

SALT LAKE COUNTY

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Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, June 6, 2023

10:00 AM

Room N2-800

Council Work Session

1. CALL TO ORDER

Present Council Member Jim Bradley
Council Member Dave Alvord
Council Member Sheldon Stewart
Council Member Dea Theodore

Excused Council Member Suzanne Harrison

Call In Council Member Laurie Stringham
Council Member Arlyn Bradshaw
Council Chair Aimee Winder Newton
Council Member Ann Granato

2. PUBLIC COMMENT**3. DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

Time Certain 10 a.m

3.1 Economic Update[23-0602](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[Economic Update Kem C Gardner Institute SLCO 6-1-23](#)

Presenter: Natalie Gochnour, Director of the Kem C. Gardner Policy Institute at the University of Utah (Approx. 45 MINS)
Informational

Ms. Natalie Gochnour, Director, Kem Gardner Policy Institute, University of Utah, delivered a PowerPoint presentation entitled Economic Insights Utah and Salt Lake County. She reviewed the following slides: United States Real Gross Domestic Product (GDP) Growth; How did we get here?; Federal Fiscal Support Comparables; United States Supply Chain Stress Index; Inflation; The Fed Moving Fast to Tame Inflation; Treasury Yield Curve; Blue Chip Forecast Misses Since 2022 Quarter 2; 2023 Quarter 1 Real GDP - Most Categories Quite Strong; Job Change; Job Growth; Unemployment Rate; United States Leading Indicators; Commercial Real Estate Risk; Utah and United States Consumer Sentiment; Utah Home Price Change; The New Utah; Utah is Now a Mid-Size State; Utah Net Migration; and Utah Job Growth by State.

Mayor Jennifer Wilson asked if the poor are benefitting in these good economic times, or if the same gap still existed. Specifically, she asked how wages and quality of life are affected in a good economy.

Ms. Gochmour stated a good economy means people must listen and invest more. There is considerable evidence that many people are still being left behind in this economy. A good way to measure quality of life is life expectancy. There is a ten-year difference in average life expectancy between the Foothill area and South Salt Lake.

3.2 Mayor's Mid-Year Budget Proposals

[23-0603](#)

- Introduction by Mayor Wilson

- 2023 Revenue Update by Rod Kitchens

- Budget Proposals Presentation by Darrin Casper

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)

[2023 June Adjusted Budget Revenue Forecast](#)

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[-mayor-proposed-budget-presentation-6-6-2023](#)

Presenters: Mayor Wilson, Darrin Casper, Deputy Mayor of Finance and Administration, Rod Kitchens, Budget Director (Approx. 60 MINS)
Informational

Mayor Jennifer Wilson stated while June budget time is typically a true-up, there is opportunity to look at assumptions, make corrections, etc. It is always nice when revenues exceed projections, but the County still needs to be cautious. Some of the funding the County has received recently is one-time and cannot be counted on for future use. There is a lot of need in the Human Resources Division, as many County departments are not getting the timely responses needed for wage and pay grade analysis and reclassification.

Mr. Rod Kitchens, Director of Budget and Planning, Mayor Finance, delivered a PowerPoint presentation entitled 2023 June Adjusted Budget Revenue Projections. He reviewed the following slides: Agenda; 2023 Major Revenues; Sales Tax Projections; 2023 Sales Tax Revenue; Change to Projection; New Projection versus 2022; County Option Sales Tax; Zoo, Arts, & Parks Tax; Transportation Sales Tax; Transient Room Tax; Transient Room Tax - Supplemental; Car Rental Tax; Restaurant Tax; Local Option Sales Tax; Other Revenues; Recorder Revenue; Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Reimbursement Revenue; American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Revenue Replacement Estimate; ARPA Revenue Loss Estimate; and Revenue Summary.

Council Member Stewart asked if he could, at some point, get an analysis of what 2019 looked like in terms of major revenues.

Mr. Kitchens stated he could provide that.

Council Member Granato asked for a status update about ARPA rental support money.

Ms. Catherine Kanter, Deputy Mayor of Regional Operations, stated Lauren Littlefield, Special Projects Director Senior Policy Advisor, Office of Regional Development, informed her there was about \$3 million left for 2023, and those funds were being distributed through grants with Utah Community Action.

Mr. Darren Casper, Deputy Mayor of Finance and Administration, delivered a PowerPoint presentation entitled June Budget 2023. He reviewed the following slides: 2023 Budget Goals; 2023 June Budget Direction; Highlights for June 2023; American Rescue Plan Act; Transformational Initiatives Summary; Compensation; Transformational Initiatives; Visit Salt Lake; Human Resources; Mayor's Finance; Justice Courts; Full Time Employee (FTE) Changes; Natural Gas Adjustments; Other Significant New Requests (General Fund); Other Significant New Requests (Other Funds); New Grants, Contributions, Other; Tourism, Recreation, Cultural, and Convention (TRCC) Proposal; Parks and Recreation; Technical Adjustments; 2023 Ending Fund Balances; Purchasing Power Erosion Due to Inflation; County Population Growth Trend; and 2023 Budget Recap.

Mayor Wilson asked Mr. Casper if, regarding technical adjustments, the Other Post Employment Benefit (OPEB) liability on the County books would go away eventually.

Mr. Casper stated the liability would go down over time as more employees retire. The County's liability is currently less than \$100 million.

3.3 Informational Update Concerning Salt Lake County's [23-0604](#) Declared State of Emergency Due to Flooding

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[20230606_FloodEmergencyCost_Council_Presentation](#)

Presenters: Amy McCormick, Engineering & Flood Control Fiscal Manager.
Kade Moncur, Engineering & Flood Control Division Director (Approx. 10 MINS)

Informational

Mayor Jennifer Wilson stated she was meeting with the Engineering and Flood Control Division team once a week and commended the team for its work.

Mr. Kade Moncur, Director, Engineering and Flood Control Division, stated there are currently no flood warnings for Salt Lake County. The runoff is manageable. There will be precipitation in the next ten days, which is tempering things. If the weather keeps playing out like it has been, there should not be any problems. Crews are collecting debris in the middle of the night, but it is minimal. The debris collection has helped. Assessment teams are being scheduled, but they are not being deployed. His team has reached out to the different municipalities to plan on collecting sandbags. Many of them have already been collected.

Mayor Wilson stated the County's relationship with the various local municipalities has been strong throughout this ordeal. The municipalities seem very pleased with the work the Engineering and Flood Control Division has done. She asked what the difference was between Salt Lake County and other neighboring counties regarding total damages.

Mr. Moncur stated he guessed the difference was probably due to neighboring counties sustaining more crop damage. Salt Lake County's unique type of topography was also a likely factor.

Ms. Amy McCormick, Fiscal Manager, Engineering and Flood Control Division, reviewed the following slides: Flood Emergency Cost Summary as of June 2, 2023; Flood Emergency Payroll Summary; Flood Emergency Operating Expense Summary March 15, 2023, through June 2, 2023; Flood Emergency Encumbrance Summary as of June 2, 2023; Flood Emergency Contracts; and Flood Emergency Budget Adjustment Approved by the Salt Lake County Council on May 2, 2023.

BREAK - RECONVENE IN ROOM N2-800 AT 2:15 PM

3.4 Proposed Hire Report / Incentive Plans - \$3,000 and Under / Weekly Reclassification Report [23-0589](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[Proposed Hire Report - 5-31-2023](#)
[Incentive Plans \\$3,000 and Under 6-6-2023](#)
[Weekly Reclassification Report 5-31-2023](#)

Presenter: Hoa Nguyen, Council Budget and Policy Analyst (Less than 5 MIN)
Informational

Ms. Hoa Nguyen, Budget and Policy Analyst, Council Office, reviewed the new hires, reclassifications, and incentive plans.

3.5 An Informational Presentation on the Larry Miller Softball Complex Audit. [23-0593](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[Larry Miller Audit Presentation.pptx](#)

Presenter: Chris Harding, County Auditor (Approx. 10 MINS)
Informational

Mr. Chris Harding, County Auditor, delivered a PowerPoint presentation entitled An Audit of the Salt Lake County Parks and Recreation - Larry H. Miller Softball Complex. He reviewed the following slides: Objectives; Findings; Management Response; and Podcast. He noted that Parks and Recreation is moving to a new Point of Sale system that should mitigate most of the risks discussed.

3.6 An Ordinance of the Legislative Body of Salt Lake County, Utah, Repealing Section 2.04.075 of the Salt Lake County Code of Ordinances, 2001, Entitled “Work Meetings,” and Amending Section 2.04.080 of the Salt Lake County Code of Ordinances, 2001, Entitled “Regular Meetings” to Clarify the Purpose and Function of Council Meetings [23-0568](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[Council Meeting Ordinance Amendment 6-5-23](#)

Sponsors: Councilmember Laurie Stringham, Councilmember Ann Granato
(Approx. 20 Mins)
Discussion/Direction

Council Member Stringham stated this ordinance would combine the Council Work Session and the Council meeting into one meeting, making meetings less confusing and more transparent. The regular start time would be at 2:00 PM, unless otherwise stated by the Chair.

Council Member Granato stated members of her district often listen regularly and do not understand why there is a 4:00 PM meeting because everything seems to get done prior to that at the Work Session. The impetus of this would be to make the public, whom the Council serves, more aware of the work the Council does every week.

Council Member Theodore stated this would give residents more of an opportunity to speak.

Mr. Mitchell Park, Legal Counsel, Council Office, stated the original version of the ordinance sent to the Council for review was incorrect. The updated corrected version has been circulated, and it moves the start time from 3:00 PM to 2:00 PM. If the Council votes to approve this next week, the reference will be changed.

Council Member Bradley stated 1:30 PM seemed to be a better start time in his opinion. He also wondered why the Work Session and Council meetings are not held at the same location.

Council Member Stringham stated the location would also be at the Chair's discretion.

Mr. Park stated the Open Meetings Act requires the posting of an annual notice. There should be an expected place where the meeting is going to be held, and the agenda should also reflect that location. There should be an effort to be consistent.

Council Member Winder Newton stated she will be meeting with the rest of the Executive Committee to solidify what the agenda will look like under this new model. She and her policy advisor envision starting with the Board

of Equalization (BOE) meeting in room N2-700 of the north building, staying there to hold discussion issues, and then moving any public hearings or ceremonial matters to the Council Chambers. However, she is open to other suggestions, and would be happy to defer to the preference of the majority of the Council.

Mayor Jennifer Wilson stated her office receives more requests for proclamations than she can accommodate. It would be nice to have some coordination between the Mayor's Office and the Council Office when a ceremonial event is planned to ensure the event is well publicized and attended.

A motion was made by Council Member Stringham, seconded by Council Member Granato, to approve the ordinance and forward it to the 4:00 PM Council meeting for ratification. It was noted that the start time would be changed to 2:00 PM. The motion passed unanimously. Council Member Stewart was absent for the vote.

3.7 Proposed Legislative Intent Providing Additional Clarification Concerning the Start Time of Regular Council Meetings [23-0594](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)

Sponsors: Councilmember Laurie Stringham, Councilmember Ann Granato (Approx. 10 MINS)

Discussion/Direction

Council Member Stringham read the following legislative intent into the record:

It is the legislative intent of the Council that, consistent with County ordinance and to the extent practical, its regular Council meetings shall be held at 2:00 pm, or at another time so designated in the meeting agenda as the Council's business requires and conclude prior to 5:00 pm, with the opportunity for public hearings and other forms of public comment during the traditional 4:00 pm hour. The Council Chair should endeavor to schedule any regular Council meetings beginning at any hour different than 2:00 pm accordingly. Also, that the Board of Equalization and those involved with that meet with the Chair and work on a time that works best for both.

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

3.8 A Resolution of the Salt Lake County Council Approving and Authorizing the Adoption of the Salt Lake County Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan [23-0584](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[SLCo CEMP Resolution 5-30-23](#)
[SLCo CEMP](#)

Presenters: Clint Mecham, Division Chief and Emergency Management Director. Tara Behunin, Emergency Management Associate Director. (Approx. 15 MINS)

Discussion/Direction

Chief Clint Mecham, Emergency Response Manager, Unified Fire Authority, stated now that the Council has had an opportunity to review the Salt Lake County Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan, he was asking for official promulgation, which would give the plan its true authority.

Council Member Theodore asked if the committee referenced in the Plan was the same one for which she and Council Member Stringham sat on the board. She asked when the meetings were typically held.

Ms. Catherine Kanter, Deputy Mayor of Regional Operations, stated the Emergency Planning Advisory Committee has not met regularly since 2020 due to Covid-19. It is planning on reconvening moving forward.

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

3.9 An Ordinance of the Legislative Body of Salt Lake County, Utah, Enacting Chapter 9.51 of The Salt Lake County Code of Ordinances, 2001, Entitled “Drug Disposal Program” and Establishing Such a Program for Salt Lake County [23-0598](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
 [Drug Disposal Program Ordinance](#)

Sponsor: Councilmember Sheldon Stewart, Councilmember Dea Theodore
(Approx. 10 MINS)

Discussion/Direction

Council Member Stewart asked that this item be moved out for a week or so. He would like time to submit a Request for Proposal (RFP).

Mayor Jennifer Wilson stated Salt Lake County is expecting to receive settlement money from the opioid crisis. She suggested taking more than a week because her team and the Salt Lake County Health Department would like more time to decide how to allocate those funds. Her sense is this is something that could be taken from the 2024 budget cycle.

Council Member Stewart stated if someone can dispose of medications in their home by neutralizing them, that can be very helpful because it is convenient and anonymous. He would like to see the program launched by the next school year. However, he would be fine with it coming from the County Mayor because this is a countywide, nonpartisan issue.

Council Member Stringham asked if there was a report available on major contributors to the opioid epidemic.

Dr. Angela Dunn, Director, Salt Lake County Health Department, stated the Department has that information and can put a report together.

Ms. Bridget Romano, Deputy District Attorney, stated there are two settlements that have been fully executed and seven more in various stages of completion.

Council Member Harrison asked if someone from the Health Department could comment on what options are already available for drug disposal.

Dr. Dunn stated there are disposal services throughout the County, but they do require users to visit an actual disposal site. The biggest barrier is that disposal centers require Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) approval. Some grocery stores provide disposal locations, and there is one in the Government Center as well. In-home disposal can be more complicated and

so far, the County Health Department does not know of any company that provides a DEA-approved neutralizer.

Council Member Stewart stated he heard of one company that was DEA-approved. He was willing to take more time because he wanted this done correctly. He will work with the Health Department and Mayor's Office to get something organized.

This item was tabled until further notice.

3.10 Updated Legislative Intent for the South Jordan Recreation Center Lap Lane Expansion [23-0587](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)

Sponsors: Councilmember Dave Alvord, Councilmember Laurie Stringham, Councilmember Sheldon Stewart (Approx. 10 MINS)

Discussion/Direction

Council Member Alvord gave a brief history of the project that started in 2018 when the Marv Jensen Recreation Center was closed due to structural problems. The project was short on funding until Mayor Jennifer Wilson offered to help identify money from the Tourism, Recreation, Culture, and Convention (TRCC) Fund. He reported on a fundraiser held by members of the Bingham High School swim team the previous Saturday, and he introduced Bingham High School swimmers Teagan Ross, Sara Schott, and Kennedy Schott.

Ms. Kennedy Schott, Ms. Sara Schott, and Ms. Teagan Ross stated swimmers typically practice early in the morning and late at night after school. Having a closer facility will save a considerable amount of time and keep drivers off the roads during winter and rush hour, keeping students and coaches safer. They announced they brought a check to contribute to the project.

Council Member Alvord read legislative intent into the record:

It is the legislative intent of the Salt Lake County Council that \$5,429,220 of General Fund dollars previously earmarked by the County for the purpose of expanding swimming lanes at the South Jordan Recreation

Center (“the project”) be allocated for that purpose as part of the Council’s midyear budget adjustments. The Council additionally intends to recognize funding received from the City of South Jordan and the Jordan School District, and intends to allocate those funds to the project as they are received by the County. Council fiscal staff should work with Mayor’s finance to prepare the technical details of the Council’s midyear budget documents so that these funding decisions can be properly considered at the June 20 budget hearing. Finally, the Council also intends to consider allocating additional TRCC funds not to exceed \$1,000,000.00 as may be necessary to fully fund the project prior to the conclusion of the County’s 2023 budget year, and requests the TRCC advisory board’s review and recommendation of such potential allocation at its June 9 meeting.

Council Member Stewart, seconded by Council Member Stringham, moved to approve the legislative intent.

Council Member Bradley asked if this would count as one of South Jordan City’s three allowable awards of TRCC funding.

Ms. Erin Litvack, Deputy Mayor of County Services, stated it would.

Council Member Alvord stated formal acceptance of the \$1,500 raised by the swim team would be scheduled on the next Council meeting’s consent agenda.

Mayor Jennifer Wilson asked that the TRCC Board be notified of the Council’s vote.

A motion was made by Council Member Stewart, 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 a unanimous vote.

Time Certain 3:45 p.m

**3.11 Consideration of Discovery Gateway: The Children’s [23-0586](#)
Museum’s FY 2024 Annual Budget and Plan**

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[FY24 Annual Plan FINAL](#)
[05.19.23_FY24 Budget For Board Review](#)
[5.18.23 Financial Reports As of 4.30.23 - Final](#)
[6-6-23 County Presentation](#)

Presenters: Kathleen Bodenlos, Executive Director of Discovery Gateway Children's Museum. Robin B. Chalhoub, Director of Community Services Department (Approx 10. MINS)

Discussion/Direction

Ms. Robin Chalhoub, Director, Community Services Department, stated Discovery Gateway is in a County-owned building, and part of that agreement is the museum needs to bring its budget to the Council every year. She introduced Kathleen Bodenlos, Executive Director, Discovery Gateway Children's Museum.

Ms. Kathleen Bodenlos, Executive Director, Discovery Gateway Children's Museum, delivered a PowerPoint presentation entitled Discovery Gateway Children's Museum Council Meeting June 6, 2023. She reviewed the following slides: Agenda; Highlights from Fiscal Year 2023; Attendance; Financials Fiscal Year 2023 into Fiscal Year 2024; and Fiscal Year 2024 Budget and Annual Plan.

A motion was made by Council Member Granato, 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 a unanimous vote.

4. CONSENT ITEMS:

A motion was made by Council Member Bradshaw, seconded by Council Member Bradley, 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 **Consideration of a Resolution of the Salt Lake County Council Approving and Authorizing Execution of an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement Between Salt Lake County and Riverton City for a Contribution of TRCC Funds to Help Fund Renovation of the Sandra N. Lloyd Community Center** [23-0578](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[Riverton City- Sandra N. Lloyd Community Center Reno](#)
[Intercoal 23057 SIGNED](#)
[Riverton City-Sandra N. Lloyd Community Center Reno](#)
[Resolution 230303](#)

This consent item was approved and forwarded.

- 4.2 **Consideration of a Resolution of the Salt Lake County Council Authorizing Execution of an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement Between Salt Lake County and Millcreek City Regarding the Construction of a Trailhead and Bridge for the Jordan River Trail on the Millcreek Side of the Jordan River** [23-0579](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[Millcreek City Resolution - JRT](#)

This consent item was approved and forwarded.

- 4.3 **Consideration for Reduction: STEM Fest at the Mountain America Expo Center** [23-0592](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[SLC County fee waiver additional info](#)
[5.15.23\(DH052423\).pdf](#)
[1200 Fee Waiver \(2\).pdf](#)
[2020 Tax Return - Utah STEM Action Center \(2\) \(1\).pdf](#)
[2021 STEM AUP Report \(1\).pdf](#)
[STEM Foundation Letter Of Determination \(1\).pdf](#)
[STEM MediaKit 2023 v.2 LR \(1\).pdf](#)

This consent item was approved and forwarded.

5. ITEMS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS

- 5.1. Internal Business

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 6.1 **Approval of May 23, 2023 Council Work Session Minutes** [23-0582](#)

Attachments: [052323 CWS Minutes](#)

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

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 3:55 PM.

LANNIE CHAPMAN, COUNTY CLERK

By _____
DEPUTY CLERK

By _____
CHAIR, SALT LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL