

SALT LAKE COUNTY

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Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 24, 2024

2:45 PM

Room N2-800

County Council

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

Excused: Council Member Sheldon Stewart

Invocation - Reading or Thought - Pledge of Allegiance

Council Member Stringham led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Jeff Salt, Volunteer Representative, Canyon Guard, stated his organization's mission was to engage and work with various stakeholders to help develop common-sense, environmentally sustainable, and fiscally responsible transportation plans for Little Cottonwood Canyon. Since its inception in 2023, Canyon Guard has been building a grassroots coalition of various stakeholders made of academics, student interns, volunteers, and professionals. Canyon Guard believes that the Utah Department of Transportation's (UDOT) current plan, which is in litigation, accomplishes many things, but falls short. The organization would like to offer its services to the County. It believes more cost-effective options should be examined before a gondola is built. To that end, it would like to see a work group formed, of which Canyon Guard could become a member.

Ms. Eva Chan, Project Manager, Canyon Guard, stated Little Cottonwood Canyon is a public trust resource of local, statewide, and national importance. It generates millions in economic benefits, and is a protected watershed, which generates critical water supply to over a million Wasatch front residents and businesses. Canyon Guard believes a gondola system would cause irreparable harm to this resource, and would disturb the ecological system. It would disturb wildlife and result in soil erosion. She joined Mr. Salt in asking the Council to create a work group, of which, Canyon Guard could be a member.

Ms. Helen Hull, Political Science Student, University of Utah, stated the cost of

building a Gondola system, pursuant to UDOT's transportation plan, was uncertain, and estimates ranged from \$729 million to more than \$1.4 billion. These widely ranging estimates did not even include secondary costs. A gondola system would also place disproportionate burden on Utah taxpayers. The tax burden will likely exceed \$300 per individual. Most taxpayers will never see or use the gondola, which would mainly benefit ski resort companies, and would divert public funds from priority transportation projects. She joined the others in requesting the creation of a stakeholder-driven work group.

Ms. Ana Hovey, Intern, Canyon Guard, spoke on the need to develop low-cost, common-sense solutions to the transportation crisis in Little Cottonwood Canyon. Canyon Guard recognizes the resources that went into UDOT's transportation plan, and it supports most of Phase I and Phase II. However, it believes more work is needed to improve UDOT's plan. She joined the others in requesting the creation of a work group.

Mr. Steve Van Maren stated he understood studies needed to be conducted if community councils in the Sandy City area wanted to be independent from Sandy City. In the interest of ensuring nothing was overlooked, he asked if the Granite Community Council intended to ask for funding to conduct such a study.

3. **REPORT OF ELECTED OFFICIALS:**

3.1. County Council Members

Council Member Harrison stated the Library Board, at its recent meeting, received updates relating to various water-saving measures in the County.

Council Member Stringham stated the Clark Planetarium Advisory Board held its regular meeting. Per square footage, the Clark Planetarium has more people visiting than any other planetarium in the area. Expanding the Planetarium's classrooms will help. The Planetarium has accomplished many things this year.

On Saturday she met with members of the Japanese Church of Christ. She was able to learn more about the soldiers of World War II who served in the internment camps. A special stamp has been released by the United States Postal Service (USPS) to commemorate the service of these soldiers.

She and other Council members attended the Governor's Gala last night.

Council Member Winder Newton stated she regularly has members of the community ask her to thank her colleagues for the My County Rec Pass. She recently heard from the Director of the Parks and Recreation Division that as of September 15th, 62,846 youth have enrolled in the program.

3.2. County Mayor

Mayor Jennifer Wilson delivered her weekly report, as follows:

- The Office of Homelessness and Criminal Justice Reform was awarded \$550,000 from the Federal Government for its Person-Centered Peer Support Pilot Project. This will help improve outcomes for individuals involved in the Justice Courts. It will also help individuals with mental health and substance use disorders.
- Salt Lake Valley Transfer Station was awarded a designation by the Utah Labor Commission's Safety and Health Achievement Recognition Program (SHARP). This will exempt the transfer station from having to participate in many Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) compliance programs going forward.
- The third and fourth cohort graduations for Pre-Apprenticeship Program is coming up on October 4th .
- There will be an Aging in Place event at the Viridian Event Center on October 2nd, from 9:30 AM to 4:30 PM.
- Little Cottonwood Canyon's Historic Recreational Climbing Area Designation will be on September 25th from 5:30 PM to 6:30 PM.
- On Saturday, September 28th, from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM, there will be a walk at Sugarhouse Park to raise awareness for amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS).

3.3. Other Elected County Officials

4. WORK SESSION

- ### 4.1 Annual Meeting with Granite Community Council to Discuss [24-2014](#) Its Priorities and Budget

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[Granite Community Council Application Package](#)

Presenter: Granite Community Council. (Approx. 3:05PM, 10Min.)
Information

Mr. Vaughn Cox, Chair, Granite Community Council delivered an update on the Granite community.

- The Council is striving to represent the interests of the community regarding matters like land use issues, transportation issues, policing issues, and matters affecting Little Cottonwood Canyon. It has sponsored or supported a number of community festivals and holiday celebration events. It also supports an organization called Wasatch Graffiti Busters that removes graffiti through the use of very effective, but costly cleaning products.
- The Council is currently preparing to meet with the chair of the election committee to review its election standards to ensure elections are open and fair, but cost effective at the same time.
- When the boundaries of the Granite community were changed in January, removing the Wasatch Resort, the Council believed the change was inappropriate and it continues to do so. The Community Council would like to find ways to let residents of the Wasatch Resort participate in a way that still complies with the requirements set forth by the County. The Council, along with members of the Wasatch Resort, hope the change division of their community will eventually be reversed.
- The passage of HB 330 in February, which requires unincorporated islands within a county to be annexed, but gives islands with a community council the option of incorporating, has had a significant effect on the Granite community. Several members of the Granite community have formed a committee called the Granite Preservation Committee to determine if incorporation is feasible, and if it is desired by a majority of residents. The committee had created the website and held meetings for community engagement. Until these questions can be answered, the preservation committee feels the question of incorporation is premature. To answer Mr. Van Maren's question asked during public comment, HB 330 states if a feasibility study is requested, the Lieutenant Governor's Office will pay for the study. However, the request has to be paid for by the sponsors. This

would involve hiring a licensed surveyor, and the cost would be around \$20,000. If the Granite Community Council decides to have a study performed, it would gladly accept help from the County. However, it is currently planning on soliciting contributions from local businesses.

- Mr. Cox reviewed the current budget request, which was included in the application package.

**4.2 Proposed Hire Report / Incentive Plans - \$3,000 and Under / [24-2117](#)
Weekly Reclassification Report**

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[Proposed Hire Report 09-18-2024](#)
[Incentive Plans \\$3,000 and Under 9-18-2024](#)
[Weekly Reclassification Report 9-18-2024](#)

Presenter: Hoa Nguyen, Council Budget and Policy Analyst. (Approx. 3:15PM, Less than 5 Min.)

Discussion/Direction

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

Council Member Stringham asked if the amount for the incentive plan for the Parks and Recreation Section Manager was at \$3,000 because of concern over exceeding the limit, which would require Council approval.

Ms. Erin Litvack, Deputy Mayor of County Services, stated she would have to look into that and get back with an answer.

Council Member Stringham asked Ms. Litvack to let her know if a larger amount needed to be discussed.

4.3 Council Consideration of Incentive Plan over \$3,000 [24-2119](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[Y.Ding Incentive Plan 092824 KC Signed](#)

Presenter: Hoa Nguyen, Council Budget and Policy Analyst. (Approx. 3:15PM, Less than 5 Min.)

Discussion/Direction

Ms. Hoa Nguyen, Budget and Policy Analyst, Council Office, reviewed the incentive plan in the amount of \$4,050 requested by the Health Department.

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

4.4 Budget Adjustment: The Sheriff's Office Requests \$1,967,389 to Right-Size the Vehicle Replacement Fund for the Law Enforcement Bureau [24-2126](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[33813 - SHF_LEB Vehicle Replacement True Up](#)

Presenter: Hoa Nguyen, Council Budget and Policy Analyst. (Approx. 3:15PM, Less than 5 Min.)

Discussion/Direction

Ms. Hoa Nguyen, Budget and Policy Analyst, Council Office, reviewed the budget adjustment.

Council Member Granato asked if there was a list of vehicles of which Unified Police Department (UPD) took possession, along with the years they were built. She asked if UPD was required to balance funds for cars taken despite there being no funding available.

Ms. Bridget Romano, Deputy District Attorney, stated immediately prior to the official separation of UPD from the Sheriff's Office, there were several lists of vehicles brought to the Council for approval. This was done with the understanding that the "devil was in the details" with respect to the final financial settlement. The County has received differing answers from UPD with respect to whether it has vehicle replacement funds. The District Attorney's Office has been given varying responses by UPD regarding whether replacement funds are available. The District Attorney's Office meets with UPD every Monday and will continue to work toward a resolution on this issue. Until that resolution is reached, the Sheriff's Office needs to have its vehicles operating in good repair. The requested amount for the budget adjustment is based on a calculation of the replacement funds that would/should have been in place if the cars were purchased by the County rather than UPD. This could end up being a permanent appropriation, but it

could also end up being an offset.

Council Member Stringham asked who handles fleet services for UPD.

Ms. Romano stated she believed it was Chief Dwayne Anjewierden, but she was not sure.

Mr. Darrin Casper, Deputy Mayor of Finance and Administration, stated Shanell Beecher, Director of Accounting and Operations, Mayor Finance, and with the Fiscal Manager of the Sheriff's Office, are currently reviewing the balance sheet of the UPD to ascertain whether monies were assigned for the purpose of fleet replacement. He believed they could come to an understanding of what the balance should be. Additionally, there is reason to believe the balance should have been calculated by vehicle. This would be a one-time adjustment to bring the vehicles up to the County standard. He added that Ms. Nguyen and David Delquadro, Chief Financial Manager, Council Office, recently discovered a \$660,000 accounting error, bringing the original budget adjustment request from \$1,967,389 to \$1,307,389.

A motion was made by Council Member Granato, seconded by Council Member Bradley, that this agenda item be approved in the amount of \$1,307,389. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

4.5 Budget Adjustment: Fleet Management Requests a \$2,000,000 Increase to Its Depreciation Budget to Account for Inflationary Factors, and the Addition of the Law Enforcement Bureau [24-2130](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[33655 - 2025 Depreciation Increase](#)

Presenter: Hoa Nguyen, Council Budget and Policy Analyst. (Approx. 3:25PM, Less than 5 Min.)

Discussion/Direction

Ms. Hoa Nguyen, Budget and Policy Analyst, Council Office, reviewed the budget adjustment.

Mr. Darrin Casper, Deputy Mayor of Finance and Administration, stated this adjustment had to do with depreciation and was separate from the previous adjustment.

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

4.6 Budget Adjustment: Facilities Requests to Transfer \$100,000 in Under-Expend Budget from Various Capital Improvement Projects to the Perimeter Fence Project at the Sheriff's Office Building for Additional Security Measures [24-2123](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[33115 - SHF124 - S.O.B. BUILDING Perimeter Fence](#)

Presenter: Hoa Nguyen, Council Budget and Policy Analyst. (Approx. 3:20PM, Less than 5 Min.)

Discussion/Direction

Ms. Hoa Nguyen, Budget and Policy Analyst, Council Office, reviewed the budget adjustments for 4.6 and 4.7 concurrently.

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

4.7 Budget Adjustment: Facilities Requests to Transfer \$90,000 in Under-Expend Budget from Various Capital Improvement Projects to the Juvenile Receiving Center Siding and Window Replacement Project [24-2121](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[33675 - Youth Services JRC Ext Siding & Window replacement](#)

Presenter: Hoa Nguyen, Council Budget and Policy Analyst. (Approx. 3:20PM, Less than 5 Min.)

Discussion/Direction

Ms. Hoa Nguyen, Budget and Policy Analyst, Council Office, reviewed the budget adjustments for 4.6 and 4.7 concurrently.

A motion was made by Council Member Winder Newton, seconded by Council Member Harrison, that this agenda item be approved. The motion carried by a

unanimous vote.

- 4.8 Budget Adjustment: Facilities Energy Management Requests to Utilize \$840,134 of Its Existing Budget for the Following Three Projects: \$683,861 for New Energy Audits to Identify Energy & Cost Saving Opportunities at Individual County Facilities, \$144,350 to Continue the Effort of Converting Lighting to LED Bulbs & Fixtures, and \$11,923 for Additional Equipment and Costs Associated with the Installation of the Battery and Solar Array for Youth Services** [24-2127](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[33652 - Energy Management Project Activities](#)

Presenter: Hoa Nguyen, Council Budget and Policy Analyst. (Approx. 3:25PM, Less than 5 Min.)

Discussion/Direction

Ms. Hoa Nguyen, Budget and Policy Analyst, Council Office, reviewed the budget adjustment.

Council Member Winder Newton stated she and other Council Members had unanswered questions pertaining to the budget adjustment, and asked that it be tabled until a later date.

Council Member Stringham stated she would table the item, as she already talked to Megan Hillyard, Director, Administrative Services Department, who had no objection to this.

- 4.9 Budget Adjustment: Aging and Adult Services Requests to Recognize \$100,000 in Additional Federal Revenues from the Veteran-Directed Care Program to Meet the Increasing Need for In-Home Services. The Request Also Includes \$10,000 in Charitable Contributions and a \$25,000 Local Grant from the Community Foundation of Utah. The Total \$35,000, Along with a \$34,000 Appropriation Unit Shift Request from Capital Purchases to Operations, Will be Used to Address the Food Provision Needs** [24-2120](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[33826 - AAS Year-End Budget Adjustment](#)

Presenter: Hoa Nguyen, Council Budget and Policy Analyst. (Approx. 3:20PM, Less than 5 Min.)

Discussion/Direction

Ms. Hoa Nguyen, Budget and Policy Analyst, Council Office, reviewed the budget adjustment.

Council Member Stringham asked why this was shifted from capital to operations. She asked what was not being purchased in order to make this adjustment.

Ms. Nguyen asked to be able to look into that and get back with an answer.

Council Member Stringham stated she was agreeable to voting on this today, but she would still like Ms. Nguyen to update her with an answer.

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

4.10 Budget Adjustment: The Rampton Salt Palace Requests \$40,000 to Replace the Boiler Blowdown Steam Cooler Using Funds from the Replacement Project for the Condensate Line Between Abravanel Hall and the Salt Palace [24-2131](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[33749 - SPCC Boiler Blowdown Cooler Adjustment](#)

Presenter: Hoa Nguyen, Council Budget and Policy Analyst. (Approx. 3:25PM, Less than 5 Min.)

Discussion/Direction

Ms. Hoa Nguyen, Budget and Policy Analyst, Council Office, reviewed the budget adjustment.

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

4.11 Presentation About Legal Issues Related to Social Media Accounts Used by Elected Officials [24-2124](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[Social Media Presentation](#)

Sponsor: Council Chair Laurie Stringham.

Presenter: Mitchell Park, Legal Counsel, SLCo Council Office. (Approx. 3:30PM, 15Min.)

Informational

Mr. Mitchell Park, Legal Counsel, Council Office, delivered a PowerPoint presentation entitled: Legal Issues Related to Elected Official Social Media Accounts. He reviewed an overview; the first amendment and the Lindke decision; government action versus private action; existing Countywide policy; recommended best practices; and best practices for County Council members and other elected officials.

Mayor Jennifer Wilson asked if she and members of the Council would be allowed to delete comments made toward each other if those comments were vulgar and violated policy.

Mr. Park stated with County-sponsored social media, the policy provides for management on each of those sites. It should be well-documented who is responsible for monitoring a particular social media account. The individuals responsible for managing those accounts need to be aware of what the policy is.

With personal accounts, it is important to keep in mind that there is a difference between making a statement in a public-facing capacity and making a statement as an individual.

Ms. Bridget Romano stated if a comment was made on a website that was shared across the County, there would be a higher level of response from Information Technology down. It would depend on the situation.

4.12 Presentation Update From the Office of Redevelopment [24-2128](#) Regarding the Housing Trust Fund

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[Salt Lake County Housing Trust Fund Update](#)

Presenters: Dina Blaes, SLCo Director of Regional Development. Michael Akerlow, SLCo HCD Director. Michael Narvaez, SLCo Housing Trust Fund Manager. (Approx. 3:45PM, 30 Min.)

Informational

Mr. Michael Akerlow, Director, Housing and Community Development Division, delivered a PowerPoint presentation entitled: Salt Lake County Housing Trust Fund. He reviewed the Salt Lake County Housing Trust Fund; the Salt Lake County rental housing gap; wages and housing costs; and the Salt Lake County \$25 million investment.

Mr. Josh Narvaez, Housing Trust Fund Manager, Office of Regional Development, continued the presentation, reviewing the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) requirements for affordable housing; updates; Citizens West 3; Citizens West 4; The Howick; 515 Tower Phase 1; Citizens West 2; New City Plaza Apartments; First Step House Recovery Housing Project; The Morrissey; Platform 1500; 9Ten West; Liberty Corner; Alliance House; and Project Open 3.

Council Member Theodore asked if the cost of inflation would have any effect on the contribution that the County had already made.

Mr. Akerlow stated the project was secured through Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) funding, so it was already secure and true to the projected cost.

Mayor Jennifer Wilson stated she has been talking to developers about the gap when it comes to funding low-income housing. Developers need to be incentivized to take on these projects and they need the gap funded. The County should be proud of its use of the ARPA funding to get these projects done. Going forward, the County will need to find creative ways to work with developers to incentivize them and continue to fill the gap.

- 4.13 Authorization for the Health Department to Utilize \$250,800 From its Fund Balance to Purchase 2,200 Doses of the COVID Vaccine and Pay Immunization Administration Fees** [24-2112](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[Purchase of COVID Vaccine and Payment of Administration Fees 9.16.24](#)

Presenter: Tom Hudachko, SLCo Health Department Strategic Partnerships & Special Projects Manager. (Approx. 4:15PM, 5 Min.)

Discussion/Direction

Ms. Dorothy Adams, Director, Health Department, reviewed the County Health Department's request to utilize \$250,800 from its fund balance to purchase 2,200 doses of the Covid-19 vaccine and pay immunization fees. These vaccinations would be offered to temporary employees at next month's employee immunization event and also to a limited number of uninsured County residents. Residents receiving the vaccinations would be asked to sign a form attesting to their financial need. This was not a funding request; underspend from the current budget would be used for the purpose of funding this project.

Last year, the Utah Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) provided 2,600 doses of no-cost vaccine and used ARPA funds to do that. Unlike the normal flu vaccine, which is around \$30, the Covid-19 vaccine can cost upward of \$100.

Mayor Jennifer Wilson stated she was very strongly in favor of approving this request. From a human resources perspective, this would be a good practice.

Council Member Alvord stated he believed the virus had transformed to something more resembling a cold, and since many have built up a natural immunity, he did not feel this funding was necessary.

Council Member Stringham asked which vaccine would be purchased.

Ms. Kami Peterson, Director of Clinical Services, Health Department, stated it would be Moderna.

Council Member Winder Newton stated she wondered if this would be the highest and best use for \$250,000. Human Resources policy dictated that temporary employees did not receive health benefits. She also wondered why this vaccine should be prioritized over so many others. She stated she would be willing to support a smaller number, but she would rather put resources into helping people get insurance.

A motion was made by Council Member Bradshaw, seconded by Council Member Harrison, that this agenda item be approved.

A substitute motion was made by Council Member Winder Newton, seconded by Council Member Theodore, to allocate \$75,000 instead of \$250,800, while strongly encouraging the use of private health insurance whenever possible. The motion failed by the following vote:

Aye: Council Chair Stringham, Council Member Winder Newton, and Council Member Theodore

Nay: Council Member Harrison, Council Member Bradley, Council Member Bradshaw, Council Member Alvord, and Council Member Granato

Excused: Council Member Stewart

A motion was made by Council Member Bradshaw, seconded by Council Member Harrison, that this agenda item be approved. The motion failed by the following vote:

Aye: Council Member Harrison, Council Member Bradley, Council Member Bradshaw, and Council Member Granato.

Nay: Council Chair Stringham, Council Member Winder Newton, Council Member Theodore, and Council Member Alvord.

Excused: Council Member Stewart

A motion was made by Council Member Winder Newton, seconded by Council Member Harrison, that this agenda item be approved in the amount of \$100,000 instead of \$250,000. The motion carried by a 7 to 1 vote, with Council Member Alvord voting "Nay."

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND ISSUANCE OF PUBLIC NOTICES

6. PENDING LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

7. CONSENT ITEMS

A motion was made by Council Member Harrison, seconded by Council Chair Stringham, that the Consent Agenda be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

- 7.1 Housing Connect Board Appointment:** [24-2077](#)
· **Jamie Ramos, Board Commissioner**

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[Jamie Ramos_Redacted.pdf](#)

The vote on this consent item was approved.

8. APPROVAL OF TAX LETTERS

A motion was made by Council Member Harrison, seconded by Council Chair Stringham, that the Tax Letters be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

- 8.1 DMV Registration Refunds** [24-2115](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[MA 0026 Personal Property Tax Refund DMV \\$196.](#)
[MA 0027 Personal Property Tax Refund DMV Vet \\$4980](#)

The vote on this tax letter was approved.

- 8.2 Personal Property Refund Due to Payment Was Meant To Be Applied to Real Property** [24-2116](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[24-9015 24-2116 Personal Property Tax Refund \\$31.04](#)
[09.18.24](#)

The vote on this tax letter was approved.

- 8.3 Refund of Overpaid Business Personal Property and Mobile Home Taxes** [24-2129](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[24-9016 Personal Property Tax Refund \\$49,772.60](#)
[09.18.24](#)

The vote on this tax letter was approved.

9. ACCEPTANCE OF ETHICS DISCLOSURES

- 10. APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
- 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 5:06 PM until Tuesday, October 1, 2024.

LANNIE CHAPMAN, COUNTY CLERK

By _____
DEPUTY CLERK

By _____
CHAIR, SALT LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL