

SALT LAKE COUNTY

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Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 22, 2024

10:00 AM

Morning Session: Mayor's 2025 Proposed Budget Address

Council Chambers, Room N1-100

County Council

1. CALL TO ORDER**2. WORK SESSION****2.1 Presentation of Mayor Jenny Wilson's Proposed 2025 Budget**[24-2244](#)**Attachments:** [Staff Report](#)

Presenters: SLCo Mayor Jenny Wilson. Darrin Casper, SLCo Deputy Mayor of Finance & Administration CFO.

(Approx. 10:00AM, 90 Min.)

Informational

Mayor Jennifer Wilson presented the 2025 budget, addressing rising costs and limited tax revenue growth. Despite these challenges, the budget maintains a balanced approach, ensuring the County's AAA bond rating. Key ongoing initiatives include support for the Human Services, Homelessness, and Criminal Justice Action Plan, funding for drug enforcement administration officers, the My County Rec Pass for children, and the Jail Resource and Reentry Program. The budget also addresses substance use disorders amid the fentanyl crisis, with funding for the Metro Narcotics Task Force.

Important initiatives include the removal of late fees for children and teens at the County libraries, which improves access to resources, and the Jail Resource and Re-entry Program, which has assisted nearly 17,000 individuals transitioning back to the community. To enhance jail staff safety, the budget recommends \$225,000 for bulletproof and stab vests. Affordable housing remains a priority, with a goal of adding over 1,000 units in five years and a \$711,000 investment in the Housing Trust Fund.

The Larry H. & Gail Miller Family Foundation donated \$25 million for the new performing arts center in South Jordan. Additionally, the budget allocates \$100 million for deferred maintenance at the Salt Lake County jail. The proposed Public Safety Bond seeks \$507 million to finance an expanded County jail and a new Justice and Accountability Center, with an estimated monthly property tax impact of \$4.91 per resident. Employee compensation is also addressed, with recommendations for a 3.5 percent salary increase for all employees and 4.75 percent for sworn officers, while managing healthcare costs.

Mr. Darrin Casper, Deputy Mayor of Finance and Administration, delivered a PowerPoint presentation on the 2025 Proposed Budget, reviewing 2025 budget goals; 2025 budget direction; committee and boards; an economic outlook; 2025 new growth summary for key funds compared to the 2024 adjusted budget; tax revenue and growth in context; transfers to the Tax Administration Fund from the General Fund; purchasing power erosion due to inflation; ending unassigned fund balance in the General Fund; a structure analysis of the General Fund, reconciling the draw down; the 2024 proposed budget, including a tale of two budgets; requests vs. proposed new county funding and countywide tax funds; restored contra-accounts; 2025 budget compensation and benefits package; the proposed 2025 budget compensation and benefits costs; health insurance; Employee Service Reserve (ESR) for health insurance; Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB); fleet levy, shift of property tax rates; significant fund transfers; multi-year plan for transformational initiatives in the 2025 budget and multi-year plan; 2025 new capital project request highlights; a proposal using Tourism, Recreation, Cultural, and Convention (TRCC) funds; TRCC new requests; the proposed 2024 budget for the Community Services Department; Larry H and Gail Miller Family Art Center funding, convention and visitor services, Human Services Department, Jail Resource and Reentry Program, Opioid Settlement Fund, Office of Regional Development, Flood Control Division, administrative organizations, approved Technology Advisory Board (TAB) projects, proprietary funds, and other elected offices; Parks and Recreation funding sources; the County population growth trend; the declining trend in property tax rates for countywide, assessing, and collecting; the 2024 year-end adjusted budget full-time employee (FTE) changes; the 2024 proposed budget FTE changes; a fund summary for the General Fund and related funds; bond issuances; Salt Lake County as a Triple A rated entity; and a 2025 budget recap for all funds.

3. OTHER BUSINESS

ADJOURN

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS to come before the Council at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 11:03 AM until Tuesday, October 22, 2024, at 1:15 PM.

LANNIE CHAPMAN, COUNTY CLERK

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DEPUTY CLERK

By _____
CHAIR, SALT LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL