

Consistent with provisions of the Utah Open and Public Meetings Act, Utah Code Ann. § 54-2-207(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 Council meetings 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 determination 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 “Phased Guidelines for the General Public and Business to Maximize Public Health and Economic Reactivation, Version 4.6,” which orders institutions and persons in moderate risk or “orange” jurisdictions, including Salt Lake City, to take “extreme precautions,” including allowing “in-person interactions in decreased group sizes that enable all physical distancing guidelines to be maintained; social interactions in groups of 20 or fewer” and recommending “increase[d] virtual interactions”;
 - 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. 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 of fewer than 20 persons;
- 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 Committee of the Whole and Council Meetings, held in Salt Lake City on August 25, 2020, and at future Council meetings as appropriate. 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 September 23, 2020, and may be re-issued by future written determinations of the Chair at that time.

Dated this 25th day of August, 2020.

SALT LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL

By: _____

Max Burdick, Chair

ATTEST:

Sherrie Swensen

Salt Lake County Clerk