

# **SALT LAKE COUNTY**

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## **Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday, January 5, 2021**

**2:00 PM**

**Room N2-800**

## **Committee of the Whole**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

- 1.1 Statement of Council Concerning the Temporary Conduct of Electronic Meetings of the Council Consistent with the Utah Open and Public Meetings Act** [21-0000](#)

**Attachments:** [Staff Report](#)  
[OPMA Findings - December 2020](#)

**Mr. Mitchell Park**, Legal Counsel, Council Office, referred to the temporary conduct of electronic meetings of the Salt Lake County Council that is consistent with the Utah Open and Public Meeting Act. This allows the Council to hold electronic meetings without a physical anchor location.

**2. SWEARING IN OF COUNCIL MEMBER ANN GRANATO**

**Ms. Sherrie Swensen**, County Clerk, administered the oath of office to newly reelected Council Member Ann Granato.

**3. DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

- 3.1 Election of New Council Leadership** [21-0005](#)

**Attachments:** [Staff Report](#)

(Approx. 5 mins).

A motion was made by Council Member Alvord, seconded by Council Member Granato, to elect Council Member DeBry as chair, Council Member Newton as vice-chair, Council Member Stringham as pro tempore, and Council Member Bradshaw as minority leader for 2021, and to forward the matter to the 4:00 PM Council meeting for ratification. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

**4. CITIZEN PUBLIC INPUT****5. DISCUSSION ITEMS CONTINUED:**

- 5.1 Hiring Freeze Exception Report** [21-0001](#)

**Attachments:** [Staff Report](#)  
[Hiring Freeze Exceptions -121720](#)

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

**Mr. Brad Kendrick**, Budget & Policy Analyst, Council Office, reviewed the exceptions to the hiring freeze.

**5.2 Update on Salt Lake County's Coordinated Response to COVID-19** [21-0002](#)

**The Council may Take Action, Including Votes, on any Necessary Legislative Matters Related to the Ongoing State of Emergency**

**Attachments:** [Staff Report](#)  
[County Council Briefing -- 01052021](#)

Presenters: Mayor Jenny Wilson; David Schuld, Intelligence Section Chief, Salt Lake County COVID-19 Response; Gary Edwards, Director, Health Department (Approx. 30 mins).  
Discussion/Direction

**Mayor Jennifer Wilson** stated Health Department employees distributed vaccines during the holidays. Although there were some glitches and delays, they managed to administer all the vaccines. There will be a press conference on Friday, January 8, 2021, at 10:00 AM at the Government Center to update the public on vaccine distribution.

**Mr. Gary Edwards**, Director, Salt Lake County Health Department, stated the County is probably beginning to see the effect of Christmas gatherings. Salt Lake County has seen 900 cases of Covid per 100,000 tests over the last 14 days. Vaccines are moving well, but there is still more demand than supply.

**Mr. David Schuld**, Intelligence Section Chief, Salt Lake County Covid-19 Response, delivered a PowerPoint presentation updating the Council on the County's Covid response. He reviewed key numbers, the active case curve, how and where Covid is spreading, and key health response indicators.

**Mr. Edwards** also addressed issues of days from testing to hospitalization rate, accuracy of testing, wastewater testing for virus, priority of people

getting second round of vaccines, security of the vaccine, losing testing capacity when vaccinations increase, people who refuse the vaccine, and tracking of second cases.

**Mayor Wilson** answered questions about using pandemic funding for vaccines, and public relations efforts regarding the vaccine.

**Mr. Mitchell Park**, Legal Counsel, Council Office, stated there are legal provisions for school children regarding vaccinations, but any mandate for public vaccinations would have to come from the Legislature. Currently, there is no such measure on the books.

### 5.3 Landfill Waste Codes Consolidation

[20-1273](#)

**Attachments:** [Staff Report](#)  
[Solid Waste Council Minutes 10.28.2020.docx](#)  
[Waste Codes Review 10 28 2020.docx](#)

Presenter: Patrick Craig, Executive Director, Solid Waste (Approx. 5 mins).  
Discussion/Direction

**Mr. Patrick Craig**, Executive Director, Solid Waste Management Facility, explained the need to simplify and reduce confusion when processing small loads from the public at the landfill. This change was unanimously approved by the Solid Waste Management Council in October 2020.

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

**Council Member Alvord** stated on the landfill website, it appears the rate for vehicles is \$15.00. However, the report says the rate is \$11.00. He asked if the rate on the website was updated before Council approval.

**Mr. Craig** stated this was the case.

**Council Member Alvord** made a substitute motion to fix the vehicle rate at \$13.00.

**Mr. Craig** stated a \$13.00 fee will create lots of problems in terms of making change. In addition, dropping the fee below \$15.00 will put revenue

in the negative.

**Council Member Alvord** withdrew his substitute motion.

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.

**5.4 Discussion and Approval of a Letter in Support of the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) Alternative B in its Trail Development in the Lake Mountains, North Oquirrh Management Area and Rose and Yellow Fork Canyons Environmental Assessment** [21-0007](#)

**Attachments:** [Staff Report](#)  
[BLM Trails Letter 010521](#)

Sponsors: Council Member Richard Snelgrove and Council Member Dave Alvord (Approx. 5 mins).

Discussion/Direction

**Council Member Snelgrove** stated County residents enjoy extensive trails in the Wasatch Mountain and in the Salt Lake Valley. However, there is a glaring lack of trails on the Oquirrh Mountains on the west bench. Trails on the west side would take the traffic burden off the trails on the east bench.

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has put out a draft environmental assessment for public comment. He has drafted a letter of support for west side trails to the BLM Salt Lake Field Office. He encouraged other Council Members to sign onto it.

**Mayor Wilson** stated her office would do whatever it could do to move this along. There is a huge demand for trails on the west side of the valley.

A motion was made by Council Member Snelgrove, seconded by Council Member Bradley, to support this agenda item, circulate the letter for signatures, and forward the matter to the 4:00 PM Council meeting for ratification. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

**5.5 Discussion Regarding Council Member Appointed Board** [21-0006](#)

**Representation**

**Attachments:**    [Staff Report](#)  
                              [Boards and Commissions](#)  
                              [Dec. 2020 - Council Appointed Board Representation](#)

Sponsors: Council Member Steve DeBry and Council Member Aimee Winder Newton (Approx. 15 mins).

Discussion/Direction

**Council Member DeBry** asked that all Council Members review the list of board appointments and choose their top three choices in order of priority. These lists should be sent to the Executive Committee, which will make recommendations to bring to the Council next week.

**Council Member Newton** stated this is a good process. She recommended that if anyone was interested in additional appointments, they should list as many as five boards.

**Mayor Jennifer Wilson** noted that former Council Member Max Burdick will fulfill the remainder of his term on the Utah Performing Arts Center (UPACA) board.

**5.6    Closed Session to Discuss Pending or Reasonably Imminent    [21-0008](#)  
Litigation or Discussion of the Character, Professional  
Competence, or Physical or Mental Health of an Individual**

**Attachments:**    [Staff Report](#)

(Approx. 30 mins).

A motion was made by Council Member Snelgrove, seconded by Council Member Stringham, to close the Committee of the Whole meeting to discuss pending or reasonably imminent litigation or discussion of the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

A motion was made in closed session to reopen the Committee of the Whole meeting.

**6.    CONSENT ITEMS:**

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

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

- 6.1 A Resolution of the Salt Lake County Council Approving and Authorizing the Mayor to Grant a Perpetual Easement to Mt. Olympus Improvement District** [20-1275](#)

**Attachments:** [Staff Report](#)  
[Resolution for Easement to Mt Olympus Improvement District at Hillview Basin \(12-22-20\) - AATF](#)  
[MOID Hillview Basin Easement](#)

This consent item was approved and forwarded.

- 6.2 Donation Approval for Animal Services** [20-1266](#)

**Attachments:** [Staff Report](#)  
[2020-12-15 Dogs Meow Donation-Aug Sept 2020.pdf](#)  
[2020-12-15 Humane Society of Utah July-Oct 2020.pdf](#)  
[2020-12-15 Monetary Jean Burns \\$6K donation-Oct 2020.pdf](#)  
[2020-12-15 Petsmart Aug 2020.pdf](#)  
[2020-12-15 Rocco and Roxie - November.pdf](#)  
[2020-12-15 Rover October.pdf](#)  
[2020-12-15 Weber Animal Shelter - November.pdf](#)

This consent item was approved and forwarded.

## **7. ITEMS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS**

- 7.1. Internal Business

## **8. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- 8.1 Approval of Committee of the Whole Minutes for:** [20-1269](#)  
**December 8, 2020**  
**December 15, 2020**

**Attachments:** [120820 - COW](#)  
[121520 - COW](#)

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.

**ADJOURN**

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS to come before the Council at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 4:11 PM until Tuesday, January 12, 2021, at 4:00 PM.

SHERRIE SWENSEN, COUNTY CLERK

By \_\_\_\_\_  
DEPUTY CLERK

By \_\_\_\_\_  
CHAIR, SALT LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL