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Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, July 21, 2026

1:30 PM

Council Chambers, Room N1-110

County Council

1. CALL TO ORDER

Invocation - Reading or Thought - Pledge of Allegiance

Present: Council Member Suzanne Harrison
Council Member Laurie Stringham
Council Member Natalie Pinkney
Council Member Jiro Johnson
Council Member Carlos Moreno
Council Member Sheldon Stewart
Council Member Dea Theodore
Council Chair Aimee Winder Newton

Excused: Council Member Ross Romero

Mr. Andrew Roberts, Chief of Staff, Mayor's Office, led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

1.1 Quorum Call—Roll Call Vote

Roll was called, showing Council Member Romero was excused.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Diane Bain, President, River's Bend Senior Center Advisory Committee, stated she was disappointed the County had closed the daycare center that had adjoined the River's Bend Senior Center, and that the Fairpark Family Learning Center was closed. The Fairpark Family Learning Center was a great resource, and she hoped it could be reopened. Ms. Bain thanked County leaders for allowing the participants at the River's Bend Senior Center to use the gymnasium for Tai Chi and the classrooms that were formerly utilized by the childcare center.

Ms. Keiko Jones stated people who take a County van to River's Bend Senior Center are only able to eat lunch, not participate in afternoon activities, due to the departure time of the van. Ms. Jones commended the employees at River's Bend Senior Center who do so much to accommodate the needs of seniors, with limited resources. She asked the Council to visit the River's Bend Senior Center to see the good work being done and to communicate with the seniors. She felt the County could do more for seniors.

Ms. Karina McLellan, Development Director, Ability Inclusion Services, stated Ability Inclusion Services is a non-profit agency that provides support for adults with intellectual and development disabilities through programs that promote independence, community inclusion, personal growth, and meaningful connections. Participants of

Ability Inclusion Services build life skills, stay active and healthy, and build lasting relationships.

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Mr. Jim Vesock stated he attended the Utah Gang Conference a couple of weeks ago, where he learned that bath salt was not just something to put in water to relax, but that it was also the name of an illegal drug sold in the United States. He also learned that the center of the drug sales was in West Valley City. Attendees are provided with valuable information at these conferences.

Mr. Vesock also promoted Ability Inclusion Services' events. He had attended several of its events in the past, and they were fun.

3. REPORT OF ELECTED OFFICIALS:

3.1 County Council Members

Council Member Theodore stated she attended a fundraising event for women's shelters in South Jordan City, hosted by the Korean American Women's Affiliation. She also went to Draper Days, which was well attended. Draper Days is a great community event.

Council Member Stringham stated she attended the National Association of Counties spring conference where she received some great information that she would be sharing with the Council. While there, she sat by commissioners from Box Elder County who are dealing with disasters in their area. Other areas in the state are also experiencing disasters. It was disheartening to hear about the loss of a family, and the loss of land, homes, and people's livelihoods. She asked that everyone be mindful of people who were suffering from disasters in other areas of the County.

3.2 County Mayor

Mayor Jennifer Wilson stated she went to the National Association of Counties conference this year, which a small delegation attended. It was a productive conference, with a lot of sessions on behavioral and health issues, and other issues.

Ms. Catherine Kanter, Deputy Mayor of Regional Operations, made the following announcements:

- The Criminal Justice Advisory Council (CJAC) was recently reviewed by the Justice Management Institute, a national non-profit agency that studies criminal justice councils across the country. The Justice Management Institute's report ranked CJAC as one of the strongest councils of its kind in the nation. Its program director, Thomas Everly, led a team that visited Salt Lake County from July 6th through July 8th. During that time, they toured the County's facilities and met with CJAC members and staff and found years of steady collaborative work between the Sheriff, District Attorney, court systems, Behavioral Health Services Division, and Human Services Department.

CJAC work groups are responsible for over half of the Liefman Group's recommendations, and they are making progress on several of those recommendations. Ms. Kanter supported these efforts, as they would improve the County's systems and ensure public safety for the County's entire community.

- Last Wednesday, Ms. Kanter, representing the County, went to the Rudy Duck Club area for the Inland Port Authority's announcement that it was investing an additional \$2.5 million in shoreline preservation and wetlands conservation for the Great Salt Lake. That brought the Inland Port Authority's total conservation funding to \$7.5 million. This event launched a new partnership between the Inland Port Authority and Utah Water Ways, a group that the County has actively been coordinating with to keep water conservation central to the region's growth while working to preserve the Great Salt Lake.

- The Aging and Adult Services Division is hosting its annual senior Art Show from July 28th through the 30th at the Government Center, and the annual senior decathlon on September 22nd in Magna City.

- Last week, Representative Jake Fitisemanu visited the Kearns Senior Center and went on a Meals On Wheels delivery.

- The State just announced that cities will be able to decide whether to impose additional fireworks restrictions, above what was already imposed last May, in coordination with their fire wardens. Decisions by the cities had to be made by 2:00 PM today. The County is collecting cities' information and will post it on the Mayor's website, once it receives all the cities' decisions. The website will also have a map showing where there are

restrictions or bans. So far, most of the cities on the east side are banning fireworks, and many cities on the west side will limit fireworks. A total fireworks ban has been imposed on unincorporated Salt Lake County, Federal and State lands, and in the towns of Brighton and Alta.

- Ms. Kanter appreciated Council Member Stringham's comments about being mindful and careful, and asked that people keep the firefighters in mind over the weekend and not make their jobs more difficult. The State is still under a very serious risk of wildfire this season.

3.3 Other Elected County Officials

4. APPROVAL OF TAX LETTERS

A motion was made by Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Stewart, that the Tax Letter be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

4.1 Vet and Non-Vet Vehicle Registration Refunds

26-742

Attachments:

1. 26-742 MV0014 Non-Vet DMV Refund \$113.00 ryh
2. 26-742 MV0019 DMV Vet Refund \$3,335.00 ryh

The vote on this tax letter was approved.

5. WORK SESSION

5.1 Informational Update Proposed Hire Report / Incentive Plans — \$3,000 and Under / Weekly Reclassification Report

26-740

Presenter: Hoa Nguyen, Council Budget and Policy Analyst
(Less than 5 minutes)

Informational

Attachments:

1. Proposed Hire Report 7-15-2026
2. Incentive Plans - \$3,000 and Under 7-15-2026
3. Weekly Reclassification Report 7-15-2026

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

5.2 Budget Adjustment: Emergency Services Requests to Recognize \$182,929 in Lease Revenue and Corresponding Expenses in Facilities Management for the Emergency Communications Center Building 26-748

Presenter: Hoa Nguyen, Council Budget and Policy Analyst
(Less than 5 minutes)

Discussion - Vote Needed

Attachments:

1. 39587 & 39680 - UFA ECC Building Costs

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

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

5.3 Budget Adjustment: Flood Control Requests Reallocation of \$289,500 from the Canceled Rose Creek Realignment Project to Fund Rose Creek Flood Control Improvements 26-747

Presenter: Hoa Nguyen, Council Budget and Policy Analyst
(Less than 5 minutes)

Discussion - Vote Needed

Attachments:

1. 39631 - Eastside Canal and Creek Study and Rose Creek

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

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

5.4 TIME CERTAIN 2:00 PM Consideration of Career Services Council Reappointments: 26-733

- **Andy Stephenson**
- **Jennifer Nakao**

Presenter: Nilsa Carter, Human Resources Associate Division Director
(10 minutes)

Discussion - Vote Needed

Attachments:

1. AndrewStephensonPacket
2. JenniferNakaoPacket

Ms. Nilsa Carter, Associate Director, Human Resources Division, stated Jennifer Nakao, reappointment to the Career Services Council, is online for questions, but Andy Stephenson had to drop off for an emergency. Ms. Nakao has been on the Career Services Council since 2021, and she has been an active member. Out of 20 cases, she missed only one, but she weighed in on that decision later. Ms. Nakao has a good understanding of the County's process and its policies, and she had a fair approach to both an employee's situation as well as the County's position.

Council Member Stringham asked what process Ms. Nakao followed when she reviewed cases to make her determination, and how often she reviewed the County's policies.

Ms. Jennifer Nakao stated she had been able to vet through information and data and be objective. She had a strong analytical background, so she looked at facts, but also listened to people to better understand and get clarification before providing input. Regarding policies, they were attached to each case. She had three or four cases each year, so she reviewed policies multiple times a year, and she always referenced policies with the case facts to make sure she was addressing the right items and realizing the right policies. She also had training.

A motion was made by Council Member Stringham to approve Jennifer Nakao as a member of the Career Services Council.

A substitute motion was made by Council Member Harrison, seconded by Council Member Johnson to approve Jennifer Nakao and Andy Stephenson as members of the Career Services Council. The motion carried 7 to 1 by the following roll call vote.

Aye: Council Member Harrison, Council Member Johnson, Council Member Moreno, Council Member Pinkney, Council Member Stewart, Council Member Theodore, Council Member Winder Newton

Nay: Council Member Stringham

Council Member Stringham stated she would have preferred to bifurcate the vote. She did not want to approve an appointment to the Career Service Council without first being able to ask the appointees questions.

5.5 Consideration of Appointment of Council Members Dea Theodore and Suzanne Harrison to Serve in Leadership of the Leifman Governance Structure 26-739

Presenter: Aimee Winder Newton, Salt Lake County Council Chair
(5 minutes)

Discussion - Vote Needed

Attachments:

1. Leifman_LeadershipTeam_Orientation (1)

Council Member Winder Newton stated the Council nominated Council Members Harrison and Theodore to serve as part of the Leifman governance structure.

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

5.6 Informational Update on the Licensed Day Care Transition 26-690

Presenter: Katherine Fife, Associate Deputy Mayor; Robert Sampson, Community Services Associate Director
(10 minutes)

Informational

Attachments:

1. Licensed Day Care Transition Update June 30 2026

Council Member Winder Newton stated the Council cut the County daycare program during the discussions for the 2026 budget. It was a tough decision, but the Council wanted to look at doing daycare differently, so taxpayers did not have to subsidize it. Later, the Council approved legislative intent to advise the Mayor to look into providing youth programming in the summer and contracting the County's spaces out to non-profit agencies who could provide daycare for low-income families.

Mayor Jennifer Wilson stated County staff was asked to find solutions that would serve as many families as possible and mitigate the impacts of the daycare center closures as best as possible. County staff worked tirelessly to try to find these solutions. The

ultimate hope was that kids had the care they needed from early childhood all the way through.

Ms. Katherine Fife, Associate Deputy Mayor of County Services, delivered a PowerPoint presentation entitled Licensed Day Care Transition Updates. She reviewed the licensed daycare transition progress; that former licensed daycare sites continue serving families; the summer youth programming success; looking ahead; and transition highlights and special thanks to County staff and community partners.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND ISSUANCE OF PUBLIC NOTICES

6.1 Set a Public Hearing Pursuant to Salt Lake County Ordinance 3.36.030(3) for the 1:30 PM, August 18, 2026, County Council Meeting to Receive Comment on the Proposed Property Transfer to Create a Trailhead and Connection Point for the Shoreline Trail 26-746

Discussion - Vote Needed

Attachments:

1. SLCC Trails MP with Shoreline
2. Shoreline Trail Illustrative
3. Daybreak Trails Map-Shoreline Trailhead

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

7. PENDING LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

7.1 Consideration of a Resolution of the Salt Lake County Council Authorizing the Execution of a Purchase and Sale Agreement Regarding the Acquisition of Parcels of Real Property Located in Salt Lake County 26-736

Presenter: Justin Hawes, Real Estate Director; Arlyn Bradshaw, Associate Deputy Mayor
(15 minutes)

Discussion - Vote Needed

Attachments:

1. Resolution Authorizing Purchase of AXIS BUILDING - RAFL - (Rev.1 07.14.26)

2. Resolution Authorizing Purchase of AXIS BUILDING - Final - RAFL
(3) - (Rev.3 07.21.26)

Mr. Arlyn Bradshaw, Associate Deputy Mayor of Finance and Administration, delivered a PowerPoint presentation entitled Salt Palace Administrative Office Space Planning – Visit Salt Lake (VSL) and Legends Global Staff. He reviewed the status of the Salt Palace Convention Center office space and upcoming renovation; the current office footprint for Visit Salt Lake and Legends Global; and the cost of staying.

Mr. Justin Hawes, Director, Real Estate Division, continued the presentation, reviewing a location map of the Salt Palace, the Delta Center, and the AXIS building; the solution to purchase the AXIS building and parking garage; photographs of the AXIS property; and details and next steps.

Mr. Bradshaw stated there is a line item in the Salt Palace renovation budget to purchase additional parking, and those funds could be used to purchase the administrative offices and the parking. The County will need that parking in perpetuity, not just during construction on the Salt Palace.

Council Member Stringham asked how many parking stalls the County currently had, how many it needed, how many it would keep, and how many stalls it would get with this purchase.

Mr. Bradshaw stated the Salt Palace has two parking garages – the parking garage that is accessed from 300 West, which the County will be losing with the sale of property to Smith Entertainment Group, and the south garage on 200 South and 200 West. The south garage has about 600 stalls, of which 300 are dedicated to the Hyatt Regency. The County utilizes the other 300 stalls for its needs and for guests who pay hourly rates. The parking garage that comes with this purchase has 297 stalls, and it could meet the needs of the County going forward. The Hyatt Regency has never utilized its full allocation of parking stalls, so the County will be talking to it about those stalls.

Mayor Jennifer Wilson stated the County is in the hospitality business and the business of booking big events, and that is a very competitive market. It is necessary for VSL to have space to host groups that come in, so it can book those events. This space would provide that. The County will need to book every space in the Salt Palace into perpetuity to recover costs and to operate at the expanded rates that were forecast.

Council Member Theodore asked if this building would need remodeling after it was purchased.

Mr. Bradshaw stated the County would identify that during the due diligence period, but he did not think it would need an extensive remodel. The building was built for

offices, and that is what the County would use it for. If there were slight renovations, the costs would come out of the Transient Room Tax maintenance line in the Salt Palace budget.

Mayor Wilson stated there might need to be some minimal renovations to make sure the building was conducive to the hospitality industry and booking business, but it would not require major construction.

Council Member Pinkney asked what this step would do to generate revenue, and if there might be a scenario where the County could break even.

Mr. Bradshaw stated there would not be a break-even scenario. Once the County entered into a purchase and sale agreement, it would see copies of the tenants' leases and the revenue that was currently being generated in the building and then determine whether it wanted to keep those tenants long-term. The County generates about \$1.2 million off the south garage now, and that line item in the Salt Palace budget has increased substantially. If the County ends up owning that parking garage, there could be an opportunity to increase the revenue.

RESOLUTION NO. 6410

A RESOLUTION OF THE SALT LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE NEGOTIATION OF A PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT REGARDING THE ACQUISITION OF PARCELS OF REAL PROPERTY LOCATED IN SALT LAKE COUNTY

RECITALS

WHEREAS, AXIS BUILDING ASSOCIATES, LLC, a Utah limited liability company, with its business address located at 175 South Main Street, Ste., 610, Salt Lake City, Utah 84111 ("Seller"), is the owner of three (3) parcels of real property in Salt Lake City, Utah, located at approximately 175 West 200 South, Salt Lake City, Utah 84101, Parcel Nos.: 15-01-276-024, 15-01-276-025, and 15-01-276-021 consisting of approximately 1.08 acres, with approximately 64,718 square foot office building and the adjacent parking structure, together with any and all improvements located thereon and encumbrances affecting the same (the "Property"); and

WHEREAS, Seller has agreed to sell, convey and assign the Property to County, and County has agreed to buy and accept the Property from Seller, for the purchase price of Twenty-Three Million Dollars (\$23,000,000.00) ("Purchase Price"), subject to Council's approval; and

WHEREAS, County and Seller are negotiating the terms of a Real Estate Purchase and Sale Agreement ("PSA") for the acquisition of the Property, substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit 1, and the County seeks Council approval to execute the PSA upon finalization of its terms; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that the best interests of County and the general public will be served by authorizing the purchase of the Property and the execution of the PSA.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Salt Lake County Council that the acquisition of the real property described in Exhibit 1 (the "Property") from AXIS BUILDING ASSOCIATES, LLC, a Utah limited liability company ("Seller"), for a purchase price of Twenty-Three Million Dollars (\$23,000,000.00), pursuant to the terms and conditions of that certain Real Estate Purchase and Sale Agreement substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit 1, is hereby approved. The Mayor, or the Mayor's designee, is authorized and directed to execute the Real Estate Purchase and Sale Agreement and such other documents as may be reasonably necessary to consummate the acquisition of the Property on behalf of Salt Lake County.

APPROVED and ADOPTED this 21st day of July, 2026.

SALT LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL

ATTEST

By /s/ AIMEE WINDER NEWTON
Chair

By /s/LANNIE CHAPMAN
Salt Lake County Clerk

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

8. OTHER ITEMS REQUIRING COUNCIL APPROVAL

8.1 Cancellation of July 28, 2026, County Council Meeting in Observance of the Pioneer Day Holiday

26-738

Discussion - Vote Needed

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

9. OTHER BUSINESS

ADJOURN

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS to come before the Council at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 2:40 PM until Tuesday, August 4, 2026.

LANNIE CHAPMAN, COUNTY CLERK

By _____
DEPUTY CLERK

By _____
CHAIR, SALT LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL