

SALT LAKE COUNTY

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Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, November 14, 2023

10:00 AM

Room N2-800

County Council

1. CALL TO ORDER

Present: Council Member Suzanne Harrison
Council Member Jim Bradley
Council Member Ann Granato
Council Member Sheldon Stewart

Excused: Council Member Dave Alvord

Call In: Council Member Laurie Stringham
Council Member Arlyn Bradshaw
Council Chair Aimee Winder Newton
Council Member Dea Theodore

Invocation - Reading or Thought - Pledge of Allegiance

Ms. Erin Litvack, Deputy Mayor of County Services, led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Carl Fisher, Chair, Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, encouraged the Council to support the budget line item for the My County Recreation pass. He felt the proposal was innovative, important, and timely as it would give school aged youth access to the County pools and recreation centers. It would also strengthen the fabric of the community. Youth are already being displaced from some of the public open spaces, so this will be beneficial and provide kids with a safe space. He noted there is available funding in the Tourism, Recreation, Cultural, and Convention (TRCC) Fund to cover this, so it does not have to come out of the General Fund.

Mr. Chris Hill, Representative at Large, Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, spoke in favor of the My County Recreation pass, stating open play has a lot of benefits for children. Having the membership available for children can encourage parents to take part as well.

Ms. Lisa Dean, Member, Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, spoke in favor of the My County Recreation pass, stating recreation is essential for emotional, physical, and social wellbeing. The My Recreation Pass would promote equity.

Ms. Samira Harnish, Founder and Executive Director, Women of the World Organization, spoke in favor of the Workforce Inclusion & Successful Employment (WISE) program put forth by the Office of Regional Development. She stated this

program would help women who have been displaced by war and poverty to find a place in the workforce and move from adversity to empowerment.

Ms. Roxie Harshbarger, Economic Empowerment Program Manager, Women of the World Organization, spoke in favor of the WISE program and shared some of the success stories of the program's placements.

Ms. Yael David-Fiedel, Case Manager and Employment Specialist, Women of the World Organization, spoke in favor of the WISE program and shared some of the success stories of the program's placements.

Ms. Kelli Meranda, Director, Promise South Salt Lake, spoke in favor of the WISE program. Promise South Salt Lake is a WISE partner and has used the funding to hire three staff members who directly engage with community members and public service organizations. The WISE program is important to the community as it serves immigrants, seniors, and the unsheltered to meet their basic needs.

Mr. Sahil Oberoi, Chief Operating Officer, Utah Community Action (UCA), spoke in favor of the WISE program, stating workforce development is the best short-term solution to solving the housing crisis that exists in Salt Lake County. Last year UCA assisted 1,600 households with emergency rental assistance. Forty percent of those emergencies were employment related. The community needs to take an all-hands-on-deck approach to solving this problem.

Mr. Matt Wallace, Assistant Director of Career Education and Special Projects, Salt Lake Community College, spoke in favor of the WISE program because this type of funding is desperately needed in the community. He implored the Council to continue funding.

3. REPORT OF ELECTED OFFICIALS:

3.1. County Council Members

Council Member Stringham stated the Wasatch Front Waste and Recycling District had its budget hearing last night. The budget was passed forward. She talked about the services being offered through next year's budget, including garbage and recycling collection, glass collection, seasonal container reservation, leaf bags, landfill vouchers, and Christmas tree collection.

Council Member Winder Newton stated she, Council Member Theodore, Council Member Stringham, and Council Member Bradshaw could not be present in person because they were representing Salt Lake County at the annual Utah Association of Counties (UAC) conference.

3.2. County Mayor

Mayor Jennifer Wilson delivered the following announcements:

- November is National Family Caregivers Month. Aging and Adult Services is honoring caregivers with an exhibit entitled Portrait of a Caregiver, which will take place this Thursday from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM in the cafeteria in the South building of the Government Center.
- The County's fifteen senior centers will be serving holiday meals throughout November. People wishing to volunteer can reach out to Afton January, Communications Manager, Aging and Adult Services Division.
- The Clark Planetarium has added a Taylor Swift laser show on Friday nights and a film about anthropologist, Jane Goodall, which will show on December 8th.
- The 17th annual Salt Lake County Watershed Symposium is November 15-16 at 4:30 PM at the Utah Cultural Celebration Center.
- Lights On! At the Eccles will be Monday, November 20th from 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM in partnership with the Utah Food Bank. There will be a holiday art installation and non-perishable food items will be collected throughout January.

3.3. Other Elected County Officials

4. WORK SESSION

4.1 **Proposed Hire Report / Incentive Plans \$3,000 and Under / [23-1071](#) Weekly Reclassification Report**

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[Proposed Hire Report - 11-14-2023](#)
[Incentive Plans \\$3,000 and Under 11-14-2023](#)
[Weekly Reclassification Report 11-14-2023](#)

Presenter: Hoa Nguyen, Council Budget and Policy Analyst. (Approx. 10:10AM, 5 min)
Informational

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

4.2 2024 Budget Workshop Under the Direction of David Delquadro, Council Fiscal Manager and Hoa Nguyen, Council Budget and Policy Analyst [23-1067](#)

- **Human Services: Kelly Colopy, Department Director.**
- **Community Services: Robin Chalhoub, Department Director.**
- **Two Legislative Intent items: Monitoring new hires for the remainder of 2023, and 2024 budget reductions.**

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[Revised 2024 HS Budget Presentation Slides vFinal to Council 2023-11-14](#)
[OSF-VOA Recovery Road Detox One-pager FINAL](#)
[OSF-Disposal Program One-pager FINAL](#)
[OSF-Data Management and Leadership One-Pager FINAL](#)
[OSF-Community Bridge to Treatment One-pager FINAL](#)
[2024 CS Budget Presentation 231113 \(002\)](#)
[2024 LRP - 181 TRCC Fund - Mayor Proposed](#)
[Tourism Recreation Culture and Convention \(TRCC\)](#)
[Advisory Board Opinion for County 2024 Budget Year](#)
[Legislative Intent FINAL DRAFT](#)

Presenter: David Delquadro, Council Fiscal Manager. (Approx. 10:15AM, 120 min)

Discussion/Direction

- Human Services

Ms. Kelly Colopy, Director, Human Services Department, delivered a PowerPoint presentation entitled Human Services Department 2024 Budget. She reviewed the proposed budget overview; the tax funds reduction summary; and opioid settlement funds.

Mayor Jennifer Wilson stated this was the first year the Council had seen any requests to the opioid settlement funds. Bridget Romano, Deputy District Attorney, did a great job in collaborating with the State and other local entities in the negotiations for settlement funds. The County will receive millions in settlement dollars over the next 18 years. She has directed her

teams that may be eligible to continue the work they are doing on the gap analysis of the Human Services system. That said, there were a few needs that immediately came to mind.

Ms. Katherine Fife, Associate Deputy Mayor of County Services, Mayor's Office, stated the County has, so far, received \$8.5 million dollars in a restricted account. In the budget are recommendations for initial investments totaling \$2.4 million to address some of the immediate needs. These recommendations are based on the State opioid crisis response blueprint.

Ms. Catherine Kanter, Deputy Mayor of Regional Operations, stated the County has worked very closely with State partners in aligning its recommendations with that blueprint. Megan West, Program Administrator, Utah Department of Health and Human Services, was attending the meeting virtually and was instrumental in that.

Council Member Harrison asked that the \$5,000 home drug disposal item be added to the list because she had questions about the efficacy, and it seemed redundant based on the research she had done.

Ms. Fife continued the presentation, reviewing Indigent Legal Services. She noted the retention bonuses approved by the Council previously had been very effective in keeping County attorneys from moving elsewhere.

Ms. Colopy continued the presentation reviewing Criminal Justice Services; USU Extension Services; Aging and Adult Services; Behavioral Health Services; Youth Services; and the Health Department.

Ms. Fife concluded the presentation reviewing American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)/Transformational Initiatives (TI) Projects budget.

Council Member Stewart asked that the entire Criminal Justice Services, USU Extension Services, and Behavioral Health Services budgets be added to the list. He was not sure Criminal Justice Services and Behavioral Health should exist under the umbrella of Human Services. He also had ongoing questions about USU Extension Services.

Council Member Winder Newton expressed concern over putting entire departments on the list and recommended to Council Member Stewart that

he take his questions and concerns to the individual agencies to see if he could get answers. She noted that he could still put line items on the list at the next Council meeting. She argued putting entire departments on the list would be difficult for fiscal staff.

Council Member Stewart stated he had a fiduciary responsibility to question budget items and was insistent that the departments be placed on the list.

Mayor Jennifer Wilson stated it was up to the Council to determine the nature of the list, and that her office would accommodate any questions as best it could, but she agreed that such a board request would make things difficult for fiscal staff that already carries a heavy load.

Council Member Winder Newton moved to establish legislative intent that the list be limited to specific appropriations that have been identified and not entire departments or divisions. She stated Council members should do their due diligence and bring their questions to departments/divisions.

Council Member Stewart asked if legislative intent needed to be put on the agenda in advance.

Mr. Mitchell Park, Legal Counsel, Council Office, stated it did not need to be put on the agenda in advance as it pertained to the budget.

Council Member Stewart stated he was trying to avoid taking so much time during the meeting to discuss all his concerns. He wanted to review all the types of clinics on the Behavioral Health budget.

Mr. David Delquadro, Chief Financial Manager, Council Office, asked if Council Member Stewart's concerns about alignment could be placed on a future agenda.

A motion was made by Council Member Winder Newton, seconded by Council Member Granato, that the Council adopt legislative intent that the list shall be used for specific appropriations and line items and not for entire departments or divisions. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Council Member Bradshaw, Council Member Granato, Council

Member Winder Newton, Council Member Harrison, Council Member Bradley.

Nay: Council Member Theodore, Council Member Stringham, Council Member Stewart.

Excused: Council Member Alvord.

A motion was made by Council Member Harrison, seconded by Council Member Winder Newton, to approve the Human Services Department budget as presented with exception of the item for in-home drug disposal, USU Extension Services, and the Behavioral Health clinics. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Aye: Council Member Stewart, Council Member Harrison, Council Member Bradshaw, Council Member Granato, Council Member Theodore, Council Member Winder Newton, Council Member Stringham, Council Member Bradley.

Excused: Council Member Alvord.

- Community Services

Ms. Robin Chalhoub, Director, Community Services Department, delivered a PowerPoint presentation entitled Community Services Department 2024 Budget Presentation. She reviewed the team leaders; budget key funding sources; department operating budgets; department capital budget; measures to assist budget structural balance; agenda; Arts and Culture; Arts and Culture capital; and Arts and Culture operations;

Council Member Winder Newton asked to add the Community Engagement Program, the Engagement and Activations Manager, and the Arts in Public Places Appraisal budget items under the Arts and Culture budget to the list.

Council Member Granato asked to verify that this would be drawing down the fund balance but not pulling anything from the General Fund.

Ms. Chalhoub stated this was correct and that it was a great way to build the local small arts community.

Mayor Jennifer Wilson stated when the budget was prepared, her team had a robust conversation and decided, due to its commitment to the residents of Salt Lake County, that funds with a healthy balance should not be disadvantaged by pressures felt by the General Fund. She recognized the request seemed out of sorts given the hiring freezes and reductions currently taking place, but the unique nature of the fund meant it would probably ebb and flow, and there might be future years where this fund is as pinched as the General Fund. At that point, the General Fund might have some traditional requests and this fund would not.

Ms. Chalhoub stated she felt this fund could help generate revenue.

Council Member Winder Newton stated she believed in investing in things, and she would remove the request to have the Community Engagement Program and Engagement and Activations Manager programs placed on the list. She would like the Arts in Public Places appraisal to remain on the list.

Council Member Stewart asked to add the \$25,000 for new art purchases, which was an ongoing budget request and not new, to the list.

Ms. Chalhoub stated the art the County owns had not been appraised in about fifteen years and this was highly needed for insurance purposes.

Ms. Chalhoub continued the presentation, reviewing the Eccles Theater; Eccles Theater Capital; Eccles Theater Operations; Zoo, Arts and Parks; Zoo, Arts and Parks operations; Clark Planetarium; Clark Planetarium capital; Clark Planetarium operations; County Library; County Library capital; and County Library operations.

Council Member Winder Newton asked to add the line item for expanded hours (\$290,037) to the list and, instead, add that amount to expanding the digital collection.

Council Member Stewart asked to add “eliminate late fees on children and young adult materials” and “hotspot service” to the list.

Ms. Chalhoub continued the presentation, reviewing Library Sunday hours;

Equestrian Park - Bastian Agricultural Center; Golf; Golf capital; Golf operations; Parks and Trails; Parks and Trails capital; and Parks and Trails operations.

Ms. Erin Litvack pointed out that the Jordan River Regional Park master plan was a one-time request.

Ms. Chalhoub continued the presentation, reviewing Open Space; Open Space capital; Millcreek Canyon; Recreation; Recreation capital; Recreation operations; My County Recreation Pass; why do the Pass; benefits of the Pass; and total annual program cost.

Council Member Stewart asked that the “My County Recreation Pass” item be placed on the list.

Ms. Chalhoub continued the presentation, reviewing Tourism, Recreation, Culture and Convention (TRCC) - outside organizational recommendations; TRCC cultural recommendations; TRCC Parks and Recreation Trail recommendations; TRCC convention and tourism recommendations; TRCC future commitments; and Community Services Department.

Council Member Theodore asked that the Jordan River Regional Park master plan be put on the list.

Council Member Stewart asked that the Southwest Valley Performing Art Center design and development item be placed on the list.

Mr. David Delquadro, Chief Financial Manager, Council Office reviewed the list items for the Community Services budget. They included the Arts in Public Places appraisal; library expanded hours; add expand the digital materials; hotspot service; late fees for kids; My County Recreation Pass; Jordan River Regional Park master plan; and Southwest Valley Performing Art Center design and development.

A motion was made by Council Member Granato, seconded by Council Member Harrison, that the Community Services Budget be approved as a placeholder, excluding the previously mentioned list items. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Aye: Council Member Granato, Council Member Theodore, Council Member Harrison, Council Member Bradshaw, Council Member Stringham, Council Member Winder Newton, Council Member Stewart, Council Member Bradley.

Excused: Council Member Alvord.

- Legislative Intent: Monitoring new hires for the remainder of 2023 and 2024 budget reductions

Mr. David Delquadro, Chief Financial Manager, Council Office, read the legislative intent:

It is the legislative intent of the Council to monitor the number of new employees hired by the county throughout the remainder of 2023. Organizations that wish to begin the hiring process for mission critical positions before year's end will need to submit a written justification to the county's Director of Human Resources and to the Council. The justification shall explain why the hiring process cannot wait until the 2024 budget year. It shall also detail how the organization will offset the additional costs in 2024 of filling this position. Hires made without a satisfactory justification may be subject to budgetary reductions in the Council's final amendments to the 2023 budget or in the 2024 budget.

A motion was made by Council Member Granato, seconded by Council Member Harrison, to adopt the legislative intent regarding monitoring new hires for the remainder of 2023. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Aye: Council Member Winder Newton, Council Member Granato, Council Member Bradshaw, Council Member Stringham, Council Member Stewart, Council Member Harrison, Council Member Bradley, Council Member Theodore.

Excused: Council Member Alvord.

Mayor Jennifer Wilson asked if the legislative intent would be effective immediately.

Mr. Mitchell Park, Legal Counsel, Council Office, stated it would be.

- Legislative Intent: 2024 Budget Reductions

[Later in the meeting, at the end of the budget workshop, the Council resumed discussion on the second legislative intent item regarding 2024 budget reductions.]

Mr. David Delquadro, Chief Financial Manager, Council Office, reviewed the following legislative intent:

It is the legislative intent of the Council to impose budget reductions in 2024. A significant portion of budgetary savings will derive from reductions (contra accounts) for the personnel appropriation and the operating appropriation units of 3% and 2%, respectively. Although the contra accounts will be applied at the appropriation unit level, the goal is to achieve countywide savings for each independent elected office and at the department level for the Mayor's portfolio. An elected office or department may use the savings from one division or program to satisfy the savings target for another division or program if the funding sources are related. For example, General Fund savings and Tax Administration Fund savings are fungible, and savings that derive from personnel appropriation units are interchangeable with savings that derive from operating appropriation units. That does not mean that an office or agency has the authority to spend budgeted amounts from one appropriation unit to cover expenses incurred in another appropriation unit. Nor does it mean that expenditure reductions from grants or other extramural sources can be applied to the savings target. The tentative budget for 2024 and the adopted 2024 budget will identify the contra savings by appropriation unit for each county organization.

Mr. Mitchell Park, Legal Counsel, Council Office, stated the first sentence in the legislative intent should be a budgetary decision, not part of the legislative intent. If this Council wants to impose contra accounts, that should be the motion. The remaining items could be approved under legislative intent to provide further direction about structuring the contra accounts. At the end of the day, the Council needed to vote to put a recommended budget on display, and the decision should be whether or not to include the contra accounts or some other savings mechanisms. If the Council intends to enact contra accounts, particularly across the board, it

would be good to spell that out in the budget resolution, which will ultimately be adopted December 5, 2023.

A motion was made by Council Member Stewart, seconded by Council Member Granato, to defer a vote on this item until next week when there are more Council Members physically present. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

BREAK FOR LUNCH - RECONVENE AT 1:30PM

TIME CERTAIN FOR 1:30PM

4.3 Informational Presentation on the Cottonwood Connect Shuttle Program for the 2023-2024 Ski Season [23-1072](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[Cottonwood Connect RFP 2.0](#)
[Cottonwood Connect Season Detail](#)

Presenter: Catherine Kanter, Deputy Mayor of Regional Operations. Kaitlin Eskelson, President & CEO Visit Salt Lake. Carlton Christensen, Chair, Board of Trustees and Salt Lake County Representative Utah Transit Authority. Devin Weder, Transit Project Manager, Utah Department of Transportation. (Approx. 1:30PM, 10 min)

Informational

Ms. Catherine Kanter, Deputy Mayor of Regional Operations, reviewed the Cottonwood Connect Shuttle Program, which the County participated in last year by contributing \$250,000 in transportation dollars. The Utah Transit Authority (UTA) is asking the County for its participation again this year. She delivered a PowerPoint presentation on the Ski Shuttle Report for January through April 2023, reviewing UTA's ridership.

Council Member Stewart stated when this was presented last year, it was supposed to be a temporary stopgap because UTA had a shortage of employees. He was concerned that the County was being asked to participate again.

Mr. Carlton Christensen, Chair, UTA Board of Trustees, explained that last year when UTA suspended one ski route and reduced other ski routes, it also had to reduce other service routes. UTA must meet Federal

Government requirements to ensure it does not put a particular population base in a lesser position than another, so because it was unable to restore service for all routes, it could not restore service for the canyons. That would have put ski services against other services. UTA has made substantial progress in hiring, so it is in a much better position this season, and it will be able to offer service on key days, including heavy powder days, holidays, and weekends. UTA also worked with the ski resorts, which have figured out a way for their employees to get to the resorts, rather than riding the bus. Since half of the bus riders were ski resort employees, having them take alternate transportation will free up a lot of seats. However, that did not address the hospitality industry because UTA was not able to restore services that went past those hotels.

Ms. Kanter stated UTA is not asking the County for funding this year. Funding will come from UTA (\$320,000), the Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) (\$160,000), and Visit Salt Lake (\$180,000), and the \$10 rider fee each way.

Council Member Stewart asked what portion Visit Salt Lake was paying and where it was getting its funds for that.

Ms. Kaitlin Eskelson, President and Chief Executive Officer, Visit Salt Lake, stated Visit Salt Lake had already ramped up its program for the ski season using in-kind dollars. It already had a ticketing systems person on staff and would redeploy some of that person's hours to this. The ticketing program budget is paid for from Visit Salt Lake's Tourism, Recreation, Cultural, and Convention (TRCC) budget, which is a \$450,000 line item in its budget, and private sector revenue, which is funding that falls outside Transient Room Tax (TRT) revenue.

Ms. Kanter delivered an additional presentation on the Cottonwood Connect 2023-2024 Season Detail, reviewing an overview of the program; the financial overview of the program displaying revenue and expenses; Cottonwood Connect routes and timing; dates of service and cost per passenger; bus utilization; marketing and messaging; and key messaging. She further presented the Request for Proposal prepared by Visit Salt Lake.

Council Member Harrison stated she would benefit from a discussion on what UTA is doing long-term to address pay and staffing issues.

Mr. Andres Coleman, Regional General Manager, UTA, stated UTA is in a much better situation than it was last year. It has a contract for recruitment, which has produced a lot of applicants, and it has seen a net increase of operators, which was the category it suffered in the most last year. It has not been able to restore the service it reduced last year, but it is headed in the right direction and anticipates being in a better situation in 2024.

4.4 Approval of the \$320,000 Grant Agreement Between Salt Lake County and Visit Salt Lake (VSL) for the Cottonwood Canyons Transportation Grant to Support the Cottonwood Connect Ski Shuttle Program for the 2023-2024 Ski Season [23-1073](#)

- Attachments:** [Staff Report](#)
[Grant Agreement - Visit Salt Lake_RATF.FINAL](#)
[Resolution.VSL Grant Agreement_RATF](#)
[UTA Funding MOA 2023-24_RATF](#)
[Attachment A](#)

Presenter: Catherine Kanter, Deputy Mayor of Regional Operations. Kaitlin Eskelson, President & CEO Visit Salt Lake. Carlton Christensen, Chair, Board of Trustees and Salt Lake County Representative Utah Transit Authority. Devin Weder, Transit Project Manager Utah Department of Transportation. (Approx. 1:40PM, 10 min)
Discussion/Direction

Ms. Catherine Kanter, Deputy Mayor of Regional Operations, reviewed the resolution acknowledging acceptance of \$320,000 in funding from the Utah Transit Authority for the Cottonwood Connect Program through a Memorandum of Understanding, and authorizing a Grant Agreement transferring that funding to Visit Salt Lake to continue the program.

RESOLUTION NO. 6151

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL APPROVING A GRANT OF FUNDS TO VISIT SALT LAKE FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING TEMPORARY PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS THROUGH THE COTTONWOOD CANYONS

WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, the Utah Transit Authority (“UTA”) has announced that it will temporarily continue its reduction in bus routes in Little Cottonwood Canyon and Big Cottonwood Canyon (collectively, the “Cottonwood Canyons”) through the 2023-2024 ski season; and

WHEREAS, in connection such announcement, Visit Salt Lake has agreed to operate and manage a program (the “Cottonwood Connect Program”), in coordination with UTA, the Utah Department of Transportation, Salt Lake County, and others, for the purpose of providing public transportation services, including management of routes and operations, to recreational users of the Cottonwood Canyons from December 23, 2023, to April 14, 2024. The goal of this service is to increase the number of people riding public transportation to ski resorts by supplementing the reduction of existing ski bus services provided by UTA, thereby helping to reduce traffic congestion and improve air quality and visitor experience; and

WHEREAS, Visit Salt Lake is a private nonprofit corporation whose mission is to improve the area economy by attracting and providing support to conventions, leisure travelers, and visitors to Salt Lake County; the agency’s marketing efforts feature the positive differences between Salt Lake and competing destinations and the group provides convention and visitor services to encourage longer stays and future returns; and

WHEREAS, various parties are contributing to the costs of the Cottonwood Connect Program. In connection therewith, Salt Lake County (at the request of Visit Salt Lake) has agreed to transfer to Visit Salt Lake \$320,000 from funds the County has (or shall) receive from UTA for purposes of funding (in part) the Cottonwood Connect Program (*see* Visit Salt Lake’s Application for Contribution is attached hereto as Attachment A); and

WHEREAS, the County Council finds that granting Visit Salt Lake’s request for such financial assistance will contribute to the safety, health, prosperity, peace, order, comfort and convenience of Salt Lake County residents and inhabitants; and

WHEREAS, such an appropriation of funds will comply with Utah Code § 17-50-303 and Salt Lake Countywide Policy 1200.

RESOLUTION

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

- 1. That Visit Salt Lake’s application for contribution, attached hereto as Attachment A, is approved.
- 2. That the Salt Lake County Mayor is authorized to execute the Grant Agreement between Salt Lake County and Visit Salt Lake, attached hereto as Attachment B

APPROVED and ADOPTED this 14th day of November, 2023.

SALT LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL

ATTEST (SEAL)

By /s/ JIM BRADLEY
Acting Chair

By /s/ LANNIE CHAPMAN
County Clerk

A motion was made by Council Member Harrison, seconded by Council Member Granato, that this agenda item be approved. The motion carried 7 to 1, by the following roll call vote:

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

Nay: Council Member Stewart

Excused: Council Member Alvord

4.5 2024 Budget Workshop (Continued) [23-1068](#)

- Salt Palace Convention Center and Mountain America Expo Center: Dan Hayes, General Manager.
- Visit Salt Lake & Related: Kaitlin Eskelson, President/CEO.
- Visitor Promotion Contributions: Erin Litvack, Deputy Mayor.
- Office of Homelessness & Criminal Justice Reform: Katherine Fife, Policy and Program Manager.

- **Justice Courts: Judge Shauna Graves-Robertson. (Time Certain: 3:00 PM)**
- **Other 2024 Budget Items.**

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[2024 VSL ASM Budget Presentation \(SB11.09.23\) \(002\)](#)
[Sundance Institute FY24 Proposal to Salt Lake County](#)
[Policy 1200 application2023 SLARA](#)
[Salt Lake County Application for Taste Utah Funding](#)
[2023-24 Application_Utah Sports Commission](#)
[2024 Budget OHCJR with KF edits](#)
[2023 Justice Courts - Caseload Study](#)

Presenter: David Delquadro, Council Fiscal Manager. (Approx. 1:50PM, 110min)

Discussion/Direction

- Calvin L. Rampton Salt Palace Convention Center and Mountain America Exposition Center
- Visit Salt Lake
- Visitor Promotion Fund

Mr. Dan Hayes, General Manager, SMG Facility Services (SMG), delivered a PowerPoint presentation on Visit Salt Lake & ASM Global's 2024 Proposed Budgets for the Calvin L. Rampton Salt Palace Convention Center (SPCC) and Mountain America Exposition Center (MAEC), reviewing the state of the industry live events; the current economic state; attendance recovery versus 2019; SPCC and MAEC attendance from 2019-2023; industry 2023 venue total bookings and gross revenue versus 2019; SPCC and MAEC revenue from 2019-2023; SPCC and MAEC bookings from 2019-2023; the changing demographics of the industry and the implications; the workforce in 2025; the workforce in 2025; who the next generation audience will be; ranking the importance of event elements; how trustworthy sources of information were; a conclusion; convention centers: industry outlook for the next three+ years; capital projects for 2024, recommended and the highlights; gratitude; deferred maintenance; new five-year capital renewal replacement (CRR) summarized for SPCC and MAEC, the roles of Salt Lake County, SPCC, and Visit Salt Lake in the live events industry in Salt Lake City; and SPCC bookings by entity, direct revenue, and the number of events.

Mr. Josh Ambrose, Finance Director, SMG, continued the PowerPoint presentation, reviewing the 2024 County funding requests of \$4.13 million for the Calvin L. Rampton Salt Palace Convention and \$753,000 for the Mountain America Exposition Center.

Ms. Kaitlin Eskelson, President and Chief Executive Officer, Visit Salt Lake, handed out and reviewed a document that showed everything Visit Salt Lake had booked this year to date, which is at 963,000 room nights, although Visit Salt Lake believes that number will be at 973,000 room nights. This document includes a complete list of names, attendance, room nights, and the estimated impact for the County.

Mr. Chris McCandless, Chair, Visit Salt Lake Board of Directors, continued the PowerPoint presentation, reviewing Visit Salt Lake's number on the value of tourism, including numbers for total visitor economy, household tax relief, tourism jobs, and visitor spending. For 2022, Visit Salt Lake produced \$88.2 million in County tax revenue, based off County tax rates for hotels, restaurants, car rental, and retail.

Council Member Stewart questioned the \$1,801 number per household in tax relief. Based on a report, there were 451,075 households in Salt Lake County, which meant that the per household tax relief amount would total \$812,386,075. The State's tax revenue in one year was \$1.81 billion, so he did not think that amount added up. He wanted to understand that, and he wanted to see what Visit Salt Lake's control was. He did not think it could take credit for the amount of tourism revenue it claimed because some of that revenue would happen naturally without Visit Salt Lake.

Ms. Eskelson stated Visit Salt Lake worked with the Utah Office of Tourism on those numbers, and it consulted with the Governor's Office of Management and Budget, which then took the numbers to the Kem C. Gardner Policy Institute. She would get the Council an exact calculation and breakdown. Without Visit Salt Lake, the marketing and leisure pieces of tourism would still generate money, but the sales and administrative pieces were 46 percent of Visit Salt Lake's budget, and without it, there would be an empty Salt Palace. Visit Salt Lake produces \$973,000 directly from its sales efforts, and that is just focused on the convention side of the business because that is the most quantifiable. It does not claim the leisure business. She continued the PowerPoint presentation reviewing Visit Salt Lake's 2024

budget, showing Visit Salt Lake funding; where Visit Salt Lake has been and where it is going; and the Visitor Promotion Contract, with the 2024 County funding request of \$15,022,400.

Mr. Bart Blaisdell, Chief Financial Officer, Visit Salt Lake, continued the PowerPoint presentation, reviewing Visit Salt Lake's Transient Room Tax (TRT); Visit Salt Lake's program budgets; and Visit Salt Lake's fund balance, with TRT Fund projections.

Mr. David Delquadro, Chief Financial Office, Council Office, stated he needed to understand the compensation on a per capita basis. He realized part of Visit Salt Lake's increase was for more employees, but he wanted to know what pay raises and health increases it was proposing for 2024.

Mr. Blaisdell stated Visit Salt Lake typically offers a 3 to 5 percent merit increase, and it is proposing a 3 percent increase in benefit costs.

Ms. Eskelson passed out another handout showing Visit Salt Lake's budget prior to starting the Convention and Tourism Assessment Area (CTAA), which was at \$12.4 million, and after starting the CTAA, it was about \$19.2 million. She continued the presentation on the 2024 CTAA proposed budget for Visit Salt Lake of \$6,800,000; a pie chart of how the CTAA budget is split; 2023 CTAA committee members; and the 2023 CTAA timeline.

Ms. Erin Litvack, Deputy Mayor of County Services, finished the PowerPoint presentation reviewing the TRT - Visitor Promotion Fund contributions to Sundance of \$150,000, the Sports Commission of \$100,000, and the Utah Restaurant Associations of \$25,000. She stated this budget is separate and independent from the Salt Palace and Mountain America Expo Center's budget and Visit Salt Lake's budget.

Mayor Jennifer Wilson stated these contributions could be moved to the Economic Development Divisions' budget because they are investments that impact the economy. However, they were put into this TRT Fund rather than using General Fund dollars. She recommended continuing to support them for the impact they have on the economy.

A motion was made by Council Member Granato, seconded by Council Member Bradshaw, that the budgets be approved as a placeholder, as

presented. The motion carried 6 to 1, by the following roll call vote:

Aye: Council Member Bradshaw, Council Member Winder Newton, Council Member Granato, Council Member Theodore, Council Member Stringham, Council Member Bradley.

Nay: Council Member Stewart

Excused: Council Member Alvord

Absent: Council Member Harrison

- Justice Court

Judge Shauna Graves-Robertson stated she was here earlier in the year to ask the Council to restore two of the five positions it cut during the mid-year budget, at which time she was asked to provide information on how the Justice Court compared with other courts of its size and that the positions would have to be time-limited. A study was done comparing the Justice Court with similar courts, and it indicated the Justice Court was down two full-time clerks for a court of its size and the capacity of work it had. That study was sent to the Council. She was here today to ask for two time-limited positions.

She also noted she went before the Greater Salt Lake Municipal Services District (MSD) with this information and was asked why the Justice Court's overtime had gone down so drastically and if it was because the Justice Court now had fewer cases. The reason for that decrease in overtime was not because the Justice Court had fewer cases, as employees are still working overtime, but because employees were given the option of being paid overtime dollars or taking comp time, and most chose comp time.

Council Member Stringham stated the overtime decreased from \$100,000 to a projected \$8,900 at year-end. One of the comments of the MSD was the Justice Court should not need to hire another person since it had found an efficient way of managing time. People are still working when cases are heavy, and taking extra comp time off when they can.

Judge Graves-Robertson stated employees cannot always take the time off

when they want to use their comp time. Then, when they do take time off, other employees are having to fill in for them, which is creating a hardship. The Justice Court is backlogged and without the manpower needed, it cannot keep up with tracking the cases. She also feared she would lose more employees who were concerned about having a job, with the County talking about disbanding the Justice Court, and it takes six months to train a new employee to do the job.

Council Member Granato asked how this request would be dealt with now versus in the 2024 budget.

Mr. David Delquadro, Chief Financial Manager, stated the Council passed legislative intent earlier for vacant positions, so if the Judge is requesting the positions for 2023, she would have to come back to the Council with a written explanation as to why she needed the vacant positions.

A motion was made by Council Member Granato, seconded by Council Member Harrison, that the Justice Court budget be approved as recommended by the Mayor, with the caveat that one FTE for 2024 be added to the review list. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Aye: Council Member Bradshaw, Council Member Winder Newton, Council Member Stringham, Council Member Granato, Council Member Harrison, Council Member Stewart, Council Member Theodore, Council Member Bradley

Excused: Council Member Alvord

- Office of Homelessness and Criminal Justice Reform

Ms. Katherine Fife, Associate Deputy Mayor of County Services, Mayor's Office delivered a PowerPoint presentation on the Office of Homelessness and Criminal Justice Reform's 2024 Budget, reviewing the core mission of the restructured office; the budget changes, with a significant base adjustment that was budget neutral and grant true-ups; reductions; and the 2024 County funding request.

Council Member Stewart stated he was not aware this restructure had already happened and asked if the Council voted on it. He thought these

were distinctly separate synergies, and by combining them, the County could end up taking away from one synergy to leverage services.

Ms. Fife stated an email was sent to the Council at the beginning of the year, and correspondence was sent in March showing the restructure and why it happened. The Council voted on pieces of the merger of these offices throughout the year.

A motion was made by Council Member Granato, seconded by Council Member Harrison, that the Office of Homelessness and Criminal Justice Reform's budget be approved, as recommended by the Mayor. The motion carried by the following roll call vote.

Aye: Council Member Stringham, Council Member Bradshaw, Council Member Harrison, Council Member Granato, Council Member Winder Newton, Council Member Theodore, Council Member Bradley

Nay: Council Member Stewart

Excused: Council Member Alvord

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND ISSUANCE OF PUBLIC NOTICES

- 5.1 Set a Public Hearing on December 5, 2023, for An Ordinance, [23-1066](#)
Amending Title 19, Entitled "Zoning" of the Salt Lake
County Code of Ordinances, 2001, by Reclassifying Certain
Property Located in Salt Lake County from the A-2 Zone
(Agriculture) to the A-1 Zone (Agriculture)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[Ordinance_Rezone 3198 N 2200 W](#)
[Summary REZ2023-000944](#)
[529-DRAFT-PRELIMINARY-PLAT-3198NORTH-MINO](#)
[R-SUBDVN-2023-7-26](#)
[LegalDescription](#)

Presenter: Justin Smith, Planner I, Greater Salt Lake Municipal Services
District. (Approx. 3:40PM, 5 min)
Discussion/Direction

Mr. Justin Smith, Planner I, Greater Salt Lake Municipal Services District, reviewed the request of Adam Von Maack to reclassify property located at 3198 North 2200 West from an A-2 zone to an A-1 zone. Mr. Von Maack would like to subdivide the property into two parcels, but in order to do so, he needed to rezone the property to an A-1 zone because the lot sizes would be too small to conform to an A-2 zone.

Ms. Lisa Hartman, Associate Deputy Mayor of Regional Operations, stated this request is to set a public hearing for December 5th.

A motion was made by Council Member Harrison, seconded by Council Member Stewart, to set a public hearing for December 5th, to consider the rezone request. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

6. PENDING LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

- 6.1 Formal Adoption of an Ordinance of The Legislative Body of Salt Lake County, Utah, Amending Section 2.12.070 of The Salt Lake County Code of Ordinances, 2001, Entitled “Power to Appoint or Select Deputies, Assistants And Employees,” In Order To Define The County Council’s Power to Consent to The Appointment or Selection of Deputies Or Employees to Include The Temporary Adoption Of Budget Procedures That Limit the Use of Funds To Fill Previously Approved Positions** [23-1074](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[Hiring Ordinance Amendments \(RAFL\)\(10-30-23\)](#)

Sponsor: Councilwoman Aimee Winder Newton. (Approx. 3:45PM, 5 min.)
Discussion/Direction

Council Member Winder Newton reviewed the ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 1918

COUNTY EMPLOYEE FUNDING AMENDMENTS

AN ORDINANCE OF THE LEGISLATIVE BODY OF SALT LAKE COUNTY, UTAH, AMENDING SECTION 2.12.070 OF THE SALT LAKE COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES, 2001, ENTITLED “POWER TO APPOINT OR SELECT DEPUTIES, ASSISTANTS AND EMPLOYEES,” IN ORDER TO DEFINE THE COUNTY COUNCIL’S

POWER TO CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT OR SELECTION OF DEPUTIES OR EMPLOYEES TO INCLUDE THE TEMPORARY ADOPTION OF BUDGET PROCEDURES THAT LIMIT THE USE OF FUNDS TO FILL PREVIOUSLY APPROVED POSITIONS

The County Legislative Body of Salt Lake County ordains as follows:

SECTION I. The amendments made herein are designated by underlining the new substituted words. Words being deleted are designated by brackets and strike-through.

SECTION II. Section 2.12.070 of the Salt Lake County Code of Ordinances, 2001, entitled "Power to appoint or select deputies, assistants and employees" is hereby amended to read as follows:

2.12.070 - Power to appoint or select deputies, assistants and employees.

A.

1. Every county elected officer, except a council member or a judicial officer may, with the consent of the council as part of the budget process, select, pursuant to the County Personnel Management Act, deputies in accordance with state statute as may be necessary for the prompt and faithful discharge of the duties of the office.

2. The powers of the deputy include the powers of the elected official unless limited by the deputy's written appointment. The elected official may limit the powers of the deputy by office policy or job description.

3. No official act of any county officer shall be invalid for the reason that the officer failed to take the oath of office.

B. Every county elected officer, except a judicial officer, may appoint a merit exempt assistant if the position is authorized by the council pursuant to the County Personnel management Act or state law.

C. Every county elected officer may select employees in addition to deputies and assistants pursuant to the requirements of the Personnel Management Act and other state law and as the position is approved in the

budget process by the council. Job duties shall be prepared by the elected official and approved by the personnel division.

D. Notwithstanding the other provisions of this section, as part of the final budget that it adopts annually, the council may adopt temporary budget procedures that limit the use of funds to fill previously approved positions.

SECTION III. This ordinance shall become effective fifteen (15) days after its passage and upon at least one publication in a newspaper published and having general circulation in Salt Lake County.

APPROVED and ADOPTED this 14th day of November, 2023.

SALT LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL

ATTEST (SEAL)

By /s/ JIM BRADLEY
Acting Chair

By /s/ LANNIE CHAPMAN
Salt Lake County Clerk

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

Aye: Council Member Harrison, Council Member Stringham, Council Member Bradley, Council Member Bradshaw, Council Chair Winder Newton, Council Member Granato, Council Member Stewart, and Council Member Theodore

Excused: Council Member Alvord

6.2 Consideration of a Fee Waiver for the Larry H. & Gail Miller Family Foundation, for the Salt Palace Convention Center on November 21, 2023 [23-1069](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[2023 LHM Fee Waiver Thanksgiving](#)

Presenter: Erin Litvack, Deputy Mayor of County Services. Dan Hayes, General Manager ASM Global. (Approx. 3:50PM, 10 min)
Discussion/Direction

Ms. Erin Litvack, Deputy Mayor of County Services, stated it has become an annual tradition of the Miller family to provide a Thanksgiving dinner for the homeless community. The Mayor's Office wanted to be supportive of that effort and support the fee waiver request for the Salt Palace Convention Center to host the dinner.

Mayor Jennifer Wilson stated Dan Hayes, General Manager, Salt Palace Convention Center, indicated to her last year that there was not a demand for the Salt Palace this close to the holiday, so there would not be a corresponding revenue lost by displacing a paid vendor.

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

7. CONSENT ITEMS

8. APPROVAL OF TAX LETTERS

9. ACCEPTANCE OF ETHICS DISCLOSURES

10. APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

10.1 Approval of October 31, 2023 County Council Minutes

[23-1064](#)

Attachments: [103123 Council Minutes](#)

A motion was made by Council Member Harrison, seconded by Council Member Stewart, 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 3:30 PM until Tuesday, November 21, 2023, at 10:00 AM.

LANNIE CHAPMAN, COUNTY CLERK

By _____
DEPUTY CLERK

By _____
CHAIR, SALT LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL