but employees would be put first.

Council Member Bradshaw reminded the Council that years ago, it decided to have the high deductible plan be at zero cost to the employee as an incentive.

Ms. Roux stated employee health benefits are a top compensation priority, and this due to employee feedback resulting from multiple benefits surveys. The benefits offered by the County help draw employees to the County.

Council Member Theodore asked if a lot of employees participate in the Healthy Lifestyles program.

Ms. Schurter-Sullivan stated this program is administered by the Health Department and Human Resources partners with it.

Council Member Alvord asked how a motion in support of this item should be framed. Specifically, he asked if it should be advanced to the budget and then voted upon as part of the final budget vote.

Mr. Mitchell Park, Legal Counsel, Council Office, stated this was correct.

A motion was made by Council Member Bradshaw, seconded by Council Member Stewart, that the Council look at the recommendation from Human Resources for fiscal year 2024. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

**4.4 Proposed Hire Report / Incentive Plans - \$3,000 and Under / [23-0944](#)
Weekly Reclassification Report.**

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[Proposed Hire Report 10-4-2023](#)
[Incentive Plans \\$3,000 and Under 10-10-2023](#)
[Weekly Reclassification Report 10-10-2023](#)

Presenter: Hoa Nguyen, Council Budget and Policy Analyst (Approx. 2:05PM)
Discussion/Direction

Ms. Hoa Nguyen, Budget and Policy Analyst, Council Office, reviewed the new hires. There were no reclassifications nor incentive plans.

- 4.5 Budget Adjustment: Parks and Recreation requests to increase their revenue and expend budgets by \$372,315 to recognize 50% funding match from Salt Lake City for the Sugar House Park Fabian Pavilion.** [23-0951](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[29677 - Sugar House Park Fabian Pavilion \(SLC Funding\)](#)
[29677 SHPK Pavilions SLC Check 1 receipt](#)
[29677 SHPK Pavilions SLC Check 2 receipt](#)

Presenter: Hoa Nguyen, Council Budget and Policy Analyst
Discussion/Direction

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

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

- 4.6 Budget Adjustment: Recreation requests to increase revenue and expense budgets for the Child Care Stabilization Grant by \$182,175. This is because the grant was originally scheduled to run through September this year, but has now been extended through March 2024.** [23-0958](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[29935 - Recognize Extension of CCSG Funding](#)

Presenter: Hoa Nguyen, Council Budget and Policy Analyst
Discussion/Direction

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

Council Member Stewart asked if this funding came through COVID-19.

Ms. Robyn Chalhoub, Director, Community Services Department, stated there are multiple child facilities in the various recreation centers, and they offer different programs. This grant was received from the State. It has allowed the County to make updates to its facilities, and was not a COVID-19-specific program.

Mr. Brent Laulusa, Fiscal Manager, Parks and Recreation Division, stated the grant came through the Department of Workforce Services.

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

4.7 Budget Adjustment: Salt Lake County Arts and Culture requests to recognize a grant award of \$4,875 from the Utah Department of Arts and Museums. [23-0952](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[29669 - Art in Public Places Grant Award](#)
[29669 Museum Grant Contract](#)

Presenter: Hoa Nguyen, Council Budget and Policy Analyst
Discussion/Direction

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

Council Member Stringham asked if the County's art collection has been digitized yet.

Ms. Robyn Chalhoub, Director, Community Services Department, stated it had been, but it needed an update.

Council Member Stringham suggested the language online be consistent with what was on the plaques next to the art pieces.

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

4.8 Budget Adjustment: The Surveyor's Office requests to [23-0953](#)

increase their revenue and expense budget by \$3,393 for a partnership with the State of Utah to obtain imagery of the northwest corner of Salt Lake County, which is outside of the current scope. This is a budget neutral request because the State will reimburse this additional cost.

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[29552 - State of Utah Aerial Partnership 2023](#)

Presenter: Hoa Nguyen, Council Budget and Policy Analyst
Discussion/Direction

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

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

- 4.9 Budget Adjustment: Parks and Recreation requests to increase their revenue and expense budget by \$75,000 in recognition of a Utah Outdoor Recreation Grant. This funding is to conduct repairs of the Jordan River Trail between SR-201 and 3100 S.** [23-0954](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[29673 - Jordan River Trail Repairs \(UORG Funding\)](#)

Presenter: Hoa Nguyen, Council Budget and Policy Analyst
Discussion/Direction

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

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

- 4.10 Budget Adjustment: Parks & Recreation requests to re-budget \$179,923 for the trail planning project. This project is funded by the ORD and will be completed in 2024.** [23-0955](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[29676 - Rebudget Trail Planning Project \(ORD Funding\)](#)

Presenter: Hoa Nguyen, Council Budget and Policy Analyst
Discussion/Direction

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

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

- 4.11 Budget Adjustment: Parks and Recreation requests \$74,000 to purchase and install playground equipment at Pioneer Crossing Regional Park, which will be reimbursed by the Utah Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands (FFSL).** [23-0957](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[29674 - Pioneer Crossing Playground \(FFSL Funding\)](#)
[29674 FFSL Pioneer Crossing Playground - State Contract](#)

Presenter: Hoa Nguyen, Council Budget and Policy Analyst
Discussion/Direction

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

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

- 4.12 Budget Adjustment: Clark Planetarium requests \$580,000 to remodel the Clark Planetarium Annex along 400 West at the Gateway Mall. This is a budget neutral request by utilizing under-expend from other projects, repurposing funding from the Northrop Grumman naming rights extension, and delaying the partially funded Mars exhibit.** [23-0956](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[29629 - CP Annex Remodel](#)
[29629 Facilities Mgmt Capital Development Estimate](#)

Presenter: Hoa Nguyen, Council Budget and Policy Analyst
Discussion/Direction

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

Council Member Stewart asked why such a large sum of money was being shifted.

Ms. Robyn Chalhoub, Director, Community Services Department, stated finding the funds took a lot of effort. The Mars exhibit was a big part of it. Instead of sitting on the money, Community Services decided to submit the idea of the expansion to the Council.

Council Member Stewart asked if there would be another budget adjustment for the Mars exhibit.

Ms. Chalhoub stated it would be a new ask and not a budget adjustment. Community Services is trying to be fiscally sound by prioritizing wants versus needs.

A motion was made by Council Member Stringham, seconded by Council Member Bradshaw, that this agenda item be approved. The motion carried by a 7 to 1 vote with Council Member Stewart voting "Nay."

- 4.13 Budget Adjustment: Arts and Culture requests to move [23-0969](#) \$609,000 budgeted funds for the Utah Museum of Contemporary Art (UMOCA) fire suppression project to an HVAC design project at the same facility. Completing the design for HVAC before starting the fire suppression project will help avoid relocating or removing sections of a new fire suppression system later.**

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[29701 - UMOCA HVAC Design](#)

Presenter: Hoa Nguyen, Council Budget and Policy Analyst
Discussion/Direction

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

Ms. Robyn Chalhoub, Director, Community Services Department, stated Community Services was moving the fire suppression money over. It was the best course of action to avoid being redundant in addressing needs. The design was not available previously.

Council Member Stewart stated failure of fire suppression could result in the loss of a building, which would be more disastrous than a heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) issue.

Council Member Harrison asked if this budget adjustment would save money in the long term.

Ms. Chalhoub stated it would. The building is old and needs upgrades. The Utah Museum of Contemporary Art (UMOCA) is taking responsibility for some of the modifications, but as a landlord, Community Services is responsible for this.

A motion was made by Council Member Bradshaw, seconded by Council Member Harrison, that this agenda item be approved. The motion carried by a 7 to 1 vote with Council Member Stewart voting "Nay."

- 4.14 Budget Adjustment: The Office of Regional Development** [23-0965](#)
requests to un-restrict \$120,000 that was awarded by the Utah Division of Air Quality to purchase and install air quality monitors on top of electric buses to measure pollutants in underserved communities throughout Salt Lake County.

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[30302 - Transfer of Restricted funds to Environmental Programs](#)

Presenter: Hoa Nguyen, Council Budget and Policy Analyst
Discussion/Direction

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

Council Member Bradshaw asked if this had not already been approved as part of the budget process.

Ms. Catherine Kanter, Deputy Mayor of Regional Operations, stated the receipt of the funds was approved last week. Now, the Council needed to approve the disbursement of said funds.

Council Member Theodore asked if there was a mechanism for collecting data.

Ms. Emily Paskett, Environmental Program Director, Office of Regional Development, stated her office works closely with the University of Utah to publish data on the website. This would be funding for three additional air quality monitors.

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

- 4.15 Budget Adjustment: The Salt Palace Convention Center requests to true up their revenue budget by \$3.2M, of which \$3M will be used to cover associated expenditures.** [23-0959](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[30316 - SPCC 2023 YE Revenue and Expense True Up](#)

Presenter: Hoa Nguyen, Council Budget and Policy Analyst
Discussion/Direction

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

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

- 4.16 Budget Adjustment: Mountain America Expo Center requests to true up their revenue budget by \$550,000, of which \$500,000 will be used to cover associated expenditures.** [23-0960](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[30317 - MAEC 2023 YE Revenue and Expense True Up](#)

Presenter: Hoa Nguyen, Council Budget and Policy Analyst
Discussion/Direction

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

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

- 4.17 Budget Adjustment: Community Services requests to true up the Golf's revenue by \$1,760,158, of which \$248,000 will be used to cover increased expenses as a result of increased patronage at the golf courses.** [23-0961](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[29934 - Golf Revenue and Expense Increase](#)
[29934 1.40.03 - Fund 710](#)
[Fund Balance Projection Summary](#)
[29934 August PB400 - 3820000000 current revenue status](#)

Presenter: Hoa Nguyen, Council Budget and Policy Analyst
Discussion/Direction

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

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

- 4.18 Budget Adjustment: Community Services requests \$1M one-time from Golf Courses Fund to repair damages at the South Mountain Golf Course caused by flooding on Aug 4th and Sep 4th.** [23-0962](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[30309 - Repair Flood Damage at South Mountain GC](#)

Presenter: Hoa Nguyen, Council Budget and Policy Analyst
Discussion/Direction

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

Council Member Alvord asked if golf courses are profitable for the County overall.

Ms. Robyn Chalhoub, Director, Community Services Department, stated tee times are full and the courses are generating revenue like never before. The teams running the facilities are doing a great job.

Mayor Jennifer Wilson stated specifics will be presented during the budget presentation for 2024. The fund is very stable and there is a lot of demand in the community for these services.

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

- 4.19 Budget Adjustment: Mayor's Finance requests to add \$25,000 for contributions to the Utah Restaurant Association and the Salt Lake Area Restaurant Association. This budget was approved during the Fall budget last year, but mistakenly left off the budget.** [23-0964](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[30315 - Add SLARA contribution that was inadvertently omitted](#)

Presenter: Hoa Nguyen, Council Budget and Policy Analyst
Discussion/Direction

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

Council Member Theodore asked why a contribution was being made to the Utah Restaurant Association.

Mayor Jennifer Wilson stated there was a lot of history with the Utah Restaurant Association, and it has been a forceful lobby over the years. In her recollection, there was an argument made that the Council should provide parity to the Salt Lake Area Restaurant Association, as well.

Mr. Darrin Casper, Deputy Mayor of Finance and Administration, stated

this was a technical adjustment because the item was already approved by the Council last year.

Council Member Alvord asked if he could get a report of all the associations to which the County donates.

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

4.20 Consideration of Sheriff's Office Retention Compensation [23-0940](#) Proposal.

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[SO_2023 Retention Bonus_Draft with compare_Final](#)

Presenter: Sheriff Rosie Rivera (Approx. 2:30PM)

Discussion/Direction

Sheriff Rosie Rivera delivered a PowerPoint presentation entitled Sheriff's Office Retention Compensation. This plan was intended to be for all merit, civilian, and sworn personnel as part of a comprehensive retention strategy. It was intended to help maintain adequate staffing levels, allowing the Sheriff's Office to perform its duties and support the overall public safety of Salt Lake County.

Council Member Alvord asked, were an employee to be required to repay a bonus, if it would be taken from the last paycheck or if the County would need to collect.

Ms. Carrie Hackworth, Fiscal Manager, Sheriff's Office, stated the County would typically collect from the last two paychecks, if necessary. The Sheriff's Office would then send letters for any funds that were not recuperated. Finally, anything not recuperated would be referred to the District Attorney's Office for collections. Last year, \$12,741 went to collections out of \$165,000 paid in employee bonuses.

Council Member Granato asked if there was any way to track where employees who resign typically go.

Mr. Carita Lucey, Human Resources Administrator, Sheriff's Office stated most officers go to other law enforcement agencies. Civilians tend to go to the private sector. The State Department of Corrections is the Sheriff's Office's biggest competitor.

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

4.21 Informational Presentation on Utah Renewable Communities Program. [23-0967](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[URC Update Introduction of Utility Agreement 10-5-2023](#)

Presenter: Emily Paskett, Environmental Program Manager. Councilmember Suzanne Harrison, Second by Councilmember Ann Granato. (Approx. 3:15PM)
Informational

Council Member Harrison stated while this was an informational presentation, there would be a request on the next agenda to approve the utility agreement. She asked that any questions regarding the utility agreement be directed to Emily Paskett, Environmental Program Director, Office of Regional Development.

Ms. Emily Paskett, Environmental Program Director, Office of Regional Development, delivered a PowerPoint presentation entitled Utah Renewable Communities Program Update. She reviewed what the Utah Renewable Communities (URC) Program is; participating communities; Salt Lake County's roadmap with the URC program; what URC has been up to; requested action for the utility agreement; and content summary for the utility agreement.

Council Member Stewart asked if the County Council signed the utility agreement in September 2021.

Mr. Mitchell Park, Legal Counsel, Council Office, stated it was not likely that the Council would have signed an agreement, but it may have approved a resolution or interlocal agreement relating to the utility agreement.

Ms. Catherine Kanter, Deputy Mayor of Regional Operations, stated the

Council has weighed in at every appropriate point.

Council Member Stewart asked if the rate payers would pay the difference to compensate for those who opted out.

Ms. Kanter stated she would check, but she suspected so.

Ms. Lisa Hartman, Associate Deputy Mayor of Regional Operations, stated the rate payers would absorb the cost of anyone who opted out.

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND ISSUANCE OF PUBLIC NOTICES

6. PENDING LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

- 6.1 First Reading of an Ordinance Of The Legislative Body Of Salt Lake County, Utah, Amending Section 11.20.050 Of The Salt Lake County Code Of Ordinances, 2001, Entitled “Parking Prohibited In Specified Areas,” Section 11.20.150 Of The Salt Lake County Code Of Ordinances, 2001, Entitled “Stopping, Standing And Parking: Liability,” And Section 11.20.170 Of The Salt Lake County Code Of Ordinances, 2001, Entitled “Stopping, Standing And Parking: Penalty” To Establish Strict Liability And Civil Penalties For Unauthorized Use Of Streets.** [23-0973](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[Parking Ordinance_Final_RAFL](#)

Presenter: Councilmember Jim Bradley, Second by Councilmember Dea Theodore. Mayor Jenny Wilson. (Approx. 3:30PM)

Discussion/Direction

Council Member Bradley stated this ordinance would change the parking code from a criminal offense to a civil offense. Civil offenses can carry larger fines and criminal offenses, and criminal offenses are more difficult to prosecute. This would apply mainly to the area in the Cottonwood canyons, where parking on the side of the road creates traffic issues and a public hazard.

Chief April Morris, Unified Police Department, stated the canyons are quite populated and there are not enough parking spots. This creates a public safety concern. The Unified Police Department (UPD) has tried installing

signs, but they are often vandalized and broken. Cones are also thrown off the side of the road. There will not be an enforcement change to begin with, but a push to educate the public. The ordinance would go into effect November 1st, 2023.

Mayor Jennifer Wilson stated she felt that once the public education phase was complete, law enforcement should start aggressively ticketing violators.

Ms. Catherine Kanter, Deputy Mayor of Regional Operations, stated the Mayor's Office, in addition to working with the Sheriff's Office, has been working with the Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) to do an inventory of all the signs in the canyon to ensure they are up to date.

Mr. Zachary Shaw, Deputy District Attorney, stated the town of Brighton has authorized the Municipal Services District (MSD) to reduce fees for first and second time violators. This has been effective in minimizing the number of hearings that must go before an Administrative Law Judge, which saves money. The Council could opt to give similar authority to the MSD, and a resolution to this effect could be brought back next week.

Mr. Mitchell Park, Legal Counsel, Council Office, stated the draft ordinance provides certain mechanisms by which fines can be reduced if specific defenses are raised. Being a first-time offense is not currently one such defense.

A motion was made by Council Member Bradley, seconded by Council Member Stringham, that this item be forwarded to the October 17, 2023, Council meeting for formal consideration.

Council Member Stringham requested a friendly amendment that would add additional language allowing fines for first time offenders to be reduced by \$50, and fines for second time offenders to be reduced by \$25, and that this option be used sparingly.

Council Member Bradley asked if Council Member Stringham would be okay with only allowing fine reduction for a first offense only.

Council Member Stringham stated she would agree to this.

Mr. Mitchell Park, Legal Counsel, Council Office, asked that the motion also include the circulated redlined changes.

Chief Morris stated a two-tiered fine reduction system, similar to Brighton's policy, would be easier for the MSD to administer.

Council Member Stringham stated she preferred a two-tiered system and that it has worked well for Brighton.

Council Member Bradley stated he was fine with that.

Council Member Harrison, who originally seconded the motion, stated she would prefer to only reduce fines for a first offense.

A substitute motion was made by Council Member Bradley, seconded by Council Member Stringham, that this agenda item be forwarded to the October 17, 2023, Council meeting for formal consideration, and that a two-tiered system be implemented allowing for a \$50 fine reduction for a first offense and a \$25 reduction for a second offense. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

6.2 Consideration of a Countywide Policy on County Funding of [23-0915](#) Public Safety Services in Recreational Areas.

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[Recreation Funding Policy 9.22.23 Updates \(10-2-23\)](#)
[\(RAFL\) - Copy](#)

Presenter: Councilmember Laurie Stringham, Second by Councilmember Ann Granato (Approx. 3:45PM)

Discussion/Direction

Council Member Stringham stated she and Council Member Granato have made extensive efforts to get input from various offices, including the Mayor's Office, and include that input in this resolution.

Council Member Bradshaw stated he was sympathetic to the arguments both in favor of and opposition to this policy, but ultimately, he felt the policy was not necessary. He had not previously realized this would

drastically expand the map of what is a recreation zone. That is a fundamental change that would warrant a more robust discussion. It would set up an expectation of using more general fund dollars for emergency services. He stated he would be voting against both items.

Mr. Mitchell Park, Legal Counsel, Council Office, stated the primary purpose of the statute was to provide a mechanism by which general fund dollars could be used to pay for eligible public safety services. Those services are provided by the Salt Lake Valley Law Enforcement Service Area (SLVLESA). However, there are other services the County provides, such as search and rescue services or countywide law enforcement services.

Ms. Bridget Romano, Deputy District Attorney, stated SLVLESA is a special district that has an assessment to collect money for law enforcement, and Salt Lake County is part of that special assessment district. The money available to Salt Lake County to provide law enforcement in unincorporated Salt Lake County comes from the SLVLESA assessment. There are other bodies that are part of SLVLESA. Their source of law enforcement funding also comes from that assessment. Separate and apart from anything, that is the sole source of law enforcement funding for unincorporated Salt Lake County.

Council Member Stringham stated this was coming forward due to the need for consistency between the east and west ends of the County. SLVLESA cannot supersede the Sheriff's statutory duties. She intended to bring forward a policy that will either remove Brighton or add Alta for the sake of consistency.

Council Member Granato stated a tremendous effort had been made to get input from the Sheriff's Office, U.S. Fire Administration (USFA), and others in the discussion. The discussion has been lengthy, and for her, it was a matter of equity between the east and west sides.

Mayor Jennifer Wilson stated she agreed with Council Member Bradshaw that voting today would be premature. She complimented both the sponsors of this legislation for their advocacy and education on the issue, but felt more conversation was still needed.

Ms. Catherine Kanter, Deputy Mayor of Regional Operations, stated while

her office had been involved in the discussion, there had been disagreements regarding item 6.2, leading to an impasse. Regarding item 6.3, her office had not had an opportunity to weigh in on the map. She wanted to know if 6.2 and 6.3 were a package deal.

Council Member Stringham stated they were not. They would be discussed on their own merits.

A motion was made by Council Member Stringham, seconded by Council Member Granato, that this agenda item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Council Member Stringham, Council Member Bradley, Council Member Alvord, Council Member Granato, Council Member Stewart, and Council Member Theodore

Nay: Council Member Harrison, and Council Member Bradshaw

Excused: Council Chair Winder Newton

6.3 Consideration Of A Resolution Of The Salt Lake County Council Designating A Recreational Area For The Potential Funding Of Public Safety Services In Certain Areas Of Western Salt Lake County; Providing For The Use Of County General Funds To Support Such Public Safety Services; Establishing The Boundaries Of The Area; And Adopting Related Matters. [23-0912](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[2023 Recreational Area Resolution](#)
[36x48 RECREATION AREA RTK Map](#)

Presenter: Councilmember Laurie Stringham, Second by Councilmember Ann Granato (Approx. 4:00PM)

Discussion/Direction

Council Member Stringham reviewed the map stating the recreation area was only in the unincorporated area, and it did not include Homeowner Associations (HOA). Also, no entity that has over 1,500 people can come in and ask for funding. If any areas within the recreation area annexed into an HOA or became an HOA at some point, the map would have to be adjusted. She and Council Member Granato also met with the mine to make sure areas

that were not usable for recreation were not included in the map.

Council Member Bradley stated there are a lot of nuances in here, and the Council did not have time to discuss those today in any meaningful way. He thought the Council should postpone a vote on this until next week.

Council Member Granato stated the Council could pass the resolution, with the proviso that the map could be revisited. Then, the exact amount of funding would be determined by the Council annually.

Mr. Mitchell Park, Legal Counsel, Council Office, stated the Council would be adopting the resolution, not the map. The map is important because it more accurately describes the specific areas being designated; however, the Council should be focusing on whether the designated area matches the statutory criteria and if it wanted to provide funding to those areas for the allowed purposes. The map can be modified in the future, but it would require a new formal enactment.

Ms. Catherine Kanter, Deputy Mayor of Regional Operations, asked if a city that had less than 1,500 residents and had recreation in it could come and ask for general fund money.

Mr. Park stated the statute clearly prohibits that.

Ms. Kanter asked if an area was annexed by a city whether that area would automatically be dropped from the map.

Mr. Park stated the Council would need to realize that and it would be prohibited from providing the funds because the property would then be in an area that has more than 1,500 residents.

Ms. Kanter stated the statute does not say a municipality has to have fewer than 1,500 people for an area to be in a recreation area. Subsection B of the Statute says a County may provide protection services in any area of the County outside the limits of a city. Then, subsection D expanded that idea to a municipality, subject to various criteria. Brighton was included in a recreation area, as it has less than 1,500, but she thought the County could extend the boundaries to include other municipalities. She did not want this to be an incentive for municipalities to annex areas that were subject to

recreation areas because they would be getting the benefit of having that area in their jurisdiction without the corresponding costs of the services. It would be best to include in this policy that if a municipality ever annexed an area within the recreation area that it be automatically carved out.

Mr. Park stated his interpretation of the Statute was that subsection D could only occur if subsection B had already been established.

Council Member Stringham stated she felt everything was covered under State law, and that subsection D came after other things were satisfied.

Ms. Kanter stated she wanted to go on record that she did not see it that way.

Council Member Alvord stated he was comfortable with the map knowing this body could change it in the future.

Ms. Erin Litvack, Deputy Mayor of County Services, stated she noticed a number of regional trails were in part of the excluded area, and thought it was confusing to use general fund money for some areas that had trails, but not others.

Council Member Stringham stated if a trail runs through land that is within an HOA, they were not included in the map. There were also trails on Rio Tinto property that it asked to have carved out.

Council Member Alvord asked if the resolution or map was subject to veto by the Mayor.

Mr. Park stated it was his understanding of State law and County ordinance that a resolution of the Council, other than a budget resolution, was not subject to veto, and the map is only an exhibit to the resolution.

Ms. Bridget Romano, Deputy District Attorney, stated the District Attorney's Office reviewed the resolution and map together and believed they conformed to legal standards. The District Attorney's Office was satisfied that based on the Surveyor's intent, the map excludes municipalities and property that is under use or specifically requested for exclusion by Kennecott, and it has read the disclaimer at the bottom of the map that it was

a general reference document, and the boundaries were not intended to be legally bound.

Mayor Jennifer Wilson stated there are some remaining questions that needed to be answered, which the Mayor's Office could not answer. She encouraged the Council to delay this for a couple weeks to get all the questions answered and to hear from the various parties.

Council Member Harrison stated she still had a lot of questions too, including how this impacted the budget. She would like to have the budget discussions before voting on this because this recreation area will potentially put added pressures on the General Fund. She would also like a discussion on whether there should be a limit to the number of visitors allowed as part of the criteria for a recreation area.

Council Member Stringham stated the number of visitors is not a requirement for a recreation area, and the Sheriff's Office is already required to provide law enforcement to this area. Providing services on this west side property is consistent with what is being done in the rest of the County, and the Council will decide how to fund services.

Sheriff Rosie Rivera stated that is correct.

RESOLUTION NO. 6148

A RESOLUTION OF THE SALT LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL DESIGNATING A RECREATIONAL AREA FOR THE POTENTIAL FUNDING OF PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICES IN CERTAIN AREAS OF WESTERN SALT LAKE COUNTY; PROVIDING FOR THE USE OF COUNTY GENERAL FUNDS TO SUPPORT SUCH PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICES; ESTABLISHING THE BOUNDARIES OF THE AREA; AND ADOPTING RELATED MATTERS

WHEREAS, providing and funding County services outside municipalities is governed by Utah Code Ann. § 17-34-1, which mandates that, for most purposes, county services in unincorporated areas must be funded from moneys derived from those unincorporated areas; and

WHEREAS, an exception to this requirement permits a county legislative body to elect to decide (at its sole discretion) to provide fire, paramedic, and

police patrol services (“public safety service”) and fund those services from the county general fund, in any area of the county designated as a “recreational area” in accordance with the requirements of Utah Code Ann. § 17-34-1(5); and

WHEREAS, such funding is permissive and not mandatory, subject to budgetary availability, and dependent upon annual appropriations; and

WHEREAS, in order to use county general funds for public safety services as described, the Salt Lake County Council (“Council”), acting as the county legislative body, may designate a Recreational Area in a location upon a finding that the area meets certain specified conditions; and

WHEREAS, on October 8, 2019, the Council approved Resolution No. 5644, designating a recreational area encompassing certain areas of the Wasatch Canyons, as more fully described and adopted therein; and

WHEREAS, the Council now desires to designate an additional area of Salt Lake County - located in the western, unincorporated canyon areas of the county - as a recreational area for the purposes established by Utah Code Ann. § 17-34-1(5), as more fully described below and in the accompanying map; and

WHEREAS, the Council finds this area to be statutorily eligible for designation as a recreational area for the reasons more fully described below; and

WHEREAS, the Council finds that designating these additional portions of Salt Lake County as a recreational area, as described in this resolution, is in the best interests of all residents of Salt Lake County;

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Salt Lake County Council, acting as the legislative body for Salt Lake County, that:

- 1) The Council hereby designates a recreational area for the purposes of having the ability to fund public safety services with general fund moneys, as described herein. The area of the county previously designated as a recreational area in Resolution No. 5644 shall continue to be designated as recreational area for the same purposes.

- 2) The recreational area designated by this resolution shall include the following areas: the southwest portion of unincorporated Salt Lake County, south and west of Herriman and South Jordan known as Yellow Fork and Rose Canyons, including trails, with boundaries as depicted on the map attached as Attachment A. It is expressly understood that the residential subdivision platted as Hi-Country Estates Phase I, and the additional residential areas commonly referred to as Hi-Country Estates Phase II (consisting of an unrecorded plat including residential properties in an existing HOA) are excluded from the recreational area.
- 3) The Council hereby makes the following findings with respect to the area designated as a recreational area subject to this resolution:
 - a. The area designated has fewer than 1,500 residents;
 - b. The area is primarily used for recreational purposes, including canyons, ski resorts, wilderness areas, lakes and reservoirs, campgrounds, or picnic areas;
 - c. The area is used by residents of the county who live both inside and outside the limits of cities and towns; and
 - d. A disproportionately large share of public safety service needs within the area is generated by residents of the county who live both inside and outside the boundaries of cities and towns.
- 4) The recreational areas is not a governmental entity and has no governing body nor any powers related to such status. The recreational area is a geographic location defined solely for budgetary purposes, as described in Utah Code Ann. § 17-34-1(5).
- 5) Any funding of public safety services within the recreational area with respect to the budgeting, accounting for and disbursing of funds to furnish the services and functions described herein, shall be in accordance with applicable law including Utah Code Ann. § 17-34-1(5), the Uniform Fiscal Procedures Act for Counties, and Salt Lake County's budget ordinances and applicable policies. The decision as to fund and the exact amount of funding shall be determined by the Council annually during the County's budget process, based on budget presentations and requests provided to the Council by the appropriate stakeholders, including public

safety service providers. Funds may be transferred to those providers semi-annually. The Council reserves the sole discretion to not provide funding or to provide less than full funding.

- 6) The additional recreational areas described herein are designated effective as of the date hereof.
- 7) The Council requests that all County offices, departments, and agencies provide such services and advice as will permit the timely creation and functioning of the recreational area and potential budgeting processes described herein.

APPROVED and ADOPTED this 10th day of October, 2023.

SALT LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL

ATTEST

By /s/ DAVID ALVORD
Vice Chair

By /s/ LANNIE CHAPMAN
County Clerk

A motion was made by Council Member Stringham, seconded by Council Member Granato, that this agenda item be approved. The motion carried by the following roll call vote.

Aye: Council Member Stringham, Council Member Alvord, Council Member Granato, Council Member Stewart, and Council Member Theodore

Nay: Council Member Harrison, Council Member Bradley, and Council Member Bradshaw

Excused: Council Chair Winder Newton

7. CONSENT ITEMS

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

- 7.1 Acceptance of donation American Flags from Eagle Scout [23-0939](#) Isabelle Torres.**

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[Isabelle Torres Flag Donation Form 1006](#)

The vote on this consent item was approved.

8. APPROVAL OF TAX LETTERS
9. ACCEPTANCE OF ETHICS DISCLOSURES
10. APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

10.1 Approval of September 26, 2023 County Council Minutes [23-0970](#)

Attachments: [092623 Council Minutes](#)

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

11. OTHER ITEMS REQUIRING COUNCIL APPROVAL

RECESS - RECONVENE IN ROOM N1-100 AT 5:00PM

12. PROCLAMATIONS, MEMORIALS, AND OTHER CEREMONIAL OR
COMMEMORATIVE MATTERS

TIME CERTAIN

12.1 Hispanic Heritage Month Proclamation and Recognition of [23-0966](#)
Individual Salt Lake County Residents from the Hispanic
Community

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)

Presenter: Councilmember Dea Theodore, Second by Councilmember David Alvord (Approx. 5:00PM)

Mr. Brian McCoy delivered an invocation.

Council Member Alvord recognized special guest Noelia Voigt, Miss USA 2023, who will be handing out certificates to today's honorees. Ms. Voigt is a Salt Lake County resident and the daughter of a Venezuelan immigrant. She is committed to advocacy and has championed dating violence awareness and prevention for six years, alongside the One Love Foundation,

educating over 1,000 students nationwide about the critical aspects of healthy and unhealthy relationships. Ms. Voigt is also an interior designer and the author of a children's book, Maddie the Brave. He presented Ms. Voigt with a certificate of congratulations and recognition for her contributions to the Venezuelan community.

Ms. Noelia Voigt, Miss USA 2023, stated she was honored to recognize the honorees for their contributions to the Hispanic community in the state of Utah. She was born and raised in Florida, but she was drawn to Utah because of its love for the Hispanic community and the number of people of Hispanic descent living in Utah, and she felt it was important to advocate for their rights.

Mr. Joseph Genda, New American & Refugee Liaison, Office of New Americans, nominated two people for recognition for their roles in supporting Hispanic community members. The first was Silvia Araoz who emigrated from Peru. She holds classes at the Kearns Library helping Hispanic community members pass the Naturalization test and has helped about 20 people pass the test. She also serves as a resource navigator helping adults over 62 years old enroll in classes at the Salt Lake Community College. In addition, she serves on the Ethnic Advisory Board for Columbus Adult Education, where she helps to interpret Spanish and raises funds to support Hispanic community members, connecting them with job opportunities and teaching them basic English skills. Furthermore, she has volunteered to interpret for community members at the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services' (USCIS) office.

He also nominated Mayra Sanchez who emigrated from Mexico. Ms. Sanchez serves as a committee member on the Hartland Resident Committee, which is dedicated to welcoming residents and connecting them to resources. She also formed a nonprofit organization, Comunidad Materna en Utah, which helps expectant moms by providing and connecting them with resources before, during, and after birth, as well as helping connect families with resources.

Council Member Granato recognized Claudia Gonzalez who reaches out to her community to help people with health care, specializing in the needs of women. She works with multiple nonprofits and helps people in need of care find resources.

Council Member Harrison recognized Frank Bedolla who is an advocate for youth and families in the community. He founded the nonprofit, Fathers and Families Coalition of Utah, an after-school program, which provides education and training to youth and adults for healthy relationships, fatherhood, and employment to youth and adults. It helps them develop marketable skills, foster healthy family and friendship relationships, and improve life goals. Mr. Bedolla has also been an active advocate for the Hispanic community and has dedicated his time to various organizations, such as Head Start, Artech, and Colors of Success.

Council Member Stringham recognized Jennifer Tarazon, commissioner, Utah Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control, who is the first Latina to serve in this capacity. She works closely with the small business community to help them get liquor licenses, and ensures agencies understand the rules and the process, and are transparent and competent.

Council Member Stewart recognized Gloria Vindas who emigrated from California during COVID, and immediately began working with legislators on public policy to avoid policy that had been implemented in California. She joined Utah Parents United as the community outreach director and coordinated a program called See My Smile in the Jordan School District to fight against involuntary masking of children. She is a community organizer, hosting meetings across the state, providing testimony of legislation. She served as a legislator, advisor, and community director of relations for New Leaders for America, an organization with a mission to increase education and civic action. She is also a member of the Governing Board of the Utah Republican Party, where she works to increase electoral activity. She also works to address sensitive material in schools, and fights to preserve and restore constitutional freedom.

Council Member Alvord recognized Pastor Manuel Romero who has been serving the Hispanic community for over 20 years in Midvale and surrounding areas. He is the leader of a ministry that serves new Americans in Salt Lake County, specifically, couples and families with young children. He previously served as the executive director of the nonprofit organization Centro de La Familia family, counseling Hispanic families who left their homes to come to America, helping them settle in and get accustomed to life, and with immigration, workforce, and nutritional needs. His ministry also provides food, clothing, and school supplies to new families. Additionally, he has helped youth and young adults pursue an education, providing them

and their families with counseling, and resources for school and transportation to get to and from school.

Council Member Bradley recognized Luz Gamarra who has founded and pioneered multigenerational care-monitoring groups, including at Salt Lake Community College and with Amigos Mentores, a peer monitoring program. These programs help students with English as a second language (ESL) and are designed to motivate and help students reach their academic goals and leadership capabilities. In addition, she serves on the Columbus Adult Education Center & Youth Programs Board of Directors promoting education, equity, and access within the Hispanic community.

Council Member Theodore recognized Miriam Padilla Vargas who is the executive director and founder of Bomba Marile, a non-profit Afro Puerto Rican Bomba music and dance group that focuses on creating a home for Puerto Ricans. The organization has participated in many group performances at various events and has raised money to instruct and teach about its cultures. It also supported aid to Puerto Ricans after the 2019 earthquake. Ms. Vargas also works with at-risk youth in middle and high schools throughout the County, helping them better understand their identity and culture.

Council Member Theodore read the following proclamation recognizing and celebrating Hispanic residents in Salt Lake County during this Hispanic Heritage Month:

Salt Lake County

Whereas, during National Hispanic Heritage Month, we recognize the vast contributions made by Hispanics and Latinos within Salt Lake County, the state of Utah, and the nation;

Whereas, the history of Utah cannot be discussed without acknowledging the history and influence of the Hispanic and Latino people within Salt Lake County, the State of Utah, and the intermountain region;

Whereas, Utah's Hispanic population accounts for 15% of the state's residents and 19% of Salt Lake County residents and represents the largest demographic within racially and ethnically diverse groups;

Whereas, Hispanics and Latinos have enriched Salt Lake County and we celebrate their culture, traditions, and heritage;

Whereas, Hispanic residents have a profound and positive impact on Salt Lake County through their economic contributions, their strong commitment to family, faith, and hard work, their numerous acts of community service, and their civic engagement efforts;

Whereas, we acknowledge the generations of Hispanic and Latino residents from Salt Lake County who have served in the Armed Forces, in government, as first responders, advocates, educators, scientists, lawyers, entrepreneurs, essential workers and frontline service providers, artists, and private and public sector leaders;

Whereas, Salt Lake County is home to Latino and Hispanic youth, and these young leaders will shape our future as they enter the education system, workforce, and our Salt Lake County community to create a hopeful future for all;

Whereas, we honor the resilience of those past and present who have strived and sacrificed to overcome many challenges, often in the face of prejudice, in order to embrace the opportunities of the American Dream for themselves and their families;

Whereas, we recognize the Hispanic and Latino community in Salt Lake County, acknowledge and celebrate their many achievements, and applaud their proud legacy of service and dedication to our nation, our state, and to Salt Lake County; and

Whereas, September 15 to October 15, 2023 has been declared Hispanic Heritage Month in Utah;

NOW, THEREFORE, we, the Salt Lake County Council and Salt Lake County Mayor, do hereby recognize and celebrate all the Hispanic residents of Salt Lake County during this month set aside to honor them.

Hispanic Heritage Month

A motion was made by Council Member Bradshaw, seconded by Council Member Harrison, to approve the proclamation. The motion carried by a

unanimous vote.

13. OTHER BUSINESS

ADJOURN

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS to come before the Council at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 5:35 PM until Tuesday, October 17, 2023, at 11:00 AM.

LANNIE CHAPMAN, COUNTY CLERK

By _____
DEPUTY CLERK

By _____
CHAIR, SALT LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL