

SALT LAKE COUNTY

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Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 2, 2021

1:00 PM

Room N2-800

Committee of the Whole

1. CALL TO ORDER

Present Council Member Laurie Stringham
Council Member Jim Bradley
Council Member Arlyn Bradshaw
Council Member Aimee Winder Newton
Council Member Steve DeBry
Council Member Dea Theodore

Call In Council Member Richard Snelgrove
Council Member Dave Alvord
Council Member Ann Granato

1.1 Statement of Council Chair Steve DeBry Concerning the Temporary Conduct of Electronic Meetings of the Council Consistent with the Utah Open and Public Meetings Act [21-0110](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[OPMA Findings - January 2021](#)

Council Chair DeBry referred to the temporary conduct of electronic meetings of the Salt Lake County Council that is consistent with the Utah Open and Public Meetings Act. This allows the Council to hold electronic meetings without a physical anchor location.

2. CITIZEN PUBLIC INPUT

Mr. Steve Van Maren stated the Sandy City Council uses a function which allows citizens to comment online on each agenda item. Citizen comments are considered before a voting item is debated.

Ms. Shykell Ledford, Administrative Coordinator, Council Office, stated citizen comments have been received via email regarding the Mountainous Planning District. The comments have been distributed to the Council and the Clerk to be filed.

3. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

3.1 Budget Adjustment: Mayor Finance's Request for Debt Service Reduction of \$33,841 to Account for the Refunding of the General Obligation Bond Series 2012. [21-0114](#)

Attachments: [20876 - Debt Service GO 2020](#)

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

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

3.2 Budget Adjustment: Mayor Finance's Request to Reduce Debt Service Due to the Refunding of the Sales Tax Revenue Bond Series 2010D Build America Bonds (Reduce Revenue by \$367,711 and Expense by \$613,806) [21-0115](#)

Attachments: [20875 - Debt Service STRR 2020B](#)

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

A motion was made by Council Member Bradshaw, seconded by Council Member Stringham, 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 Salt Lake County Resolution Extension of the Public Health Emergency Declared by the Salt Lake County Mayor and the Executive Director of the Salt Lake County Health Department COVID-19 Pandemic [21-0098](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[Resolution of the Fifth Ext.of Declaration of Emergency](#)

Sponsor: Council Chair Steve DeBry (Approx. 5 mins).
Discussion/Direction

Mr. Mitchell Park, Legal Counsel, Council Office, explained the ordinance that allows the County Mayor to declare a State of Emergency.

Council Member Theodore asked when such a State of Emergency would end.

Mr. Park stated that would be at the discretion of the Council.

Mayor Jennifer Wilson stated the extension is necessary to receive Federal Emergency Management Act (FEMA) dollars. In addition, the County needs to be nimble in dealing with vaccine roll out.

Mr. Darrin Casper, Deputy Mayor of Finance & Administration, stated as long as the County is under a State of Emergency it will be eligible for FEMA dollars. He anticipates the County receiving \$500,000 to \$1,000,000 per month.

Council Member Stringham stated she thought this money was to sunset at the end of 2020.

Mr. Ralph Chamness, Deputy District Attorney, stated the Coronavirus, Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) funding was sunsetted at the end of last year, not the FEMA money.

A motion was made by Council Member DeBry, 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.

3.4 Legislative Update

[21-0111](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[COW leg update 2_2_21](#)
[2021 Tracker - 020221 COW](#)

Presenter: Kara Trevino, Legislative Director, Council (Approx. 1 hr).
Discussion/Direction

Ms. Kara Trevino, Intergovernmental Relations Manager, Council Office, reviewed the following legislative bills:

- SB 102 Peace Officer Training Qualification Amendments

Ms. Trevino stated this bill permits lawful permanent residents who have been in the U.S. for five years and have legal authorization to work in the U.S. to apply to become peace officers. The Sheriff's Office supports this bill.

Sheriff Rosie Rivera stated this bill will help the Sheriff's Office move forward in a positive way for its community.

A motion was made by Council Member Bradshaw, seconded by Council Member Bradley, that the Council support SB 102. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

- HB 242 Ticket Reseller Amendments

Ms. Trevino stated this bill helps the County's cultural venues with fraudulent ticket sales. When fraudsters print tickets at home, it creates multiple tickets for each seat.

Ms. Holly Yocom, Director, Community Services Department, stated this does not affect people reselling legitimate tickets.

A motion was made by Council Member Winder Newton, seconded by Council Member Bradshaw, to support HB 242. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

- HB 243 Privacy Protection Amendments

Ms. Trevino stated this bill creates a state committee to oversee privacy and technology throughout the state, thereby impacting local governments. The Utah Association of Counties (UAC) and several County agencies have reviewed this. There is concern about the bill's broad reach. She recommended working with the sponsor to get some representation on the board.

Council Member Bradshaw stated the Councils takes privacy very seriously. A committee that recommends standards is a good idea, but empowering the state to take punitive action is not the best route.

A motion was made by Council Member Bradshaw, seconded by Council Member Winder Newton, to oppose HB 243. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

- HB 244 First Class County Highway Road Funds Amendments

Ms. Trevino stated the First Class County Highway Road Fund accumulates some money from revenue generated in Salt Lake County. This bill distributes those funds equitably to various jurisdictions.

Council Member DeBry suggested the Council monitor this bill.

Council Member Newton stated this was not a good process to determine road funds. However, the County desperately needs money for roads.

Mayor Jennifer Wilson stated she did not want to get into an area where all are contributing tax dollars and only some are receiving the road funds. She reviewed the pros and cons of this legislation.

The Council agreed to monitor this bill.

- HB 256 County Land Use and Development Amendments

Ms. Trevino stated this bill requires a super majority vote when an adjacent city protests a development.

Council Member Bradshaw suggested the Council monitor this bill.

Mayor Jennifer Wilson stated the County would want to engage with the cities around any undeveloped land. She suggested meeting with the sponsor to let him know the County is open to engagement.

The Council agreed to monitor the bill.

- EBus Air Quality Monitor Appropriation

Ms. Trevino stated in the December budget, there was a \$20,000 appropriation to go towards this pilot project. Other partners have also committed.

Mr. Michael Shea, Environmental Program Manager, Transportation, Housing & Economic Development Department, stated the idea is to create a more detailed solution mappings than is currently available. This project will place air quality monitors on electric buses and then collect daily data from the bus route. This will enable the mapping of pollution hot spots throughout the valley. The data collected will be accurate and useable.

A motion was made by Council Member Winder Newton, seconded by Council Member Bradshaw, to support the appropriation. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

- SB 52 Property Tax Deferral Modifications

Ms. Trevino stated last week the Council took a position to see how discussions went with the sponsor.

Mr. Wayne Cushing, County Treasurer, stated this bill is a property tax deferral bill that allows those 66 years old and over and living in a house worth less than \$500,000 to defer their property tax. There are around 60,000 households that would qualify for this and the total taxes from that group would be \$150,000,000. He is opposed to this because it is too overreaching. He also described other deferral and abatement programs offered by his office.

A motion was made by Council Member Bradshaw, seconded by Council Member Snelgrove, to oppose SB 52 as written. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

- SB 88 Local Option Sales Tax Distribution Amendments

Ms. Trevino stated this is the ZAP bill. Last week the Council opposed it with legislative intent. She is trying to work with the sponsor with changes to Tier II funding.

Council Member Newton recommended sending a letter to the sponsor.

Mr. Mitchell Park, Legal Counsel, Council Office, stated each individual Council Member can decide if they want to sign onto the letter.

Mayor Wilson stated the more specific the Council is with the legislator, the more it is tied in with little latitude.

Council Member DeBry stated Ms. Trevino, Council Member Alvord, Council Member Bradshaw, and Holly Yocom, Director, Community Services Department, would work together to draft language for this letter. The letter can then be disseminated to all Council Members who wish to sign it.

- HB 82 Single-Family Housing Modifications

Ms. Trevino stated this bill is being held in committee and work is being done to find middle ground.

- HB 98 Local Government Building Regulation Amendments

Ms. Trevino stated last week the Council took a position to oppose this bill.

The Utah League of Cities and Towns and Utah Association of Counties (UAC) are working ferociously against this. However, this is a priority for House leadership. Negotiators are to work on remedies with jurisdictions that are very bad about delays in permits and inspections. She recommended keeping the same position.

- SB 18 Property Tax Exemption Amendments

Ms. Trevino stated last week the Council took a position to oppose this bill. It was also opposed by the League of Cities and Towns, UAC, and school districts. The sponsor met with UAC and adjusted the threshold to a level the assessors are willing to go up to.

It also wants this issue set for several years, so it is not a fight every year.

- HB 81 Mental Health Days for Students

Council Member Snelgrove stated youth suicides are a tragedy and anything the Council can do to save a life is important. This will would allow students to be excused from school for mental health reasons. He would like the Council to support this bill.

After some discussion it was decided the Council will take another week to review the bill before voting on it.

- Mountainous Planning District

A motion was made by Council Member Theadore, seconded by Council Member Snelgrove, to have Ms. Trevino work with County lobbyists at the legislature to take the following position:

Carve the Town of Brighton out of the Mountainous Planning District and it to have its own land use ability. Allow the County to continue to use General Fund money for public safety of municipalities in a recreation area in accordance with Utah law. Remove the sunset provision on the Mountainous Planning District and allow the County Council to determine the membership criteria for the Mountainous Planning Commission.

Council Member DeBry asked if this issue could be discussed because it was not on the agenda.

Mr. Mitchell Park, Legal Counsel, Council Office, stated this could be discussed. The agenda refers to legislative updates, not individual bills. The Chair can also pull any item unless there is a motion and second on the table.

A substitute motion was made by Council Member Newton, seconded by Council Member Bradshaw, that the proposed language be sent to all Council Members so it can be reviewed by the legislative team and the Mayor's Office to get the details worked out. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

3.5 Update on Salt Lake County's Coordinated Response to [21-0112](#) COVID-19

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

of Emergency

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[SLCo Rental Assistance Efforts During COVID 2-2-21](#)
[County Council Briefing -- 02022021](#)

Presenters: Mayor Jenny Wilson; David Schuld, Intelligence Section Chief, Salt Lake County COVID-19 Response; Gary Edwards, Director, Health Department; Jill Miller, Associate Deputy Mayor of Finance; and Dr. Audrey Stevenson, Health Department (Approx. 30 mins).

Discussion/Direction

Mr. Gary Edwards, Director, Salt Lake County Health Department, stated Covid cases in Salt Lake County have been going down. Testing numbers, the positivity rate, and hospitalizations are all in decline. This is reason for hope, but the country is still dealing with a pandemic that has a long way to go.

Mr. David Schuld, Salt Lake County Covid-19 Response & Recovery Coordinating Officer, delivered a PowerPoint presentation. He reviewed key numbers, the active case curve, an infection snapshot, a zip code surveillance, current cases by age distribution, the rolling 14-day comparison, testing analysis, known versus community cases, potential exposure source, and the County transmission index.

Mr. Edwards delivered a PowerPoint presentation regarding the County's vaccine response. He reviewed the vaccine priority chart, an administration report, and preparedness activities.

Ms. Catherine Kanter, Deputy Mayor of Regional Operations, and **Ms. Erin Litvack**, Deputy Mayor & Chief Administrative Officer, delivered a PowerPoint presentation regarding County rental assistance during the Covid pandemic. They reviewed housing stability, number of County renters, risks for housing stability and the cost of eviction. They also covered steps being taken to improve stability and a look forward to a second Federal stimulus package.

3.6 UPD Mental Health Unit Update[21-0046](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[UPD Mental Health Unit County Council Presentation_Final](#)

Presenters: Sheriff Rosie Rivera and Sergeant Jodie Sampson (Approx. 20 mins).

Informational

Sheriff Rosie Rivera stated this presentation highlights a part of the Unified Police Department. She has committed to highlight the units paid for by countywide tax dollars.

Sergeant Jodie Sampson, Sheriff's Office, delivered a PowerPoint presentation explaining the mission of the Sheriff's Office Mental Health Unit (MHU), mental health related calls, current cases, and the MHU budget. Since 2017, the MHU has bridged the gap between law enforcement and individuals struggling with their mental health, redesigning new enforcement interactions, and improving long-term outcomes for community members.

Ms. Erin Litvack, Deputy Mayor & Chief Administrative Officer, stated there is currently a bill before the legislature to expand the Mobile Crisis Outreach Teams (MCOT). Senator Kathleen Riebe is sponsoring the bill and there is a lot of appropriation attached to it. The need for these mental health interventions is large and is statewide.

3.7 Council on Diversity Affairs (CODA) Final Draft Action Plan

[21-0107](#)

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

Presenter: Efren Corado Garcia, Diversity and Inclusion Officer (Approx. 15 mins).

Informational

Mr. Efren Corado Garcia, Diversity and Inclusion Officer, reviewed the mission and vision of the Council on Diversity Affairs and spoke of the final draft action plan. The plan is ready for Council approval and will be presented at a future Council meeting.

Rev. Corey Hodges, The Point Church, stated he looks forward to chairing the Council on Diversity Affairs and serving the community in this way.

Mayor Jennifer Wilson stated there has been a tremendous amount of work on the CODA Action Plan. She thanked all those involved in creating

the plan. The next step is Council input and input from her office.

3.8 Closed Session Regarding Discussion of the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual [21-0116](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)

(Approx. 15 mins)

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

The Council voted to reopen the Committee of the Whole meeting during the closed session.

4. CONSENT ITEMS:

A motion was made by Council Member Bradshaw, seconded by Council Member Snelgrove, to approve the consent agenda and forward it to the 4:00 PM Council meeting for ratification. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

4.1 A Resolution of the Salt Lake County Council Declaring Surplus Real Property and Approving the Conveyance of the Same by Quit-claim Deed to Muriel B. Espil [21-0061](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[Tax Sale Resolution & Tax Deed - Muriel Espil](#)

This consent item was approved and forwarded.

4.2 A Resolution of the Salt Lake County Council Declaring Surplus Real Property and Approving the Conveyance of the Same by Quit-Claim Deed to Paul M. Gardner [21-0105](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[Tax Sale Resolution & Tax Deed - Paul Gardner](#)

This consent item was approved and forwarded.

- 4.3 A Resolution of the Salt Lake County Council Approving an Interlocal Agreement between the State of Utah Administrative Office for the Court for NCIC Reviews and PSA Calculations and Salt Lake County Criminal Justice Services Pretrial Services and Associated Budget Adjustment Adding 2 FTEs and \$198,014 in Revenue and Expense [21-0099](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[Resolution & Interlocal - NCIC PSA Calculations](#)
[Budget Adjustment: 20906 - 240000IA01 Public Safety Assessments](#)

This consent item was approved and forwarded.

- 4.4 A Resolution of the Salt Lake County Council Approving and Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Perpetual Waterline Easement Agreement with the City of South Jordan [21-0106](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[Resolution of Water Easement - South Jordan & Waterline Easement Signed](#)

This consent item was approved and forwarded.

- 4.5 ZAP Tier I Advisory Board Appointment: Johann Jacobs, District 2 [21-0102](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[Board Appointment Approval form JJ](#)
[2021 ZAP Tier I Board Nomination Packet JJ_Redacted](#)

This consent item was approved and forwarded.

- 4.6 ZAP Tier I Advisory Board Reappointment: Carolyn Gardner, District 4 [21-0104](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[Board Appointment Approval form CG](#)
[2021 ZAP Tier I Board Nomination Packet CG_redacted](#)

This consent item was approved and forwarded.

5. ITEMS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS

5.1. Internal Business

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ADJOURN 3:45 PM for Board of Equalization

The meeting was adjourned at 4:15 PM.

SHERRIE SWENSEN, COUNTY CLERK

By _____
DEPUTY CLERK

By _____
CHAIR, SALT LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL