

# **SALT LAKE COUNTY**

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## **Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday, January 12, 2021**

**1:30 PM**

**AMENDED AGENDA**

**Room N2-800**

**Committee of the Whole**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**Present** Council Member Laurie Stringham  
Council Member Arlyn Bradshaw  
Council Member Aimee Winder Newton  
Council Member Steve DeBry

**Call In** Council Member Richard Snelgrove  
Council Member Jim Bradley  
Council Member Dave Alvord  
Council Member Ann Granato  
Council Member Dea Theodore

**Council Member DeBry** took a few minutes to express his disgust about the events he saw unfold at the Capitol last week regarding the protest and storming of the building. He felt it was a direct assault on the Country and every American citizen. This is not the way things are done in America.

**Council Member Newton** stated the Salt Lake County Council works together. It does have its disagreements, but it is still able to get County business done. She was grateful for that.

**1.1 Statement of Council Chair Steve DeBry Concerning the [21-0030](#)  
Temporary Conduct of Electronic Meetings of the Council  
Consistent with the Utah Open and Public Meetings Act**

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

**Mr. Mitchell Park**, Legal Counsel, Council Office, read the following statement for the record:

Consistent with provisions of the Utah Open and Public Meetings Act, Utah Code Ann. §52-4-207(4), and acting in my capacity as Salt Lake County Council Chair, I hereby make the following written determinations in support of Salt Lake County Council's decision to hold and convene electronic meetings of the Council without a physical anchor location:

1. Conducting the Council meeting with an anchor location that is physically accessible for members of the public to attend in person presents a substantial risk to the health and safety of those who may be present at the

anchor location; and

2. This determine is based upon the following facts, among others:

a. Salt Lake County remains under a state of public health emergency related to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, and significant, continued person-to-person transmission of the SARS-CoV-2 virus continues to occur in Salt Lake County;

b. State and local health authorities have adopted “State Public Health Order 2020-27, *“Updated Statewide COVID-19 Restrictions,”* which orders institutions in jurisdictions currently experiencing “high transmission” of COVID-19, including Salt Lake County, to limit public gatherings and ensure strict social distancing, mask wearing, and other requirements at public gatherings;

c. Mayor Jennifer Wilson has ordered that the Salt Lake County Government Center be open to the public on an “appointment only” basis during the current period of Salt Lake County Government’s phased re-opening;

d. Public health authorities, including the Salt Lake County Health Department, recommend that the health and safety of Councilmembers, County officials and employees, staff, and members of the public is best served by holding electronic meetings of the Council with limited in-person interaction;

e. The Council has prepared for and demonstrated the ability to effectively conduct its public meetings electronically, including providing members of the public means to observe the Council’s meetings and provide comments electronically.

These written determinations shall be read into the minutes at the beginning of the Salt Lake County Council’s Executive Committee, Committee of the Whole, and Council Meetings, held in Salt Lake City on January 12, 2021, and shall also apply to any additional meetings of the Council held during the time period described herein. Council staff are instructed to continue including in the public notice information on how a member of the public may view and make comments at the Council’s electronic meetings.

This written determination is effective until midnight on February 10, 2021, and may be re-issued by future written determinations of the Chair at that time.

Dated this 14th day of January, 2021.

SALT LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL

ATTEST:

By /s/ STEVE DEBRY  
Chair

By /s/ SHERRIE SWENSEN  
County Clerk

**2. CITIZEN PUBLIC INPUT**

**3. DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

**3.1 Hiring Freeze Exception Report**

[21-0031](#)

**Attachments:** [Staff Report](#)  
[Hiring Freeze Exceptions -011221](#)

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

**Mr. Brad Kendrick**, Budget & Policy Analyst, Council Office, reviewed the exceptions to the hiring freeze.

**3.2 Presentation on Butterfield Canyon Recreation Area and Trail System**

[21-0028](#)

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

Sponsors: Council Chair Steve DeBry; Council Member Richard Snelgrove; and Council Member Dave Alvord

Presenter: Spencer Millerberg (Approx. 30 mins).  
Informational

**Mr. Spencer Millerberg**, Project Champion, delivered a PowerPoint presentation regarding the proposed trails in Butterfield Canyon. He reviewed the request/next steps, background, proposal overview, reasons to pursue the trails now, overview summary, and who the stakeholders were.

He stated the trails would be multi-use, non-paved, primitive trails and would be used for equestrian, biking, and hiking.

**Ms. Jo Darton**, Project Champion, continued the PowerPoint presentation showing the proposed locations of trails in both Phase 1 and Phase 2, along with the locations of proposed parking lots for equestrian and hiking/parking trails. In Phase 1 of the project, most of the property is owned by Rio Tinto and the Bureau of Land Management; in Phase 2, the ownership of land is pretty much equally divided.

**Council Member Newton** asked if the proposal followed the masterplan for this area and how conflicts between the three uses on the same trail are resolved.

**Mr. Millerberg** stated trail conflict is a main concern. Trails have been separated in high-use and high-speed areas where most conflicts occur.

**Mr. Martin Jensen**, Director, Parks and Recreation Division, stated at this point, there are no areas of conflict between this proposal and the masterplan for the area.

**Mayor Jennifer Wilson** stated trail systems in this area are a top priority. There is still a lot of preliminary work that needs to be done to make sure this is in the best interest of the region, the area, and the County as a whole.

**Council Member Bradshaw** asked what the total cost of the two phases would be and if Tourism, Recreation, Cultural, and Convention (TRCC) funds would be the funding source for this.

**Mr. Millerberg** stated the total cost would be \$5.8 million, Phase 1 would cost just over \$2 million and Phase 2 would cost \$3.37 million with an ongoing annual upkeep of \$230,000 to \$260,000.

**Ms. Holly Yocom**, Director, Community Services Department, stated she was hoping to get grant funding for this. Using the TRCC Fund is something the Council would need to decide. It would need to determine if this raises to a high enough priority over other projects that were cut last year.

**Attachments:** [Staff Report](#)  
[Contract - Millerberg for West Side Trail-Single Signed Policy 1006](#)  
[Declaration of donation - SL County](#)

Discussion/Direction

**Mr. Spencer Millerberg** stated he would like to donate \$200,000 to the County for the development of trails in Butterfield Canyon. The stipulations associated with this donation is that the County would finish the final phase of soil testing at a cost \$40,000 and it would agree to develop multi-use, non-paved, primitive trails.

A motion was made by Council Member Bradshaw, seconded by Council Member Winder Newton, that this agenda item be approved and forwarded to the 4:00 PM Council meeting. Approval is based on contingencies as listed. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

**Mr. Millerberg** asked if the approval included the \$40,000 for soil testing.

**Council Member Bradshaw** stated the \$40,000 was not included in the motion. This will come back to the Council in two weeks.

### 3.4 Council Board Appointments

[21-0029](#)

**Attachments:** [Staff Report](#)  
[Jan 2021 Council Board Appointments](#)

Sponsors: Council Chair Steve DeBry and Council Vice Chair Aimee Winder Newton (Approx. 10 mins).

Discussion/Direction

**Council Member DeBry** stated the Executive Committee recommended approval of an amended list of board appointments for the County Council.

**Council Member Bradshaw** asked the Council Aids to provide additional information on each of the board appointments regarding term of service so it can be attached to this document.

**Council Member Stringham** asked Council Members to report on their meetings on a regular basis and provide an end of year report.

A motion was made by Council Member Bradshaw, seconded by Council Member Stringham, that this agenda item be approved and forwarded to the 4:00 PM Council meeting for ratification. That legislative intent be added that this process be reviewed every other year in January. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

**3.5 Annual Training on Utah Open and Public Meetings Act** [21-0034](#)

**Attachments:** [Staff Report](#)  
[Open and Public Meetings Act Training](#)

Presenter: Mitch Park, Legal Counsel, Council (Approx. 10 mins).  
Informational

**Mr. Mitchell Park**, Legal Counsel, Council Office, led the Open and Public Meetings Act - 2021 annual training.

**3.6 Update on Salt Lake County's Coordinated Response to COVID-19** [21-0032](#)

**The Council may Take Action, Including Votes, on any Necessary Legislative Matters Related to the Ongoing State of Emergency**

**Attachments:** [Staff Report](#)  
[Paul Council Presentation Jan 2021](#)

Presenters: Mayor Jenny Wilson; David Schuld, Intelligence Section Chief, Salt Lake County COVID-19 Response; Gary Edwards, Director, Health Department (Approx. 30 mins).  
Discussion/Direction

**Dr. Audrey Stevenson**, Salt Lake County Health Department, delivered a PowerPoint presentation on the County's COVID-19 health response vaccination update, stating the County began vaccinating December 28, 2020. She presented Salt Lake County's preparedness to meet the challenge of mass vaccination, the limited supply of vaccines from the Federal Government, the priority groups who will receive the current vaccines, and the vaccination administration report.

**Council Member DeBry** asked if those who had received their first shot

would be able to get their second shot considering the limited supply.

**Ms. Stevenson** stated the manufacturers have held back a dose to match that initial dose. The County is just starting to receive those matching doses for individuals who received vaccines during the week of December 21st and the week of the 28th.

**Ms. Jill Miller**, Associate Deputy Mayor, Mayor's Finance, continued the PowerPoint presentation reviewing the preparedness activities, including learning from influenza clinics and COVID testing, the venues and strategy for those locations, and appointments and registration for vaccines, which began last week, as well as the key points of County preparedness and the limited supply of vaccines.

**Mayor Wilson** stated the case counts looked a little better the last few days, but the County is not out of the woods yet.

**Mr. Gary Edwards**, Director, Salt Lake County Health Department, stated he just heard today that one of the testing sites had a reporting glitch, wherein a few thousand tests did not get reported on. Tomorrow, the numbers will be higher from those getting recorded.

### 3.7 Salt Lake County COVID Recovery Update

[21-0033](#)

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

Presenters: Erin Litvack, Deputy Mayor/Chief Administrative Officer and Catherine Kanter, Deputy Mayor of Regional Operations (Approx. 20 mins).  
Informational

**Ms. Karen Crompton**, Director, Human Services Department, stated Aging and Adult Services is about services, such as senior centers, classes, Meals on Wheels, as well as addressing social isolation. People in long-term care facilities are dying, not necessarily from Covid, but from loneliness, and addressing that is an important side benefit from the programming the County offers.

**Mr. Paul Leggett**, Director, Aging and Adult Services Division, presented a PowerPoint about Aging and Adult Services, including where it was in 2019 and the four sections serving older adults age 60+, as well as the 2020



innovations and accomplishments, and the numbers for the programs in each of the four sections: Active Aging programs, i.e. senior centers and health promotion; Independent Aging programs, i.e. Meals on Wheels and Rides for Wellness; Community Care Transitions regarding in-home services, caregiver support, and special populations; and Community Engagement regarding outreach, ombudsmen, and volunteer programs.

**Ms. Erin Litvack**, Deputy Mayor of County Services, stated from lessons learned and having additional people, Aging and Adult Services has been able to reach people in the community who it might not otherwise have had the opportunity to. She considered this the silver lining of COVID, as it has provided an opportunity to think differently about how to provide services now and after COVID to meet the needs of as many seniors in the community as possible.

### **3.8 Overview of COVID-19 Expenditures and Resources Utilized [21-0018](#) and County Revenue Update**

**Attachments:** [Staff Report](#)  
[COVID Costs Update 1-12-21](#)  
[2020 Sales Tax Revenue Update - Dec Dist](#)

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

Informational

**Mr. Rod Kitchens**, Budget Director, Mayor's Finance and Administration, delivered a PowerPoint presentation reviewing the December 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, and Local Option Sales Taxes, and Recorder revenue, as well as a revenue summary, the 2020 year-to-date October sales results, and the 2020 sales tax projections.

**Ms. Shannell Beecher**, Accounting Director, Mayor's Financial Administration, delivered a PowerPoint presentation on the COVID-19 costs through December 31, 2020, the categories and related activities, COVID costs covered by funding outside of Coronavirus, Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act funding and Federal Emergency Management Agency

(FEMA) grants, redeployed employees, COVID new hires, and COVID contracted resources.

#### 4. CONSENT ITEMS:

A motion was made by Council Member Bradshaw, seconded by Council Member Snelgrove, 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 Approval of Black Diamond Beacon Donation from Friends of Search & Rescue** [21-0016](#)

**Attachments:** [Staff Report](#)  
[Black Diamond Beacon Donation - Thomas Howells](#)

This consent item was approved and forwarded.

**4.2 Appoint Anthony Loubet as the Council Representative to the Property Tax Committee** [21-0027](#)

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

This consent item was approved and forwarded.

**4.3 Salt Lake Valley Law Enforcement Services Area (SLVLESA) Appointment - Chris Stavros, Salt Lake County Assessor** [21-0042](#)

**Attachments:** [SLVLESA Appointment Letter to Council](#)

This consent item was approved and forwarded.

#### 5. ITEMS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS

##### 5.1. Internal Business

##### 5.1.1 Notice of Cancellation of Committee of the Whole Meeting for Tuesday, January 19, 2021

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

#### 6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**ADJOURN 3:45 PM for Board of Equalization**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:56 PM.

SHERRIE SWENSEN, COUNTY CLERK

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

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