

# **SALT LAKE COUNTY**

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## **Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday, January 10, 2023**

**2:30 PM**

**Room N2-800**

## **Council Work Session**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

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

**Call In** Council Member Dave Alvord

**2. OATH OF OFFICE FOR COUNCILMEMBER ARLYN BRADSHAW**

**Ms. Lannie Chapman**, County Clerk, administered the oath of office to newly elected Council Member Arlyn Bradshaw.

**3. CITIZEN PUBLIC INPUT**

**Mr. Steve Van Maren** stated concern over \$500,000 being spent on consent item 5.1 without any discussion by the Council.

**Council Member Winder Newton** asked if anybody could speak to consent item 5.1, which had to do with cleaning up an easement on the Surplus Canal.

**Ms. Catherine Kanter**, Deputy Mayor of Regional Operations, stated there would be somebody to speak on that issue later in the meeting.

**Mr. Mitchell Park**, Legal Counsel, Council Office, stated the amount might be for the entire project, but he would defer to the Real Estate Section.

**Mr. John Knoblock** spoke in support of temporary shuttle bus service to the ski areas. Skiing and recreation are important parts of the local economy, and part of why people reside in and choose to relocate to Salt Lake County. Both canyons are plagued with traffic problems, and this could be an important test case for the future.

(Later in the meeting)

**Mr. Derrick Sorensen**, Manager, Real Estate Section, introduced Lizel Allen, Flood Control Engineering Associate Director, Flood Control Engineering Division. In response

to Mr. Van Maren's earlier comment, he explained there is an easement of about 100 feet that sits along the Surplus Canal. Over the years, the Real Estate Section has tried to shrink that easement as much as possible. The budget for this was already approved; the Council is only being consulted on the surplus of County owned property, as is procedure.

#### 4. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

##### 4.1 Proposed Hire Report / Incentive Plans \$3,000 and under / [22-1249](#) Weekly Reclassification Report

**Attachments:** [Staff Report](#)  
[Proposed Hire Report 1-4-2023](#)  
[Incentive Plans Under \\$3,000 1-10-2023](#)  
[Weekly Reclassification Report 1-10-2023](#)

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

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

##### 4.2 2023 Council Board Appointments [22-1262](#)

**Attachments:** [Staff Report](#)  
[Boards with 2023 Recommendations.pdf](#)

Presenter: Chair Winder Newton (Approx. 5 mins)  
Discussion/Direction

**Council Member Winder Newton** stated it was time to review board appointments, which the Council does every two years.

**Council Member Stewart** stated Unified Fire Authority (UFA) allows an alternate on the board, and he recommended Council Member Theodore for that position. He asked that everything except the Council of Governments (COG) appointments be approved so that there could be a discussion on those before voting.

A motion was made by Council Member Bradshaw, seconded by Council Member Stewart, to approve all board appointments with the exception of

Council of Governments. The motion carried by a unanimous vote and was forwarded to the 4:00 PM Council meeting for ratification.

**Council Member Granato** stated several Council Members agree the COG alternate appointment is more intensive and requires more participation because it covers a wider area.

A motion was made by Council Member Granato, seconded by Council Member Alvord, to appoint Council Member Stringham as the COG alternate.

**Council Member Bradshaw** asked if there was any reason why there could not be two alternates on COG, considering there are two full seats.

**Mr. Mitchell Park**, Legal Counsel, Council Office, stated he was not familiar with COG’s bylaws, but he could not think of any reason having two alternates would be problematic.

**Ms. Bridget Romano**, Deputy District Attorney, stated there could be an alternate to the alternate and there was some flexibility.

A motion was made by Council Member Bradshaw, seconded by Council Member Bradley, that Council Members Granato and Alvord be appointed as primary appointees and Council Members Stringham and Winder Newton be appointed as alternates. If this turned out to be problematic, there could be further discussion. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

**4.3 Housing Trust Fund Advisory Board Reappointments:** [22-1253](#)

**Karen Stone - Lived Experience, Housing Services**  
**Susan Petheram, Urban Design, Urban Planning**

**Attachments:** [Staff Report](#)  
[HTF Reappointments](#)

Presenter: Michelle Hicks, Executive Operations Manager (Less than 5 mins)  
Discussion/Direction

**Ms. Michelle Hicks**, Executive Office Administrator, Mayor’s Office, stated Karen Stone and Susan Petheram were being considered for reappointment to the Housing Trust Fund Advisory Board.

**Council Member Stewart** asked if both appointees were present.

**Ms. Hicks** stated Ms. Stone was in the audience and Ms. Pethram was attending remotely.

**Council Member Stewart** asked if either appointee had any comments.

**Ms. Dina Blaes**, Director, Office of Regional Development, introduced Karen Stone and stated she brings a wealth of knowledge and experience.

**Ms. Karen Stone** stated she did not know what to say, other than that she had a lot of experience in finance. She worked for Bank of America for many years, and managed the largest Rite Aid drug store in the state. She has a bachelor's degree in applied mathematics, a bachelor's degree in accounting, and a master's degree in finance.

**Ms. Blaes** introduced Susan Pethram.

**Ms. Susan Pethram** stated she was an urban design consultant in the Wasatch region for over 20 years and has worked with cities on their long range, transportation, and housing planning. She was happy to answer any questions.

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

- 4.4 Consideration of a Resolution Approving a Grant of Up to \$509,000 of Fourth Quarter Transportation Funds or Fund 1034 Funds to Visit Salt Lake for the Purpose of Providing Temporary Public Transportation Options Through the Cottonwood Canyons** [22-1254](#)

**Attachments:** [Staff Report](#)  
[1985 IRS letter approving VSL as 501c\(6\).pdf](#)  
[230103 Resolution.VSL Grant Agreement\\_RATF\[45\].pdf](#)  
[230104 Grant Agreement - Visit Salt Lake\\_RATF\[73\].pdf](#)  
[Visit Salt Lake 2021 Financial Statements.pdf](#)  
[VSL.Application for Contribution\[82\].pdf](#)  
[VSL.FINAL Cottonwood Canyons Connect Bus Service  
01.04.2023.docx](#)  
[VSLRFP2023\[78\].docx](#)

Presenter: Deputy Mayor Catherine Kanter. Helen Peters, Director of Regional Planning and Transportation (Approx. 40 mins)

Discussion/Direction

**Ms. Catherine Kanter** stated Utah Transit Authority (UTA) recently announced it was reducing service for three routes - 953, 972, and 994, due to driver shortages. This has resulted in the Mayor's Office receiving multiple ongoing complaints about long lines and crowded busses from riders trying to get to the ski resorts. Visit Salt Lake reached out to the Mayor's Office for help and the Mayor's Office is requesting funding of a shuttle program that would provide service to both Little and Big Cottonwood Canyons. Snow Country Limousine was selected through a Request for Proposal (RFP) process and Visit Salt Lake would administer the program. The total cost of the program would be \$559,000. The Mayor's Office has been able to secure \$175,000 in funding to offset that amount, broken down as follows: \$50,000 from Visit Salt Lake, \$50,000 combined from the affected ski resorts (Snowbird-\$25,000, Alta-\$15,000, Solitude-\$5,000, and Brighton-\$5,000), and \$75,000 from UTA. There is an option of charging a \$10 round trip fee to riders, and this fee could potentially generate \$145,000 if ridership is 100 percent. The \$559,000 minus the \$175,000 in secured funding, minus the \$145,000 ridership fee, would leave the County responsible for \$239,000. There are also different pricing levels that could be considered, but a \$10 round trip fee is consistent with what UTA typically charges. Going higher does not feel appropriate as it could exclude lower income riders and might disincentivize using public transit. Additionally, Fund 1034 could be used as an alternative to Fourth Quarter funds.

**Ms. Kaitlin Eskelson**, President and CEO, Visit Salt Lake, stated Visit Salt Lake supports charging a rider fee because if somebody is not monetarily invested, they are less likely to show up after making a reservation. Snow

Country Limousine has smaller busses that are safer. The resorts have had a lot of snow, which is good, but this has exacerbated transportation issues and resulted in longer lines.

**Mayor Jennifer Wilson** stated she appreciated Ms. Eskelson's and Ms. Kanter's efforts. This program would not completely solve the problem, but it would help. Whether the long-term solution ends up being a gondola or something different, it will take years to implement. She favored using 1034 funds, as opposed to Fourth Quarter funding, because there are remaining funds that are transportation oriented that could be used and it could help close out some accounts.

**Ms. Helen Peters**, Director of Regional Planning and Transportation, Office of Regional Development, stated there are multiple ways the County receives transportation funding. The more common is Fourth Quarter Local Option Sales Tax. From time to time, there will be legislative appropriation or bond proceeds. Fund 1034 resulted from House Bill 420. In 2015, Salt Lake County was provided with \$40 million. There is approximately \$1.1 million left, and completing this project, as well as a couple others that are pending would allow the County to close out the account completely. The other option is to use Fourth Quarter funds. Over the last few years, the County has received about \$18 million annually.

**Council Member Stewart** asked why UTA is not using under expend resulting from its staffing shortage to finance this project. Factoring the cost saved in benefits and compensation, it should be able to contribute more than \$75,000.

**Mr. Jeff Acerson**, Board Member, Utah Transit Authority stated Governor Spencer Cox is trying to promote zero-fare. The Legislature is opposed to that. UTA is trying to equitably provide resources throughout the state. It cannot hire enough people, so must reduce service. From an accounting standpoint, \$75,000 is what UTA feels it can provide.

**Council Member Theodore** stated this issue affects her district and she was curious why she was not included in the conversation. She also wanted to know if the RFP in the contract was conditional upon Council approval, how many bids there were, and if Snow Mountain Limousine is equipped with the necessary drivers.

**Ms. Eskelson** stated there was one vendor response over the week-long period. The RFP was sent to every transportation provider in Visit Salt Lake's membership.

**Adam Herrup-Morse**, Managing Partner, Snow Country Limousine, said the company has drivers available, but it would need to acquire a couple more vehicles.

**Council Member Theodore** stated she would like to see data collection in the contract.

**Ms. Kanter** stated Snow Country Limousine would share whatever data it collected, but it would not be required to go outside the scope of what it normally collected.

**Council Member Theodore** asked if UTA plans on getting the cancelled/reduced lines back up and running.

**Mr. Andres Colman**, Regional General Manager, UTA, stated the talent acquisition team is working on new strategies to acquire bus operators, but to date, the new marketing strategies have not produced the result they had hoped for. UTA is heavily subsidizing its services and currently paying a lot in overtime costs.

**Council Member Stewart** stated he wanted to address the comment that Council Member Bradley said about this being an acute problem. Right now, Riverton and Herriman are footing the bill for overpasses and if the County subsidizes UTA, it should also help the southwest portion of the community.

**Mayor Jennifer Wilson** stated she agreed with what Council Member Stewart said. She will not be recommending this program next year. The County is not in the public transportation business. This could be a good pilot project, but it should be a one-time deal.

A motion was made by Council Member Bradshaw, seconded by Council Member Granato, to approve the resolution and allocate \$239,520 from Fund 1034. Riders participating in the program would be charged a \$10 round-trip fee. If the total in collected fees falls short of the projected \$145,000, the shortfall would be reported to the Council at the appropriate time. The motion



passed 7 to 1 with Council Member Stewart voting in opposition. Council Member Alvord was absent for the vote. The motion was forwarded to the 4:00 PM Council meeting for ratification.

**4.5 Informational Update Regarding Salt Lake County's Participation in the Utah Department of Transportation State Safety Oversight (SSO) Program** [22-1223](#)

**Attachments:** [Staff Report](#)  
[Match Request Letter to SL County - 4FA20 - Dec 2022](#)  
[UDOT SSO Program Report to SL County - FFY 2022](#)  
[UDOT#1631\\_State Safety Oversight\\_Contract](#)

Presenter: Helen Peters, Director of Regional Planning & Transportation. Jim Golden, State Safety Oversight Program Manager (Approx. 5 mins)  
Informational

**Ms. Helen Peters** stated through State SB128, the 2017 Legislature designated the Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) as the State safety oversight agency for rail fixed guideway public transportation safety. On August 22nd of that year, the Council entered an interlocal agreement with UDOT until 2031 that allowed the Federal Transit Administration to pay up to 80 percent of the eligible costs of the UDOT-administered safety oversight program and required the County to pay the remaining 20 percent. In the packets previously distributed to Council Members, was an annual report from UDOT. The process, from here, was for Ms. Peters to notify the State Tax Commission and State Treasurer requesting a transfer to UDOT from the Local Option Sales Tax collected.

**4.6 Informational Presentation Regarding the Point of the Mountain State Land Authority** [22-1229](#)

**Attachments:** [Staff Report](#)  
[The Point County Council Presentation 2022 Jan 10](#)

Presenter: Scott Cuthbertson, Deputy Director & Chief Operating Officer, The Point (Approx. 30 mins)  
Informational

This item was pulled from the agenda.

**5. CONSENT ITEMS:**

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

- 5.1 Consideration of A RESOLUTION OF THE SALT LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL APPROVING THE ACQUISITION OF A FEE INTEREST IN CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY FROM NICO INVESTMENT, LC, AS PART OF THE SURPLUS CANAL PROJECT AND THE TRANSFER OF A PORTION OF THE COUNTY'S REAL ESTATE INTEREST IN ADJACENT PROPERTY TO NICO INVESTMENT, LC** [22-1250](#)

**Attachments:** [Staff Report](#)  
[Resolution for Surplus Canal - Nico \(01.03.23\) - RAFL](#)

This consent item was approved and forwarded.

- 5.2 Acceptance of a Donation in the Amount of \$3,500 from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints for the Purpose of Providing Deseret Industries Vouchers to Salt Lake County Health Department Program Clients** [22-1245](#)

**Attachments:** [Staff Report](#)  
[Declaration of Donation 1006 - Donor Signed 111522](#)

This consent item was approved and forwarded.

**6. ITEMS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS****6.1 Internal Business**

Notice of Cancellation of the Tuesday, January 17, 2023 Council Work Session

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.

2023 Council Meeting Tentative Cancellations

- January 17
- February 14
- April 11
- May 30
- July 4
- July 25
- September 5
- November 28
- December 19
- December 26

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.

**7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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.

**ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 PM.

LANNIE CHAPMAN, COUNTY CLERK

By \_\_\_\_\_  
DEPUTY CLERK

By \_\_\_\_\_  
CHAIR, SALT LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL