

SALT LAKE COUNTY

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Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, August 1, 2023

2:50 PM

Room N2-800

County Council

1. CALL TO ORDER

Present: Council Member Suzanne Harrison
Council Member Laurie Stringham
Council Member Jim Bradley
Council Member Arlyn Bradshaw
Council Member Dave Alvord
Council Chair Aimee Winder Newton
Council Member Dea Theodore

Call In: Council Member Ann Granato
Council Member Sheldon Stewart

Invocation - Reading or Thought - Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Richard Jaussi, Chief Deputy Auditor, led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Steve Winters read the following statement regarding studies of the harmful effects on developing fetuses from pregnant women ingesting fluoride:

Recently the world's most respected children's medical journal "The Journal of the American Medical Association - Pediatrics" (or JAMA Pediatrics for short) reported on a study which ran from 2008 to 2019. In this study the fluoride levels in 601 pregnant Canadian mothers were found to correspond to measureable significant IQ drops in their children when they were tested later in their childhood. When asked what pregnant mothers should be told by their pediatricians if they ask about drinking fluoridated water during their pregnancies the Jama Pediatrics chief editor Dr. Dimitri Christakis said, "I would advise them to drink bottled water or filtered water.

Fluoride in very small doses aggressively hardens even the already hardest surface in the body - tooth enamel. So why would anyone not also realize that even in small doses fluoride must be indiscriminately hardening many of the softest tissues in the body - most significantly, developing brain cells in unborn and young children?

Fortunately, informed mothers in Salt Lake County are now avoiding fluoridated water during pregnancy. Many are also providing filtered or fluoride free bottle water to their young children even though this is an unwanted cost for many financially struggling families. Worst than this added expense, is all the uninformed mothers who

have no idea that they should not be drinking fluoridated water during pregnancy and do not understand the permanent injuries caused to their unborn children by their ingesting fluoride during the time of their child's most rapid and vulnerable brain development.

So ethically shouldn't those of us who know or have access to the latest scientific studies showing measureable fluoride harm to children be doing everything possible to further educate ourselves and the public. Shouldn't we either get this on the ballot so informed citizens can vote to end fluoridation or at the very least require warning notices on all public water bills so that all pregnant mothers can equally be informed that the world's most prominent children's medical journal is advising them to drink only fluoride free water during pregnancy?

Later I hope you thoroughly discuss this critical children's health issue among yourselves."

Mr. Steve Van Maren stated the audio broadcast has been good lately, which he appreciated. However, he did not like the new meeting format because he was unable to see agenda items, such as presentations, before the Council meeting.

3. REPORT OF ELECTED OFFICIALS:

3.1. County Council Members

Council Member Winder Newton stated she attended the National Association of Counties (NACo), annual conference, along with Council Members Bradshaw, Harrison, Stringham, and Mayor Jennifer Wilson and Katherine Fife, Associate Deputy Mayor of County Services, where they toured the Esperanza Community shelter and the Community First shelter. The Esperanza Community is made up of tiny homes, with air conditioning, heating, and electricity, but no plumbing, and with community bathrooms. The organizer said sanctioned camping had been tried first, but that it had been a disaster. The Community First shelter is a supportive housing shelter, housing people who had been chronically homeless, most for about nine years, with an average age of 57. The rent costs for that shelter ranged from \$350 to \$550.

Council Member Harrison thanked Wayne Niederhauser, Utah State Homelessness Coordinator, for setting up the connections for providing these tours.

Council Member Alvord stated he received a report from the American Dental Association, which called into question some of the recent studies regarding fluoride and adverse effects on IQs. He would email that to the Council Members.

Council Member Bradley thanked the Council for supporting the contribution to the 4-H Junior Livestock Show this year, which is one week from Saturday. The 4-H participants will be taking their animals to the show to be purchased by the County and then sent to the Utah Food Bank.

3.2. County Mayor

3.3. Other Elected County Officials

4. WORK SESSION

TIME CERTAIN

4.1 Request to Open 2.0 FTE Vacant Positions at the Justice Courts [23-0752](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report Justice Courts-SLCHR POSITION ALLOCATIONS 07.26.23](#)

Presenter: Judge Shauna Graves-Robertson (Approx 2:50 PM)

Discussion/Direction

Judge Shawna Graves Robertson asked the Council to reconsider two of the five positions that were cut during the mid-year budget. The two positions are entry level office specialist positions and are desperately needed. Several employees of the Justice Court have left, but the work still needs to be done as the Justice Court winds down. A legal assistant position will be vacant soon too, but an employee will be promoted to fill that position.

Council Member Winder Newton asked how Millcreek leaving the County's Justice Court services, which was 40 percent of the caseload, would affect the positions in the Justice Court's office.

Judge Graves-Robertson stated Millcreek is about 30-33 percent of the Justice Court's caseload, but its cases are increasing in the jurisdictions that are left and there is a backlog of cases. The Justice Court also needs to get

all of Millcreek's cases through the system and closed out, which will take about six months.

Council Member Stringham asked if these were time-limited positions, and stated she would like to see data on how the County's Justice Court compared to other justice courts, with regard to staffing and caseloads.

Judge Graves-Robertson stated she was not able to put a time-limit on the positions, but with the Council's intention of phasing the court out, these positions would not be around long. She would try to get the data pulled and provide it to the Council.

Council Member Bradley asked if the Justice Court had the money to fund the positions.

Judge Robertson stated it was her understanding, the Justice Court had the money.

Council Member Winder Newton stated the Council needed more information before it could decide how to proceed. Once it gets that information, it will make a decision.

**4.2 Proposed Hire Report / Incentive Plans \$3,000 and Under / [23-0747](#)
Weekly Reclassification Report**

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[Proposed Hire Report 7-26-2023](#)
[Incentive Plans \\$3,000 and Under 7-31-2023](#)
[Weekly Reclassification Report 7-26-2023](#)

Hoa Nguyen, Council Budget and Policy Analyst (Approx 3:10 PM)
Informational

Ms. Hoa Nguyen, Budget & Policy Analyst, Council Office, reviewed the new hires and reclassifications. There were no incentive plans this week.

**4.3 Informational Presentation on Homelessness in Salt Lake [23-0556](#)
County**

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)

Presenter: Wayne Niederhauser, Utah Homeless Coordinator (Approx. 3:15 PM - 1 hour)
Informational

Mr. Wayne Niederhauser, Utah State Homelessness Coordinator, delivered a PowerPoint presentation entitled “Office of Homeless Services,” reviewing Local Homeless Councils in Utah and the continuum of care; homelessness being a community condition; the two distinct homeless populations - acute and persistent, and the data points; Utah’s plan to address homelessness; the 2023 Annual Data Report on Homelessness; making homelessness rare; making homelessness brief; making homelessness non-recurring; an annual point-in-time count; the 2023 point-in-time count of subpopulations; chronic homelessness and permanent supportive housing; Utah’s Office of Homeless Services (OHS) for services and housing; Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 homeless shelter cities mitigation funding; rates of homelessness; deeply affordable housing need; supportive housing and how to fund it; FY 2023 deeply affordable housing funding; OHS Deeply Affordable Housing Fund; recommended funding for counties, separated by counties of the first class, counties of the second and third class, and counties of the fourth, fifth, and sixth class; FY deeply affordable housing funding; FY24 attainable housing grants; gaps and needs; dedicated funding stream to address goals and strategies in the Strategic Plan; Utah Impact Partnership and Fred Story websites; and Hope Springs, including a rendition.

Ms. Erin Litvack, Deputy Mayor of County Services, stated the Mayor’s Office has been working with Mr. Niederhauser toward the same goal, while learning at the same time. Collaboration is critically important to the success of these efforts. She noted the County is already engaged in these efforts, as it is the continuum of care. She reviewed some of its accomplishments and efforts, including funding for opportunities for individuals experiencing homelessness, and it is contemplating some non-congregant models, including a shelter for families.

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND ISSUANCE OF PUBLIC NOTICES

6. PENDING LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

- 6.1 Consideration of Salt Lake County Addressing Division [23-0750](#)
Interlocal Agreement with Millcreek City and New**

Addressing Fee Schedule

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[RES 23-35](#)
[Resolution Authorizing Amendment No 6 Millcreek](#)
[Addressing signed](#)

Presenters: Megan Hillyard, Administrative Services Department Director;
Teresa Curtis, Property Addressing Manager (Approx. 4:15 PM)

Discussion/Directional

Ms. Megan Hillyard, Director, Administrative Services Department, reviewed the following resolution authorizing an amendment to an interlocal agreement with Millcreek for addressing services. The amendment is an extension of a contract, with a three-year term instead of a one-year term. She also asked the Council to approve an updated fee schedule, which had minor changes to it, such as charging per lot instead of per address to be more reflective of the type of work that is done and charging per unit instead of per address to account for multi-units. Millcreek has signed the agreement.

Mr. Mitchell Park, Legal Counsel, Council Office, stated the resolution was not in the Council's packet; it was added to the agenda yesterday. It has the effect of adopting the interlocal agreement, which is what the Council will be approving in addition to the fee schedule.

RESOLUTION NO. 6130

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT NUMBER 6 TO THE INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT WITH MILLCREEK CITY FOR ADDRESSING SERVICES.

RECITALS

WHEREAS, Salt Lake County (the "County") and Millcreek City (the "City") are public agencies as defined by the Utah Interlocal Cooperation Act, Utah Code Annotated §§ 11-13-101 *et seq.*, 1953 as amended, and are authorized by the Act to cooperate on a mutually advantageous basis and to do anything that each are authorized by statute to do: and

WHEREAS, the County may provide Addressing services by contract to

municipalities located within Salt Lake County; and

WHEREAS, City is in need of such services and County is willing to continue to provide such services to City pursuant to the terms and conditions of Amendment 6 to the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that the best interests of the County and the public will be served by the execution of the attached Sixth Amendment to the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement and by participating as required therein.

RESOLUTION

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, by the County Council of Salt Lake County:

1. That the Sixth Amendment to the Interlocal Agreement between Salt Lake County and Millcreek City is approved, in substantially the form attached hereto as ATTACHMENT A, and that the Salt Lake County Mayor is authorized to execute the same.

APPROVED and ADOPTED this 1st day of August, 2023.

SALT LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL

ATTEST (SEAL)

By /s/ AIMEE WINDER NEWTON
Chair

By /s/ LANNIE CHAPMAN
County Clerk

A motion was made by Council Member Bradshaw, seconded by Council Member Harrison, that the resolution and fee schedule be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote. Council Member Bradley was absent for the vote.

7. CONSENT ITEMS

A motion was made by Council Member Bradshaw, seconded by Council Member Harrison, that the consent agenda be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

- 7.1 Fee Waiver Request for Utah Friends of AMAR Ukrainian Benefit Concert at the Eccles Theater valued at \$7,600.00** [23-0748](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[SL Fee Waiver Application - Utah Friends of AMAR](#)
[Friends of AMAR IRS Approval Letter](#)
[Utah Friends of AMAR International Charitable](#)
[Fund Financials 12-31-2022](#)
[Utah Friends of AMAR Ukrainian Benefit Concert Flyer](#)

Presenter: Matt Castillo, Arts & Culture Division Director. Robin B. Chalhoub, Community Services Department Director.
Direction/Direction

This consent item was approved.

- 7.2 Acceptance of a \$4,000 Donation from Deseret Industries to the Salt Lake County Health Department for Qualifying Clients of the Parents as Teachers Program** [23-0749](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[Declaration of Donation 1006 06222023 - LDS signed](#)
[COMPLETE HLT22LDS LDS Church Donation Request and Agreement for PAT 011223](#)

Presenter: Jona Nusink Curry, Health Department Family Health Bureau Manager
Discussion/Directional

This consent item was approved.

- 7.3 Returned Check Adjustment** [23-0746](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[Returned Check Adjustment.pdf](#)

Presenter: Carrie Brown, Accounting Director

This consent item was approved.

8. APPROVAL OF TAX LETTERS

A motion was made by Council Member Bradshaw, seconded by Council Member Harrison, that the tax letters be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

8.1 Tax Administration's Tax Letters [23-0745](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[7.1 2023 Timely Tax Relief](#)
[7.1a Other Years Timely Tax Relief](#)
[7.3a Other Years Veteran Exemptions](#)

Presenter: Brad Neff, Tax Administrator, Council-Tax Administration

This tax matter was approved.

8.2 Council Tax Administration's Request for Waiver or Refund of Penalty and Interest [23-0751](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[Waiver and Refund Requests Spreadsheet.pdf](#)

Presenter: Brad Neff, Tax Administrator, Council-Tax Administration

This tax matter was approved.

8.3 Council Tax Administration's Request for Abatement Under Code §59-2-1321 [23-0753](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[2.1 We Enterprises LLC.pdf](#)

Presenter: Brad Neff, Tax Administrator, Council-Tax Administration

This tax matter was approved.

9. ACCEPTANCE OF ETHICS DISCLOSURES

10. APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

10.1 Approval of July 11, 2023 County Council Minutes [23-0741](#)

Attachments: [071123 Council Minutes](#)

A motion was made by Council Member Bradshaw, seconded by Council

Member Harrison, that this agenda item be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

- 11. OTHER ITEMS REQUIRING COUNCIL APPROVAL
- 12. PROCLAMATIONS, MEMORIALS, AND OTHER CEREMONIAL OR COMMEMORATIVE MATTERS
- 13. OTHER BUSINESS

ADJOURN

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS to come before the Council at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 4:50 PM until Tuesday, August 8, 2023, at 2:30 PM.

LANNIE CHAPMAN, COUNTY CLERK

By _____
DEPUTY CLERK

By _____
CHAIR, SALT LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL