

SALT LAKE COUNTY

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Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 29, 2024

5:00 PM

Proclamations and 6:00PM Public Hearing

AMENDED AGENDA

Room N1-110, Council Chambers

County Council

Present: Council Member Suzanne Harrison
Council Chair Laurie Stringham
Council Member Jim Bradley
Council Member Dea Theodore

Excused: Council Member Dave Alvord
Council Member Aimee Winder Newton

Call In: Council Member Arlyn Bradshaw
Council Member Ann Granato
Council Member Sheldon Stewart

**1. PROCLAMATIONS, MEMORIALS, AND OTHER CEREMONIAL OR
COMMEMORATIVE MATTERS**

1.1 Proclamation Recognizing Dia de los Muertos (Day of the Dead) [24-2267](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[Day of the Dead Proclamation](#)

Sponsors: SLCo Mayor Jenny Wilson. SLCo Council.
(Approx. 5:00PM, 5 Min.)
Informational

Mayor Jennifer Wilson asked Kathryn Calderon to read the proclamation as a Spanish speaker.

Ms. Kathryn Calderon read the proclamation for Dia de los Muertos (Day of the Dead).

Salt Lake County

WHEREAS, Día de los Muertos celebrations originated in Mexico, developed from ancient tradition; and

WHEREAS, death is viewed as a natural part of the human cycle; and

WHEREAS, the “Celebration of Life” involves families and friends gathering to remember friends and family members who have died, helping support their spiritual journey; and

WHEREAS, families set up alters with photographs of their departed and add offerings of trinkets, memorabilia, toys, favorite foods, and flowers,

creating a colorful display to attract their loved ones to awake and celebrate with them; and

WHEREAS, Día de los Muertos is now being celebrated all over the globe, helping to alleviate the pain of the loss of their beloved departed; and

WHEREAS, Mexican artist Jose Guadalupe Posada repurposed the skull in the 20th century, creating the popular image of a skeleton donning a hat known as “Calavera Catrina;” and

WHEREAS, Una Mano Amiga maintains and shares the culture with the Official Day of the Dead Celebration! (Día de los Muertos);

NOW, THEREFORE, November 1st and 2nd are now declared as the celebration of Día de los Muertos in the year 2024 in Salt Lake County, Utah.

Dia de los Muertos (Day of the Dead) Proclamation

/s/ JENNIFER WILSON
Mayor

/s/ LAURIE STRINGHAM
At-Large A, Council Chair

/s/ SUZANNE HARRISON
At-Large B

/s/ JIM BRADLEY
At-Large C

/s/ ARLYN BRADSHAW
District 1

/s/ DAVID ALVORD
District 2

/s/ AIMEE WINDER NEWTON
District 3

/s/ ANN GRANATO
District 4

/s/ SHELDON STEWART
District 5

/s/ DEA THEODORE
District 6

1.2 Proclamation Recognizing October as Salt Lake County’s Health Literacy Month [24-2277](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[Salt Lake County's Health Literacy Month Proclamation](#)

Sponsors: SLCo Mayor Jenny Wilson. SLCo Council.
(Approx. 5:05PM, 5 Min.)
Informational

Council Member Stringham read the proclamation for Salt Lake County's Health Literacy Month.

Salt Lake County

WHEREAS, health literacy is defined as the degree to which individuals have the ability to find, understand, and use information and services to inform health-related decisions and actions for themselves and others (personal health literacy); and the degree to which organizations enable individuals to find, understand and use information and services to inform health-related decisions and actions for themselves and others (organizational health literacy); and

WHEREAS, health literacy is essential for individuals to make informed health decisions, effectively navigate the healthcare system, and manage their health; and

WHEREAS, health literacy empowers individuals to understand medical information, follow treatment plans, and engage in preventive health practices; and

WHEREAS, inadequate health literacy has been associated with poorer health outcomes, increased hospitalizations, and higher healthcare costs; and

WHEREAS, addressing overwhelming health literacy needs can reduce healthcare costs, improve the accessibility, quality, safety, and patient satisfaction of healthcare, and improve the health and quality of life for millions of Utahns; and

WHEREAS, public schools, librarians, healthcare professionals, insurance providers, public health professionals, community organizations, social workers, and employers play a critical role in improving health literacy through clear communication, education, accessible health information, and routinely teaching and using health literacy interventions, such as plain language and teach-back; and

WHEREAS, The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services includes health literacy in one of its overarching Healthy People 2030 goals "Eliminate health disparities, achieve health equity, and attain health literacy to improve the health and well-being of all."; and

WHEREAS, October is recognized nationally as Health Literacy Month, providing an opportunity to raise awareness about the importance of health literacy and to promote actions that improve health communication and outcomes;

Now, Therefore, I Jenny Wilson, Mayor of Salt Lake County, and the Salt Lake County Council, do hereby proclaim the month of October as Health Literacy Month in Salt Lake County. I call upon all librarians, healthcare professionals, educators, employers, and community organizations to work together to improve health literacy, enhance communication, and ensure that all individuals have the tools and knowledge to make informed health decisions.

Salt Lake County’s Health Literacy Month Proclamation

/s/ JENNIFER WILSON
Mayor

/s/ LAURIE STRINGHAM
At-Large A, Council Chair

/s/ SUZANNE HARRISON
At-Large B

/s/ JIM BRADLEY
At-Large C

/s/ ARLYN BRADSHAW
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/s/ DAVID ALVORD
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/s/ ANN GRANATO
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/s/ SHELDON STEWART
District 5

/s/ DEA THEODORE
District 6

**1.3 Proclamation of the Salt Lake County Council and [24-2269](#)
Ceremony Recognizing Native American Heritage Month**

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[Native American Heritage Month Proclamation](#)
[Native American Heritage Month Flyer](#)

Sponsors: Councilwoman Dea Theodore. Seconded by Council Chair Laurie Stringham. SLCo Mayor Jenny Wilson.

(Approx. 5:10PM, 45 Min.)

Discussion/Direction

Council Member Theodore read the proclamation for Native American Heritage Month.

Salt Lake County

Whereas, November 2024 has been declared Native American Heritage Month in Utah;

Whereas, during National Native American Heritage Month, we recognize the vast contributions made by Native Americans within Salt Lake County, the state of Utah, and across the nation; and

Whereas, Native American Tribes, such as the Goshute, Paiute, Utah, Navajo, and Shoshone tribes, have been in Utah since 1200 AD; and

Whereas, we honor and recognize Salt Lake County as an ancestral homeland of these tribes and acknowledge the land's significance as a gathering place for Indigenous peoples; and

Whereas, the history of Utah cannot be discussed without acknowledging the history and influence of Native peoples within Salt Lake County, the State of Utah, and the United States; and

Whereas, Utah's Native American population grew by 26.5% and Utah is now home to approximately 69,000 Native Americans from over 50 tribal nations; and

Whereas, for generations, they have passed down rich traditions, cultures, and knowledge in Utah and across the nation and we celebrate their heritage; and

Whereas, we recognize Indigenous Knowledge as an important contributor to

the scientific, technical, social, and economic advancements of Utah, and the United States; and

Whereas, Native Americans serve in the United States Armed Forces at higher rates than any other ethnic group; and

Whereas, Salt Lake County is home to talented Native American youth who will shape our future as they enter the education system, workforce, and our Salt Lake County community to create a hopeful future for all; and

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 and establish the opportunities of the American Dream for themselves, their families, and the future of Salt Lake County; and

Whereas, together we recognize the Native American community in Salt Lake County, acknowledge and celebrate their many achievements, and applaud their proud legacy of service, unity, and dedication to our nation, our state, and to Salt Lake County; Now, therefore, We, the Salt Lake County Council, on this 29th Day of October, 2024, do hereby recognize and celebrate all the Native American residents of Salt Lake County during this month set aside to honor them.

Native American Heritage Month Proclamation

/s/ JENNIFER WILSON
Mayor

/s/ LAURIE STRINGHAM
At-Large A, Council Chair

/s/ SUZANNE HARRISON
At-Large B

/s/ JIM BRADLEY
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/s/ DEA THEODORE
District 6

TIME CERTAIN 6:00PM

2. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND ISSUANCE OF PUBLIC NOTICES

2.1 Public Hearing to Receive Public Comment About Salt Lake County's Agreement to Purchase 18.6 Acres of Real Property Located at Approximately 799 W. Coliseum Way in Midvale, Utah [24-2266](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)

Presenter: Megan Hillyard, SLCo Department Director of Admin. Services.
Informational

A motion was made by Council Member Bradley, seconded by Council Member Theodore, to open the public hearing. Council Member Harrison was absent for the vote.

Ms. Megan Hillyard, Director, Administrative Services Department, delivered a PowerPoint presentation on the Midvale office campus purchase. She reviewed an asset summary; the County's options (remodel, rebuild, or relocate); a facility condition assessment for the Salt Lake County Government Center; and a list of due diligence tasks for the County.

Mr. John Tanner, Sandy Hills Community Council, spoke in opposition to the Midvale purchase. He stated even though the building was 40 years old, there were many other buildings in the County that were older. He stated age was incidental, due to the expense of moving. He wondered how much maintenance had been neglected over the years. He stated many people in his neighborhood are struggling and cannot afford a tax increase. He suggested renting out one of the buildings in the Government Center, as rent would be easier to collect than taxes.

Council Member Winder Newton stated this was less about the age of the building and more about what would be the most cost effective. Purchasing the building in Midvale, even with the price tag, the cost for renovations, and the cost for moving, would still cost less than renovating the Government Center. This would not result in a tax increase because of the high value of the Government Center property. The property could either be sold or leased, and that revenue would pay for any bond payments.

Ms. Rachelle Morris spoke in support of the Midvale purchase. She stated she has met with thousands of County residents this year. One thing that has been repeatedly brought up is that there are individuals who would like County Government to be closer to where they live. Additionally, many residents have difficulty distinguishing between Salt Lake County and Salt Lake City functions. She felt this move to Midvale City would help with those concerns.

Mr. Bart Barker stated he served as a County Commissioner in the 1980s. He spoke about the history of the Government Center and some of the challenges at the time. Prior to building the Government Center, all County elected offices were housed at the City and County Building. The County wanted to move away from leasing and toward ownership. Being closer to the center of the valley was also a priority at the time. Rather than speaking in favor or opposition to the purchase, his intent was to watch and listen to the due diligence process and gather more information to make an informed decision.

Council Member Bradley stated members of a community can sometimes be quick to tear down buildings because they are “in the way.” Restoration is not always a bad idea. However, there were other considerations with this decision.

Ms. Samantha [last name not given] asked if the County had any plans for accommodating transgender individuals, given the passage of HB 257, sex-based designations for privacy, anti-bullying, and women’s opportunities. She wondered if any accommodations would be made for individuals who were not openly transgender to all their colleagues.

Ms. Megan Hillyard stated the building was designed as a call center. Readyng the building for County use will require some renovation. During that stage, the varied agency needs will be taken into consideration.

A motion was made by Council Member Bradley, seconded by Council Member Theodore, to close the public hearing. Council Member Harrison was absent for the vote.

ADJOURN

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS to come before the Council at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 6:35 PM until Tuesday, November 5th, 2024.

LANNIE CHAPMAN, COUNTY CLERK

By _____
DEPUTY CLERK

By _____
CHAIR, SALT LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL