

SALT LAKE COUNTY

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Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 8, 2022

10:00 AM

Room N2-800

Council Work Session

1. CALL TO ORDER

- Present**
 - Chair Laurie Stringham
 - Council Member Richard Snelgrove
 - Council Member Jim Bradley
 - Council Member Steve DeBry
 - Council Member Arlyn Bradshaw
 - Council Member Dave Alvord
 - Council Member Aimee Winder Newton
 - Council Member Ann Granato
 - Council Member Dea Theodore

2. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

2.1 Closed Session Regarding Discussion of the Character, Professional Competence, or Physical or Mental Health of an Individual [22-0210](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)

(Approx. 90 mins).

A motion was made by Council Member Snelgrove, seconded by Council Member Theodore, to close the Committee of the Whole meeting to discuss the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual. The motion carried by a unanimous vote. Council Members Alvord and Granato were absent for the vote.

The Council voted to reopen the Committee of the Whole meeting during the closed session.

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RECONVENE 1:15 PM

3. CITIZEN PUBLIC INPUT

The following citizens spoke in support of using \$6,600,000 in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds for the Health Equity Program, which assists people in accessing health care services, including mental health care services, as well as other needed services, such as shelter, housing, utilities, food, etc.

Stacey Bank, Medical Director, University of Utah
Halima Dahir, Salt Lake County Health Department
Tetea Woffinden, Health Access Project
Soledad Villasenor, Health Access Project
Leonard Bagalwa, Health Access Project
Roshanak Khalili, Salt Lake County Health Department
Kai Sin, Salt Lake County Health Department

4. DISCUSSION ITEMS CONTINUED:

4.1 Proposed Hire Report / Incentive Plans/ Weekly [22-0202](#) Reclassification Report

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[Proposed Hire Report 3-2-2-2022](#)
[Weekly Reclassification Update for Council 3-2-2022](#)
[Incentive Plans 3-2-2022](#)

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

Mr. Brad Kendrick, Budget & Policy Analyst, Council Office, reviewed the new hires, reclassifications, and incentive plans.

4.2 Council Approval of an Employee Incentive Plan Consistent [22-0232](#) with Salt Lake County HR Policy 5-100

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[Incentive Plan for Approval 3-8-22](#)

Presenter: Brad Kendrick, Budget and Policy Analyst, Council
Discussion/Direction

Mr. Brad Kendrick, Budget & Policy Analyst, Council Office, reviewed an incentive plan that was over the \$3,000 threshold. The incentive plan is for a Park Planner. Zoo, Arts, and Parks (ZAP) is up for reauthorization, and the Parks and Recreation Division wants an associate division director to start working on that, and have a project manager fill in because there are a lot of duties.

A motion was made by Council Member Winder Newton, seconded by Council

Member DeBry, to approve this agenda item and forward it to the 4:00 PM Council meeting for ratification. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

4.3 Remaining ARPA Priorities Presentation

[22-0205](#)

- Attachments:** [Staff Report](#)
[Water Conservation ORD ARPA Feb 28](#)
[Green and Healthy Homes ORD ARPA Feb 28](#)

Presenter: Deputy Mayor Catherine Kanter and Associate Deputy Mayor Lisa Hartman (Approx. 15 mins).

Discussion/Direction

- Housing - Integrated Water Conservation & Land Use Municipal Partnerships - \$2,100,000 Request (\$700,000 for 2022, 2023, and 2024)

Ms. Dina Blaes, Director, Office of Regional Development, delivered a PowerPoint presentation on the Integrated Water Conservation & Land Use Municipal Partnerships proposal showing the Office of Regional Development’s context; the presentation content; the water shortage problem in Utah and why there is a problem; the solution of allocating \$2.1 million in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) fund, whereby Salt Lake County will guide municipalities through phases to help them develop their own land use and water conservation action plans; the four project phases; the expected outcome and impact; the set up, staffing, and oversight for which the Office of Regional Development (ORD) staff will oversee the management of the program and funds, in partnership with the Utah League of Cities and Towns; ARPA reporting; and alignment with the U.S. Department of Treasury’s water and sewer infrastructure, ORD’s scope of work, ARPA compliance, the Mayor’s strategic pillars, and the Council’s ARPA priorities.

- Housing - Green and Healthy Homes - \$1,500,000 million for 2022, and 1 Full-Time Employee for 2022, 2023, and 2024

Ms. Dina Blaes, Director, Office of Regional Development, delivered a PowerPoint presentation on the Green & Health Homes proposal showing the Office of Regional Development’s context; the presentation content; and the problem of low-income housing that is impacted by deferred maintenance, which causes health problems.

Mr. Michael Gallegos, Director, Housing & Community Development Division, reviewed the problem of 14,000 homes in the Salt Lake Valley that were built before 1940, and that are occupied by low-income households. These homes have a 90 percent chance of lead-based paint hazards and a 25 percent chance of radon gas hazards.

Ms. Blaes continued the PowerPoint presentation reviewing the solution of \$1.5 million as a match to the State ARPA funding of \$1.5 million, and leveraging the County ARPA funding with other entities, and Salt Lake County's experience with the Green & Healthy Homes program; expected outcome and impact of 150 homes being retrofitted by the end of December 2024, the improvements and reduced costs this will have on the households, and the partnerships; set up, staffing, and oversight; ARPA reporting; and alignment with the Office of Regional Development's scope of work, ARPA compliance, the Mayor's strategic pillars, and the Council's ARPA priorities.

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

4.4 Council ARPA Discussion

[22-0215](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)

Sponsor: Chair Laurie Stingham (Approx. 60 mins).

Discussion/Direction

- Housing - Capitalizing the Housing Trust Fund - \$20,000,000 Request and 1 Full-Time Temporary Employee

Council Member Newton stated this is a great project; however, the Council needed some clarity on it regarding ordinance issues and advisory board assignments before it released funding.

A motion was made by Council Member Winder Newton to support the \$20 million for this project.

Council Member Stringham asked if Council Member Winder Newton would consider

a caveat to the motion that the Council get its questions answered. She was happy to set money aside, but she wanted more information about how this would work and the function.

Council Member Winder Newton amended the motion to add that the Council needed ordinance issues resolved, an understanding of the advisory board assignments, and that the Mayor's Office work with the Council on what this proposal would look like and answer any other questions Council Members might have.

Ms. Catherine Kanter, Deputy Mayor of Regional Development, asked if the Council could give her more detail on what information it was looking for.

Council Member Alvord stated he would like to see a spreadsheet of the projects that have already commenced, and the line item expenses for those.

Ms. Dina Blaes, Director, Office of Regional Development stated she expected the first tranche would be for the low-income housing tax credit projects currently underway, which represents about 722 affordable units. She anticipated Regional Development would put out a request for application (RFA) that would describe supplemental housing for low-income tax credit projects that are experiencing some problem preventing the project from getting done. Then, the advisory board would look at all those, probably take applications, and send her office the supplemental information about costs escalations or other elements. The goal with tax credits is to lower developers' debt service payments if they provide a percentage of affordable housing units and guarantee the rent restriction on those for 15 years.

Mr. Darrin Casper, Deputy Mayor of Finance & Administration, stated tax credits are monetized into part of the construction costs, but then the developer reverse monetizes that into an income stream that is set and known for the next 15 years.

Council Member Winder Newton amended the motion that before expending funds, these questions need to be answered.

Council Member Bradshaw stated if the motion was to allocate the funds, but encumber them, he would like to set the meeting in April to have the Mayor's Office come back and review those items for the Council and for the Council to potentially unencumber the funds. If that is included in the motion, he would second it.

Mayor Wilson asked if there was anything that would happen in three to four weeks

where the Council would not do that.

Council Member Alvord stated he would rather wait until questions were answered, rather than quasi-passing this.

A substitute motion was made by Council Member Alvord, seconded by Council Member DeBry, to table this for three weeks until the questions are answered. The motion carried 8 to 1, with Council Member Bradshaw voting in opposition.

[Later in the Meeting]

The Council voted during the discussion regarding the cancellation of the March 15, 2022, meetings to go back to the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) agenda item.

- Housing - Medically Vulnerable People (MVP) Housing - \$6,000,000 request for 2022

A motion was made by Council Member Stringham, seconded by Council Member Granato, that this request be approved and forwarded to the 4:00 PM Council meeting for ratification. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

- Criminal Justice Initiatives - Legal Defender Association (LDA) Caseload Backlog - \$2,833,722 Request (\$926,000 for 2022, \$944,390 for 2023, and \$963,332 for 2024)

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

A motion was made by Council Member Bradshaw to address the remainder of the list at the same time the Council takes up the Housing Trust Fund on April 5th. The motion died due to the lack of a second.

- Economic Development - Salt Lake Center of Opportunity Partnership (CO-OP) program - \$4,000,000 Request and 1.5 Full-Time Employees

A motion was made by Council Member Winder Newton, seconded by Council Member Bradshaw, that this request be approved and forwarded to the 4:00 PM Council meeting for ratification. The motion carried 6 to 3, with Council Members Alvord, DeBry, and Theodore voting in opposition.

Council Member Stringham stated there were some questions on this. She asked if the Mayor's Office would follow up with answers to those questions.

Ms. Catherine Kanter, Deputy Mayor of Regional Development, stated yes, of course.

4.5 Approval of Legislative Intent to Notify Municipalities of [22-0214](#) County-Wide Law Enforcement Services

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[Law Enforcement Countywide Services Leg Intent](#)
[Letter to city leaders and chiefs](#)

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

Discussion/Direction

Council Member Newton proposed the following legislative intent:

“The Salt Lake County Council wants countywide law enforcement spending to be transparent, and we welcome feedback from our cities and police agencies to ensure we are spending taxpayer funds in the manner that is most beneficial to the entire county.

To that end, it is the intent of the council to have council fiscal staff, working in conjunction with the Mayor and Sheriff's fiscal staff, draft a letter at the beginning of each year to all municipalities in the county. This letter will detail the countywide law enforcement services funded by the council in the approved county budget as allowed by the Unified Police Department interlocal agreement. The letter will outline the specific programs and services and the dollar amount for these services. Other detailed information about the programs/services may also be included as the Sheriff or Council sees fit.

This letter will also request feedback from municipalities as to whether they need additional information or have comments or questions about the programs/services offered and include contact information of the County Council members.”

She also reviewed a sample draft letter, which she wanted to work with the Sheriff on it to make sure everything was accurate before it got sent out.

Sheriff Rosie Rivera stated she was in support of this. The Unified Police Department (UPD) has been trying to be more transparent with its budget and getting information out to communities. However, the sample letter asks entities to reach out to the Council with concerns about the UPD. The Sheriff’s Office is very complex and there may be some areas the Council may not understand, so she wanted to have a controlled process for reaching out that did not create more work for the UPD. She suggested adding her name to the letter as well.

Council Member Winder Newton, seconded by Council Member Snelgrove, moved to approve this agenda item and forward it to the 4:00 PM Council meeting for ratification. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

4.6 Opioid Litigation/Settlement Update

[22-0204](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)

Presenters: Mayor Jenny Wilson; District Attorney Sim Gill; Chief Deputy Ralph Chamness; and Bridget Romano, Division Administrator (Approx. 10 mins).

Informational

Mr. Sim Gill, District Attorney, acknowledged the Mayor’s Office for its work on the opioid litigation and Bridget Romano, Deputy District Attorney, whose efforts in educating and sharing information helped all impacted parties. Without her, this settlement with the state of Utah would not have happened.

Ms. Bridget Romano, Deputy District Attorney, reviewed the opioid litigation settlement, for which more than 98 percent of Utah’s counties and political subdivisions opted to participate in. On Friday, all of the parties that signed onto the settlement agreements will participate in a mass stipulated dismissal of four entities from their lawsuit. That will not conclude Salt Lake

County's lawsuits, as it still has other defendants who will proceed in litigation.

There will be \$266 million coming into the state of Utah from the settlement, \$133 million of which will be paid directly into the opioid restrictive account established by the Legislature, and \$133 million shared to local governments, paid directly to the counties. Salt Lake County's share is 47.21 percent of that \$133 million, which is just under \$57 million. Also, there is a presumption that through direct payment, partnership, or providing services, there will be a trickle-down effect, to be credited directly to Salt Lake County in the neighborhood of \$26-\$27 million. The County can expect about \$3.5 million.

She reviewed the exhibits to the settlement agreements, which set out principles for which to prioritize spending the opioid dollars and defines four categories for which settlement dollars can be spent. She also reviewed the Mayor's objectives, working with the State and other partners, and the issue of attorney fees.

Mayor Wilson stated a number of things need to be determined as the County assesses the appropriate use of the funds going forward. The Mayor's Office will figure out the appropriate use of the funds and follow up with a recommendation in a couple months.

3:00 PM TIME CERTAIN

4.7 Update of County Policy 1303 - Smoking In/On County Grounds [22-0115](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[01-04-22 CWS Smoking Policy 1303 Update Presentation.pdf](#)
[Smoking Policy 8Feb2022 AATF JSR \(002\).pdf](#)

Presenters: Julia Glade Community Health Coordinator; Annie Omer Community Health Educator; Nancy Farnes Community Health Educator; Samanah Wendleboe; Arivan Verma; Reis Whitaker, Salt Lake County Youth Government Members; and Robin B. Chalhoub, Associate Director Community Services (Approx. 15 mins).

Discussion/Direction

Ms. Robin Chalhoub, Interim Director, Community Services Department, introduced members of the Salt Lake County Youth Government, which has decided to work on a countywide smoking policy as one of its advocacy programs.

Mses. Savannah Wendelboe, Reis Whittaker, and Arivan Verma, members of the Youth Government, delivered a PowerPoint presentation on the Salt Lake County Smoking Policy update, reviewing who the Youth Government is, the background for the importance of this policy, the purpose and what the Youth Government wanted to accomplish, the process, the key changes to the County Smoking Policy 1303, and signage.

Council Member DeBry stated he and Council staff members have identified a few small changes that will enhance the policy that the students brought for. He reviewed the revisions, which are to Section 2.1 to reduce the possibility of any confusion where smoking is prohibited, add clarifying language to make the policy easier to read, and make it clear that employees who repeatedly violate this policy may be subject to discipline. The District Attorney's Office has reviewed and approved as to form this revised version of Policy 1303.

A motion was made by Council Member DeBry, seconded by Council Member Snelgrove to adopt the revised version of Policy 1303, prepared by his office.

Ms. Michelle Hicks, Executive Office Administrator, Mayor's Office, stated this action takes out the cessation resources. The Youth Government, Health Department, and Steering Committee, feel strongly about adding those back in.

Mr. Mitchell Park, Legal Counsel, Council Office, stated in Council Member DeBry's version, instead of having the list in policy, it would provide the following under 4.1, "Human Resources shall provide a list of cessation assistance and resources that are available to employees. County employees who attend cessation programs and/or stop using tobacco are eligible for additional points through the Healthy Lifestyles Incentive Program." The idea is that Human Resources would keep its own list up to date.

Ms. Savannah Wendelboe stated early on, the Youth Government, decided to include cessation resources. Having to go through a third party is an added step and a deterrent, so she would like to remain in the policy.

Ms. Arivan Verma stated it is important for employees to have resources available to them and not to have something deter them from seeking help.

Ms. Reis Whittaker stated early on, the Youth Government wanted cessation resources to be directly available so it was not as much of a shaming factor, and so anyone who wanted resources could access them without having to go to Human Resources to find the resources they needed.

A motion was made by Council Member DeBry to adopt the revised version of Policy 1303, prepared by his office. The motion failed due to the lack of a second.

A motion was made by Council Member DeBry, seconded by Council Member Snelgrove, to adopt the original Policy 1303, as stipulated, and forward it to the 4:00 PM Council meeting for ratification.. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

4.8 Legislative Update

[22-0213](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)

Presenter: Kara Trevino, Legislative Director, Council (Approx. 30 mins).
Informational

This agenda item was not discussed, but it was requested that the Council be given a written report.

5. 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.

5.1 Approval of Appointments to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

[22-0201](#)

Robynn Masters, District 1
Danny Schoenfeld, District 6
John Warnas, District 2

- Attachments:** [Staff Report](#)
[2022 P R Advisory Board Nominee Packet_Redacted.pdf](#)
[Board Appointment Approval form Danny Schoenfeld .pdf](#)
[Board Appointment Approval form Robynn Masters .pdf](#)
[Board Appointment Approval form John Warnas .pdf](#)

This consent item was approved and forwarded.

- 5.2 Appointment of Laurie Stringham to the Wasatch Front Waste and Recycling District Board** [22-0228](#)

- Attachments:** [Staff Report](#)
[Laurie Stringham Approval Letter](#)

This consent item was approved and forwarded.

- 5.3 A Resolution of the Salt Lake County Council Authorizing Execution of a Subdivision Plat in South Jordan** [22-0203](#)

- Attachments:** [Staff Report](#)
[Resolution for Subdivision Plat with Road Dedication \(Equestrian Park\) \(03.01.22\) - aatf](#)

This consent item was approved and forwarded.

- 5.4 Approval of \$5,143.34 for Program Support Donation from Friends of CJC to the District Attorney’s Office Children’s Justice Center** [22-0207](#)

- Attachments:** [Staff Report](#)
[Friends Nonprofit Gift Form - \\$5143.34](#)

This consent item was approved and forwarded.

6. ITEMS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS

6.1. Internal Business

Notice of Cancellation of the Tuesday, March 15, 2022, Council Work Session

Council Member Stringham stated the meeting was canceled because she will not be in attendance to chair that meeting and several people will be out of town. However, she received a request from a Council Member about holding that meeting.

Council Member Bradshaw stated the Council has not gotten very far on the American Rescue Plan Act decisions. If the Council dedicated the full work session to working through the ARPA lists, he would want to meet.

Mayor Wilson stated her office would like to get going on most things, and asked if the Council could go back to the ARPA discussion today.

Mr. Mitchell Park, Legal Counsel, Council Office, stated for clarity, the Council ought to motion to go back to that item on the agenda.

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.

A motion was made by Council Member Bradshaw, seconded by Council Member Granato, to return to the ARPA discussion. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ADJOURN 3:45 for Board of Equalization

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 PM.

SHERRIE SWENSEN, COUNTY CLERK

By _____
DEPUTY CLERK

By _____
CHAIR, SALT LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL