

SALT LAKE COUNTY

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Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 9, 2021

12:00 PM

Room N2-800

Committee of the Whole

1. CALL TO ORDER

Present Council Member Laurie Stringham
Council Member Aimee Winder Newton
Council Member Steve DeBry
Council Member Dea Theodore

Call In Council Member Richard Snelgrove
Council Member Jim Bradley
Council Member Arlyn Bradshaw
Council Member Dave Alvord
Council Member Ann Granato

**1.1 Statement of Council Chair Steve DeBry Concerning the [21-0147](#)
Temporary Conduct of Electronic Meetings of the Council
Consistent with the Utah Open and Public Meetings Act**

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[OPMA Findings - January 2021](#)

Council Chair DeBry referred to the temporary conduct of electronic meetings of the Salt Lake County Council that is consistent with the Utah Open and Public Meetings Act. This allows the Council to hold electronic meetings without a physical anchor location.

2. CITIZEN PUBLIC INPUT**3. DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

3.1 Proposed Hire Report [21-0136](#)

Attachments: [Proposed Hire Report 2-3-2021](#)

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

Mr. Brad Kendrick, Budget & Policy Analyst, Council Office, reviewed the proposed hires.

**3.2 Update on Salt Lake County's Coordinated Response to [21-0142](#)
COVID-19**

The Council may Take Action, Including Votes, on any

Necessary Legislative Matters Related to the Ongoing State of Emergency

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[County Council Briefing -- 02092021](#)
[Vaccination Briefing to Council -- 02092021](#)

Presenters: Mayor Jenny Wilson; David Schuld, Intelligence Section Chief; Gary Edwards, Health Department Executive Director; Jill Miller, Associate Deputy Mayor; and Audrey Stevenson, Family Health Services Director (Approx. 30 mins).

Discussion/Direction

Mayor Jennifer Wilson stated vaccines for Covid-19 are coming from multiple sources. The Salt Lake County Health Department is working on ways to be more efficient in delivering the vaccination and looking at long-term planning.

Mr. Gary Edwards, Director, Salt Lake County Health Department, stated during the week of January 31st, the number of new Covid cases remained relatively flat. However, the County is headed in the right direction. Moving forward there will be a new way to report the positivity rate to include all tests.

Mr. David Schuld, Covid-19 Response and Recovery Coordinating Officer, delivered a PowerPoint presentation. He reviewed key numbers, the active case curve, an infection snapshot, zip code surveillance, current cases by age distribution, the rolling 14-day comparison, testing analysis, known versus community cases, potential exposure sources, and the transmission index summary.

Ms. Audrey Stevenson, Director, Family Health Services, stated Salt Lake County is prepared to meet the challenge of mass vaccinations; however, the supply from the federal government is limited. She delivered a PowerPoint presentation reviewing the vaccine priority and dose projections.

Ms. Jill Miller, Associate Deputy Mayor, Mayor's Financial Administration, continued the PowerPoint presentation reviewing the vaccination administration report and preparedness activities.

3.3 Overview of COVID-19 Expenditures and Resources Utilized and County Revenue Update [21-0140](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[2020-Nov Sales Tax Revenue Update - Jan dist - Feb present](#)
[COVID Costs Update 2-9-2021](#)

Presenters: Darrin Casper, Deputy Mayor and Chief Financial Officer; Shanell Beecher, Director of Accounting; Rod Kitchens, Director of Budget and Planning (Approx. 30 mins).

Informational

Ms. Shannell Beecher, Accounting Director, Mayor's Financial Administration, delivered a PowerPoint presentation on the Covid-19 costs through January 31, 2021, the categories and related activities, redeployed employees, Covid new hires, and Covid contracted resources.

Mr. Rod Kitchens, Budget Director, Mayor's Finance and Administration, delivered a PowerPoint presentation reviewing the January distribution of sales tax revenue for County Option, Salt Lake County's taxable sales, the distribution for Zoo, Arts and Parks, Transient Room, Transient Room Supplemental, Car Rental, Restaurant, Transportation, Local Option Sales Taxes, and Recorder revenue, as well as a revenue summary, the 2020 year-to-date November sales tax results, and the 2020 sales tax projections.

3.4 Assignment of a Contra Account in the Amount of \$100,000 to the 2021 Budget of the Office of Regional Development [21-0146](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)

Sponsors: Council Member Richard Snelgrove and Council Member Laurie Stringham (Approx. 10 mins).

Discussion/Direction

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

Aye: Council Member Stringham, Council Member Snelgrove, Council Member Alvord, Council Member Winder Newton, Council Member DeBry, and Council Member Theodore

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

3.5 The Salt Lake County Council Approval of the Attached Letter of Understanding between Salt Lake County Regional Planning and Transportation and Salt Lake County Parks and Recreation for the Use of Two Hundred and Forty Five Thousand and Three Hundred and Thirteen dollars (\$245,313) from the Regional Transportation Choice Fund For Use in the Jordan River Recreation Area - Phase 1 (4th Quarter) [21-0144](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[Letter of Understanding](#)
[Project list](#)

Sponsors: Council Member Richard Snelgrove and Council Member Steve DeBry (Approx. 5 mins).

Discussion/Direction

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

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

3.6 Legislative Update [21-0148](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[COW leg update 2_9_21](#)

Presenter: Kara Trevino, Legislative Director, Council (Approx. 1 hr).

Discussion/Direction

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

- HB 81 Mental Health Days for Students

Ms. Trevino stated this bill adds mental or behavioral health as a valid excuse for a

school absence. The bill passed in the House and is now in the Senate Rules Committee.

A motion was made by Council Member Snelgrove, seconded by Council Member Bradshaw, that the Council support HB 81. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

- SB 67 Workplace Violence Protective Orders

Ms. Trevino stated this bill creates a workplace violence protective order.

Council Member DeBry asked if a person would have to follow the same procedure as one would have to go through in a domestic situation.

Mr. Ralph Chamness, Deputy District Attorney, stated it would follow the same process. This is a good bill and it protects the County.

A motion was made by Council Member DeBry, seconded by Council Member Bradshaw, that the Council support SB 67. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

- SB 155 988 Mental Health Crisis Assistance

Ms. Trevino stated this bill would create an account to hold funds for mental health crisis services.

A motion was made by Council Member Winder Newton, seconded by Council Member Stringham, that the Council support SB 166. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Ms. Trevino updated the Council on the following bills. She stated the Council has already taken a position on these bills; however, the bills have changed, and she wanted to update the Council on the changes:

- 3rd Sub. SB 18 Property Tax Exemption Amendments

Ms. Trevino stated the Council voted to oppose this bill. This substitution cuts the exemption amount from \$50,000 to \$25,000 and reinstates an exemption cliff. The bill is a tax cut, not a shift. The Utah Association of Counties is neutral with the amendments on this substitution.

Council Member Newton asked how much the County stands to lose with this change.

Mr. Chris Stavros, County Assessor, stated it would depend on how many people take advantage of this bill; it could be as high as \$150,000. The original bill was much worse, with the possible loss of revenue of \$1.09 million.

A motion was made by Council Member Stringham, seconded by Council Member Newton, that the Council support this bill. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

- 1st Sub. 58 Local Option Sales Tax Distribution Amendments

Ms. Trevino stated the Council took a position to support the original bill. The amendment includes language that requires a township to hold a public hearing before it can impose a municipal energy sale and use tax or a municipal telecommunication's license tax.

- 2nd Sub. SB 88 Local Option Sales Tax Distribution

Ms. Trevino stated this substitution removes the requirement to distribute Tier II revenues by population and instead includes language that says revenues shall be distributed in "communities throughout the county."

Council Member Newton stated she did not understand why this bill was not pulled, since the County already complies with the requirement.

Council Member DeBry stated he will be meeting with Senator Fillmore later this week and will discuss this with him.

Council Member Bradshaw asked if the proposed language put the County in jeopardy. The language is very vague. He wanted to know if the state statute included a definition of community.

Mr. Mitchell Park, Legal Counsel, Council Office, stated the Council is already complying with this requirement. As far as he is aware, the statute does not include a definition of community.

Mr. Ralph Chamness, Deputy District Attorney, stated the County is already complying with the proposed language, so he was not sure what impact this would have.

A motion was made by Council Member Newton, seconded by Council Member DeBry, to monitor SB 88, with the caveat that Council Member DeBry meet Senator Fillmore to discuss this. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

- 3rd Sub. HB 82 Single Family Housing Modifications

Ms. Trevino stated the County took a position to oppose the original bill. The bill has

not changed other than the sponsor and stakeholders have committed to finding a balance between affordable housing needs, property rights, and local control. The bill still has the same problems it had originally.

- HB 98 Local Government Building Regulations Amendments

Ms. Trevino stated House leadership has let the sponsor know what the bill needs to be narrowed down to, which includes regulations only apply to single family, duplex, or townhouse construction; a building permit must be issued within 14 days; and an inspection must take place within 3 days, or the builder can hire their own inspector. There is also an issue with the design standards that needs to be worked on. The Council has already taken a position to oppose this bill.

- 1st Sub. HB 243 Privacy Protection Amendments

Ms. Trevino stated the substitute bill gives local government 180 days to identify and correct a problem and adds a local government representative on the committee. UAC is still working with the sponsor on the amendments that county auditors have requested.

Council Member Bradshaw stated the Council should continue to oppose this bill, until an amendment takes the state auditor out and allows the county auditor to be involved as it relates to county government.

- 2nd Sub. HB 244 1st Class County Highway Road Fund Amendments

Ms. Trevino stated this bill allocates funds in Salt Lake County for annual distributions to certain cities. The Council took a position to monitor this bill.

Council Member Newton asked if there was funding including in the bill.

Ms. Helen Peters, Program Manager, Regional Transportation, Housing and Economic Development, stated the bill requires the County to distribute 20 percent of the \$10 motor vehicle registration fee beginning July 1, 2021, and ending with fiscal year 2036. She stated 25 percent of the revenue for project improvements need to occur within the metro townships, with 43 percent of the revenue going to the Kearns Metro Township and 40 percent going to the Magna Metro Township. Also, 75 percent of the 20 percent will go towards projects and improvements within the County of the 1st class.

- Mountainous Planning District

Ms. Trevino stated Senator Bramble opened a bill file for the Mountainous Planning District. He was waiting to hear from the County on what should go in it.

The Council took a 15-minute recess and reconvened at 1:50 PM.

3.7 Adoption of Legislative Intent Requesting that the Utah Legislature Approve Legislation Concerning the Following Matters, and Instructing the County Council's Lobbying Team to Advocate for the Same: [21-0070](#)

(1) Removing the Town of Brighton from the Mountainous Planning District and Mountainous Planning Commission so that it may have its own land use authority;

(2) Removing the sunset provision as it relates to Utah Code § 17-34-1(5)(d), or draft new legislation allowing the County to use general funds for fire, paramedic, and police protection services under certain circumstances as currently granted in Utah Code § 17-34-1(5)(d);

(3) Removing the sunset provision from the Mountainous Planning District and Mountainous Planning Commission; and

(4) Allowing the County to determine the membership, terms of service, and duties specified by County ordinance, similar to the criteria in Utah Code § 17-27a-301(3)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[Memo to Council Final](#)
[MPD Map](#)
[ACCT Support of Legislative Intent](#)
[Cardiff Owners Association Letter](#)

Sponsors: Council Member Dea Theodore and Council Member Richard Snelgrove (Approx. 45 mins).

Discussion/Direction

Council Member Theodore introduced the legislative intent. She stated that constituents within her district are asking for these four items to be included in any legislation relating to the Mountainous Planning District.

Council Member Newton asked for clarification on the 4th item under the legislative intent - what is the criteria in Utah Code §17-27a-301(3).

Mr. Mitchell Park, Legal Counsel, Council Office, stated it is the general land use provisions in the state code. This would allow Salt Lake County to

draft an ordinance pertaining to the planning commission.

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

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

A motion was made by Council Member Newton, seconded by Council Member Granato, to adopt the following legislative intent:

The Salt Lake County Council instructs staff to write an ordinance regarding the Mountainous Planning District. This ordinance would include that the Mountainous Planning Commission shall be comprised of commissioners from the following areas:

- One commissioner each who resides in Sandy City, Millcreek, Cottonwood Heights City; and Salt Lake City (for a total of four);
- One Commissioner who resides in a municipality located west of interstate 15;
- Two commissioners who reside in any of the Mountainous Planning District, the Town of Brighton or the Town of Alta;
- Two regular commissioners and two alternate commissioners who reside anywhere in the incorporated or unincorporated Salt Lake County.

The process would be done through appointment by the County Mayor and advice and consent by the County Council.

Mayor Jennifer Wilson stated everyone loves the canyons. Elected officials want to serve the residents of the County, the second homeowners, the recreationists, and preserve the canyons for future generations. Brighton wants to do its own planning. There are a lot of issues that need to be worked through.

Council Member Theodore asked why Emigration Canyon Metro Township did not have representation on the Mountainous Planning Commission District.

Ms. Catherine Kanter, Deputy Mayor of Regional Operations, stated the Mountainous Planning District does not include Emigration Canyon. The cities that are included are adjacent to the District, or at the entrance to the canyons. Salt Lake City is included because it has jurisdictional rights to water.

Mr. Mitchell Park, Legal Counsel, Council Office, stated it would be important to see the legislation before the County drafted its ordinance.

A substitute motion was made by Council Member Snelgrove, seconded by Council Member Theodore, to table this legislative intent until after the legislative session to give the Council time for a legal review by Mitchell Park, Legal Counsel, Council Office, the District Attorney's Office, and an independent third party working in constitutional law. The motion failed by the following vote:

Aye: Council Member Snelgrove, Council Member Alvord, and Council Member Theodore

Nay: Council Member Stringham, Council Member Bradley, Council Member Bradshaw, Council Member Winder Newton, Council Member Granato, and Council Member DeBry

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The process would be done through appointment by the County Mayor and advice and consent by the County Council. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Council Member Stringham, Council Member Bradley, Council Member Bradshaw, Council Member Winder Newton, Council Member Granato, and Council Member DeBry

Nay: Council Member Snelgrove, Council Member Alvord, and Council Member Theodore

3.8 UPD Countywide Services Update

[21-0048](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[UPD Countywide Services Council](#)
[Presentation 020921 FINAL](#)

Presenters: Sheriff Rosie Rivera, Undersheriff Jake Petersen, and CFO Lisa Dudley (Approx. 20 mins).

Informational

Sheriff Rosie Rivera delivered a PowerPoint presentation on the Unified Police Department (UPD) Countywide Services for each of the following units including the expenditures, services provided, and organization charts: Drug Court, Tech Services, Metro Gang, Investigations (Mental Health Unit, Drug Enforcement Administration, Cold Cases, and Jail Investigations), Warrants/Pawns/Extraditions, and Canyon Patrol for both regular patrol duties and specialized responsibilities. She also explained the difference between the countywide services that are shared expenses with the other entities belonging to the UPD, and those that only the County pays for.

Council Member DeBry stated he would like to see a breakout of the shared responsibilities, including the job descriptions and what those officers do, and where those are paid for out of the County coffers versus the UPD coffers.

Sheriff Rivera stated that is broken up in the budget book, but next time she presented, she could put in the percentages of where the money is being spent.

Council Member Snelgrove commended the Canyon Patrol for its work this past weekend following an avalanche.

Mayor Wilson thanked the Sheriff's Office as well for its work with that difficult situation.

Sheriff Rivera stated four people died in that avalanche. Afterward, the Sheriff's Office did a debriefing to see if it had the right equipment for a situation of that magnitude, and it identified some needs. It will be bringing those to the Council later.

**3.9 UTA's 5-year Service Plan Update and Overview of [21-0119](#)
FrontRunner Commuter Rail**

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[UTA_updates_SLCo_20210201](#)

Presenters: Carlton Christensen, Chair of UTA Board of Trustees and Salt Lake County Representative; Carolyn Gonot, UTA Executive Director; Manjeet Ranu, Director of Capital Development; and Laura Hanson, Planning Director (Approx. 40 mins).

Informational

Mr. Carlton Christensen, Chair, Utah Transit Authority (UTA) Board of Trustees, stated growth is hitting the region at a significant pace, and UTA wants to be prepared to meet the needs. In planning for growth, it integrates with partners. It does not have all the capital dollars for the projects it needs, but it does move projects along in a process so that if capital dollars do become available, there is a plan. In fact, the Governor has recommended \$350 million for some FrontRunner improvements.

Ms. Laura Hanson, Director of Planning, UTA, delivered a PowerPoint presentation on UTA providing the right service for the community. This presentation included the growing region, UTA as a partner, UTA's planning process, i.e. Regional Transportation Plans (RTP), Long Range Transit Plan (LRTP), Five-Year Service Plan, and the operational planning process, details of the five-year service plan, and improvement plans for Salt Lake and Tooele Counties, as well as encouraging the right service for the community, engaging with UTA, and how to stay in touch with UTA.

Mr. Majeet Ranu, Director of Capital Planning, UTA, delivered a PowerPoint presentation with an update on projects, including the FrontRunner moving forward, a background of the train systems, service objectives and regional objectives for FrontRunner, the vision for FrontRunner, and FrontRunner Next Steps Professional Services Strategy. He also reviewed Vineyard Station, and the associated double track, Ogden-Weber State University (WSU) Bus Rapid Transit (BRT), including a project and a schedule overview, the Midvalley Connector BRT, including project partners and a project overview, Center Station, a Point of the Mountain Transit Study, a Transit Study Overview, the Level 2 Preferred Alternative - BRT and Level 2 Alternative Key Findings, and a schedule and next steps.

Ms. Carolyn Gonot, Executive Director, UTA, stated UTA has submitted

an application for federal funding for the Midvalley Connector so it can leverage the funding that the State, County, and others have given it.

4. CONSENT ITEMS:

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

- 4.1 **A Resolution of the Salt Lake County Council Authorizing Execution of a Land Exchange Agreement with GMMN Holdings LLC and Related Documents** [21-0133](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[Resolution Land Exchange Agreement](#)
[SLCo - GMMN Land Exchange Agreement - signed January 2021 \(2-5-21\) \(updated legal description\) - AATF](#)

This consent item was approved and forwarded.

- 4.2 **Approval of an In-Kind Donation of a One-Week Trip on a Private Catamaran Valued at \$10,992 to the Clark Planetarium 2020 Virtual Gala** [21-0121](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[Form 1006 In Kind Donation Iqbal_Catamaran](#)

This consent item was approved and forwarded.

- 4.3 **Report of Deposits and Investments as of December 31, 2020** [21-0138](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[Report of Deposits and Investments as of December 31, 2020](#)
[UtahDandIReportHoldings.pdf Dec 31 2020](#)

This consent item was approved and forwarded.

- 4.4 **Ratification of 2021 Salaries for Salt Lake County Elected Officers** [21-0145](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
 [SLCo Elected Officials Salaries](#)

This consent item was approved and forwarded.

5. ITEMS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS

5.1. Internal Business

5.1.1 Notice of Cancellation of the Tuesday, February 16, 2021 Committee of the Whole Meeting

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

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**6.1 Approval of Committee of the Whole Minutes for January [21-0118](#)
 26, 2021**

Attachments: [012621 - COW Min.](#)

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

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 PM.

SHERRIE SWENSEN, COUNTY CLERK

By _____
DEPUTY CLERK

By _____
CHAIR, SALT LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL