

SALT LAKE COUNTY

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Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, August 31, 2021

1:30 PM

AMENDED AGENDA

Room N2-800

Council Work Session

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

Council Member DeBry asked everyone to comply with the mask mandate issued by Mayor Jennifer Wilson, requiring masks to be worn in County facilities. He stated there is no vote on the agenda today relating to masks mandates. He asked citizens who wished to address the Council to make comments on items that will be considered during its meeting today.

2. CITIZEN PUBLIC INPUT - Approx. 30 mins.

The Council may exercise its discretion to limit the total amount of time allowed for comments by members of the public, as well as the total number of speakers and/or the amount of time that each member of the public is allowed to speak.

Preference will be given to Salt Lake County Residents who intend to address matters on the Council Work Session agenda.

The following citizens spoke in opposition to a mask mandate because it is about control and not about masks. Leaders should focus on other ways to prevent the spread of Covid.

Mike Tyler

Jolene Phelps

Mr. Adam Cota spoke in favor of a mask mandate. He encouraged the Council to take some action because the pandemic is not over, rates continue to climb, and Covid will not cure itself.

The following citizens spoke in favor of constructing a gondola in Little Cottonwood Canyon to move people up and down the canyon because it is reliable, it reduces the number of vehicles on the road, the canyon road is dangerous in winter, it is good for air

and water quality, it provides a better user experience, it is a safe mode of transit during natural disasters, and it is less intrusive.

Dave Fields

Nathan Rafferty

Bob Bonar

The following citizens spoke in opposition of the construction of a gondola in Little Cottonwood Canyon because it is too expensive; a bus system would be more flexible; it is a commercial interest based on faulty data; there would still be traffic in the canyon; it is not a mass transit solution, it is a tourist attraction; the gondola proposal contains avalanche sheds; people will continue driving; a gondola will alter the beauty of the canyon; it will only move 1,000 people per hour; it will impact the watershed; and the ski areas and developers will benefit from this, not the taxpayer. Citizens also encouraged the use of interim alternatives such as mandatory carpooling, prohibiting roadside parking peak hours, and the use of additional buses and shuttles.

Craig Osterlow

Bob Archibald

Mike Marker

Derrick Tillison

Robert Grow

Michael Braun

Bruce Wood

Carl Fisher

Mr. Alan Orr stated the primary cause of congestion in Little Cottonwood Canyon is due to the weather and slick roads associated with snowfall. Both alternatives would take years to complete. He suggested short term solutions be put in place that would help with congestion. These solutions included traction laws, snow removal earlier in the morning, and prohibiting roadside parking,

Mayor Harris Sondak, Town of Alta, stated his community is concerned about the effect of both options. They are both too expensive and exceeds the value in terms of return of investment. More incremental solutions needed to be put in place such as traction requirements, dedicated a lane of egress, and increased bus and van services.

The following citizens spoke in opposition to the proposed language in Policy #4-200 relating to replacing the word mother to a birthing parent because it is a denial of facts, it is an insult to people who have children, to remove the gender is an attack on families, genders do not change, an mother is important, there are 346 references to mother in the scriptures, a mother is the bedrock of our civilization, words have meaning, the term birth

person is offensive, in other cultures the name of mother is highly esteemed, and it is a step backwards in women’s rights.

Zia Robbins
Kris Kimball
Gloria (no last name given)

Kelly Mortensen
Rebecca Colley
Amanda Bass

Ms. Shykell Ledford, Administrative Coordinator, Council Office, stated comments were also received from Therese Huhtala and Amy McKasson via email. The emails have been distributed to the Council and the Council Clerk’s Office to be filed.

3. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

3.1 Proposed Hire and Weekly Reclassification Report [21-1016](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[Proposed Hire Report 8-25-2021](#)
[Weekly Reclassification Update for Council 8-25-2021.xlsx](#)

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

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

3.2 Budget Adjustment: Health Department’s Request To Recognize a Grant for The Purchase of a Mobile Clinic (\$150,000 in Revenue and Expense) [21-1028](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[22905 - HLT_YE13 Health Mobile Clinic](#)

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

Mr. Brad Kendrick, Budget & Policy Analyst, Council Office, reviewed the interim budget adjustment.

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 for ratification. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

3.3 Budget Adjustment: Clark Planetarium's Request to Transfer \$48,148 between Capital Projects from the Planetarium HVAC Repair and Replace Project to the Planetarium Equipment Project. [21-1029](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[22309 - CP_Capital Equipment Transfer](#)

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

Mr. Brad Kendrick, Budget & Policy Analyst, Council Office, reviewed the interim budget adjustment.

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

3.4 Budget Adjustment: Clark Planetarium's Request to Adjust the Revenue and Expense Related to the Planet Fun Science Store and Distribution Show Sales [21-1030](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[22311 - CP_Store and Show Sales Activity](#)

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

Mr. Brad Kendrick, Budget & Policy Analyst, Council Office, reviewed the interim budget adjustment.

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

3.5 Update on Salt Lake County's Coordinated Response to COVID-19 [21-1036](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[County Council Briefing -- 08312021](#)

Presenters: Mayor Jenny Wilson; Dr. Angela Dunn, Executive Director, Health Department; and David Schuld, COVID Coordinating Officer (Approx. 15 mins).

Informational

Dr. Angela Dunn, Director, Salt Lake County Health Department, delivered a PowerPoint presentation on the Covid-19 update showing the 7-day Covid ICU utilization increased by 4 percent; the 5-11 year-olds case rate is eight times higher than last year; 17 percent of cases are children under 12; ages 5-11 have the highest case rate among children; elementary schools lead cases among education; there is an 18 percent increase in the 7-day case count since last week; the 7-day case count is 174 percent higher than last year; there have been 425 school associated cases since school started, and 917 cases in school age children since August 16; 64 percent of residents 12+ are fully vaccinated; 12-17 year-olds case rates are increasing faster than other ages; low vaccine coverage results in higher case rates; Salt Lake County ICUs are at capacity today.

3.6 Indigent Parental Defense Compensation - Exigent Request

[21-0980](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[Lokken Funding Request](#)
[SLCo-1](#)
[Budget Adjustment 22685 - ILS_YE01 Parental Defense](#)

Presenters: Karen Crompton, Director of Human Services and Lisa Lokken, President & Owner of Lokken & Associates, PC (Approx. 10 mins).

Discussion/Direction

Ms. Karen Crompton, Director, Human Services Department, delivered a PowerPoint presentation on the indigent legal services parental defense budget request, which showed the need for the salary increase, the turnover rate of 180 percent since 2018, and the resulting risk of not funding this request.

A motion was made by Council Member Winder Newton, seconded by Council Member Snelgrove, that this agenda item be approved and forwarded to the

4:00 PM Council meeting for ratification. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

**3.7 Presentation/Regular Update on Outcomes and Indicators [21-1024](#)
Performance Audit by Salt Lake County Auditor Scott
Tingley and Staff**

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[Audit Project Tracker 2021 as of 2021-08-31](#)

Sponsors: Council Member Aimee Winder Newton and Council Member Laurie Stringham

Presenter: Auditor Scott Tingley (Approx. 10 mins).
Informational

Mr. Scott Tingley, County Auditor, presented a progress tracker, which showed the progress of various audits that his office is performing per the Council's request. He stated his office is making good progress on the audits. Also, he has been able to fill one position in this division, but still has two vacancies that need to be filled.

**3.8 Overview of Mayor Jenny Wilson and Councilmember Jim
Bradley's Comment Letter to UDOT's Little Cottonwood
Canyon (LCC) Draft Environmental Impact Study (DEIS)
Two Preferred Alternatives [21-1015](#)**

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[DRAFT SLCO LCC EIS - SLCo Preferred Alternatives](#)
[Comment Ltr](#)
[CWS Presentation LCC DEIS August 2021 Final](#)

Presenters: Deputy Mayor Catherine Kanter, Mayor Jenny Wilson, and Council Member Jim Bradley (Approx. 30 mins).
Informational

Ms. Catherine Kanter, Deputy Mayor of Regional Operations, delivered a PowerPoint presentation regarding a letter written by Mayor Jennifer Wilson and Council Member Bradley about the Utah Department of Transportation's Little Cottonwood Canyon (LCC) Draft Environmental Impact Study (DEIS). The PowerPoint highlighted the background of the study, its context, the two recommendations (enhanced bus/shoulder alternative or a

gondola), proposed phased approach investment/techniques, benefits of an enhanced bus/shoulder lane alternative, additional considerations, and federal legislation that should be adopted. Official comments on the proposals by UDOT are due Friday, September 3, 2021.

Council Member DeBry stated this is not scheduled for an official vote by the Council. He has not made up his mind and would like to hear from both sides. He asked Chris McCandless, CW Management Corporation, to take 10 minutes to review the proposed gondola recommendation.

Mr. Chris McCandless, CW Management Corporation, stated he could not do this justice in 10 minutes and would like to come back before the Council later. He then went over the top ten reasons why a gondola would be a good alternative and showed a video on the proposal.

Mayor Jennifer Wilson stated if the Council is going to hear from Mr. McCandless, it should also hear from the other side, particularly Save Our Canyons and other groups that have an interest in this proposal.

3.9 Updates to HR Policy 4-200 - Leave Policy

[21-1027](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[HR Policy Change request](#)
[4-200 Leave Practices ZLL 20Aug21](#)

Presenters: Kathleen Johnston, HR Director and Pashion Whales, EEO/ER Manager (Approx. 10 mins).

Discussion/Direction

Ms. Kathleen Johnston, Director, Human Resources Division, stated the proposed changes to this policy adds Juneteenth (June 19th) as an official County holiday. It also makes changes in the wording in several sections and includes language to follow what is in the Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA). When the policy went before the Steering Committee for review, it recommended the policy remain gender neutral so "birthing mother" was replaced with "parent giving birth." The benefits provided under this policy have not changed.

Council Member Bradshaw asked for an explanation from legal counsel as to why the term should be changed. He thought this language was needed to

follow federal direction.

Mr. Zachary Lancaster, Deputy District Attorney, stated a Supreme Court case defined sex to include sexual orientation and/or sexual identity. If that is not changed, the policy would be in violation of Title 7.

Mayor Jennifer Wilson stated for the record she is a mother and loves mothers.

A motion was made by Council Member Alvord, seconded by Council Member Theodore, that this agenda item be approved and forwarded to the 4:00 PM Council meeting for ratification, changing the wording in paragraph 2 (a) to read “birth mother,” instead of “birth parent.”

Council Member Alvord stated the definition is any person that carries a child during the gestational period. It is very important that it be noted that the County in no way plans to discriminate against any person.

Council Member Bradshaw asked if this language was approved by the District Attorney’s Office.

Mr. Lancaster stated no, it has not been approved.

A substitute motion was made by Council Member Stringham, seconded by Council Member Bradshaw, that this agenda item be approved and forwarded to the 4:00 PM Council meeting for ratification, changing the wording in paragraph 2(a) to say “the eligible birth mother or parent giving birth.” The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Council Member Stringham, Council Member Bradley, Council Member Bradshaw, Council Member Winder Newton, and Council Member Granato

Nay: Chair DeBry, Council Member Snelgrove, Council Member Alvord, and Council Member Theodore

3.10 Closed Strategy Session to Discuss Pending or Reasonably Imminent Litigation [21-1032](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)

(Approx. 10 mins).

This item was not discussed

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 **Approval of an In-Kind Donation to the Salt Lake County Library from the Gill Family of National Geographic Magazines Valued at \$1,500** [21-1006](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[Property donation \\$1500](#)

This consent item was approved and forwarded.

- 4.2 **Approval of an In-Kind Donation to the Salt Lake County Library from Cody Goetz, Associate Director of Mundi Project, of an Upright Perzina Piano for the Kearns Library Valued at \$7,000** [21-1007](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[Perzina Upright Donation Form](#)

This consent item was approved and forwarded.

- 4.3 **A Resolution of the Salt Lake County Council Approving the Recommendation of the Salt Lake County Council of Governments and Authorizing the Execution of an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement Providing for the Transfer of \$45,000.00 of County Corridor Preservation Funds to Riverton City to be Used by the City to Acquire Certain Property for Transportation Purposes** [21-1008](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[Riverton Resolution and ILA_Corr Pres_Ear Nose and Throat Center](#)

This consent item was approved and forwarded.

- 4.4 **A Resolution of the Salt Lake County Council Approving the Recommendation of the Salt Lake County Council of Governments and Authorizing the Execution of an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement Providing for the Transfer of \$61,865.00 of County Corridor Preservation Funds to Cottonwood Heights City to be Used by the City to Acquire Certain Property for Transportation Purposes** [21-1009](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[Cottonwood Heights Resolution and ILA](#)

This consent item was approved and forwarded.

- 4.5 **A Resolution of the Salt Lake County Council Approving and Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Right-of-Way and Easement Grant with Questar Gas Company DBA Dominion Energy Utah** [21-1017](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[Resolution for Easement with Questar - Siempre \(8.19.21\) With Easement - AATF](#)

This consent item was approved and forwarded.

- 4.6 **Declaration of Donation/Grant: Bank of America / United Way Salt Lake County Summer Intern Program \$35,000** [21-1020](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[1006 United Way BOA Grant for interns - signed](#)

This consent item was approved and forwarded.

5. ITEMS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS

5.1. Internal Business

5.1.1 Notice of Cancellation of the Tuesday, September 7, 2021 Council Work Session

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 6.1 **Acceptance of Council Work Session Minutes for August 17,** [21-1014](#)

2021

Attachments: [081721 - 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 3:45 PM for Board of Equalization

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 PM.

SHERRIE SWENSEN, COUNTY CLERK

By _____
DEPUTY CLERK

By _____
CHAIR, SALT LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL