

SALT LAKE COUNTY

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Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, August 4, 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 Laurie Stringham
Council Member Suzanne Harrison
Council Member Natalie Pinkney
Council Member Jiro Johnson
Council Member Carlos Moreno
Council Member Aimee Winder Newton
Council Member Ross Romero
Council Member Sheldon Stewart
Council Member Dea Theodore

Invocation - Reading or Thought - Pledge of Allegiance

Ms. Natalie Redpath, Communications, 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 all Council members were present, except for Council Member Moreno, who arrived later in the meeting.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Sebastian Miscenich asked the Council to use its eminent domain authority to put a stop to the Raytheon Applied Signal Technology weapons facility at 1127 West 2320 South in West Valley City and replace it with badly needed public housing. He argued that weapons manufactured by Raytheon have been used in the past to commit war crimes, and Salt Lake County should not be part of that supply chain.

Ms. Nova Belknap asked the Council to use its eminent domain authority to remove the Raytheon Applied Signal Technology weapons facility, because she considered it a blight on the community. Raytheon is the architect of the Tomahawk missile, which killed over 120 school girls in Iran in February of this year. Ms. Belknap stated it went against her values to participate in the killing of children abroad, regardless of boundaries. She was also in despair over the Council's decision to cut the Child Care program last year.

Mr. Jonathan Tijerina asked the Council to use its eminent domain authority to remove the Raytheon Applied Signal Technology weapons facility because Raytheon weapons are used to commit war crimes worldwide. He argued the space could be better used for

public housing. He also brought up flaws in the city's public transportation system, and he argued that a liberal area such as Salt Lake City should do better.

Ms. Janna Clyne read a poem she wrote which addressed air quality, the power billionaires hold, the war in Palestine, children and mothers who become casualties of war, President Donald J. Trump's sex crimes, the Epstein files, and Benjamin Netanyahu. She spoke in opposition to Northrop Grumman existing in the community and making money off war.

Ms. Amber Grace, Utah Anti-War Committee, asked the Council to use its eminent domain authority to remove the Raytheon Applied Signal Technology weapons facility in favor of more worthy causes. She let the Council know of a weekly "Picket for Palestine" event every Friday at the Wallace F. Bennett Federal Building in downtown Salt Lake City.

Mr. Bernie Hart stated there are many problems that could be addressed at the local level. The County Council could make improvements to mental health issues and bring common sense to servicing the homeless. He felt the Council was not asking the right questions of the departments and divisions it funds. Studies show that when individuals fail treatment, it results in them losing hope, blaming themselves, feeling anger and frustration toward the program's administrators, and giving up on receiving care. Fifty percent of people who enter treatment programs for severe depression end up taking their own lives.

3. REPORT OF ELECTED OFFICIALS:

3.1 County Council Members

Council Member Johnson thanked his constituents who showed up to speak about current events. He recognized that it can be difficult to speak on geopolitical issues when one holds a minority view. He told them he took his representation seriously and that he would have his policy advisor collect their names and contact information so the conversation could be continued. He also explained that while he was not trying to dodge responsibility, eminent domain was complicated. Even though the Council did have the authority to exercise it in certain circumstances, it could not be implemented for the purpose being described.

Council Member Theodore sent her condolences to the Midvale City Community regarding the apartment fire that displaced over 200 individuals. During the fire, a cat named Toast went missing. The Animal Services Division was able to find Toast and reunite him with his family.

Council Member Theodore stated she and Council Member Romero were able to tour First Step House. This organization provides a space for roughly 1,700 people a year, allowing them to rebuild after addiction, homelessness, and incarceration. The program does good work and she appreciated the partnership.

Council Member Harrison stated she, Council Member Johnson, Council Member Pinkney, and Council Member Romero toured the University of Utah Eccles Health Campus that will be opening in West Valley City in 2028. She was excited that this will add additional health resources to the community.

Council Member Stringham stated the Salt Lake County Junior Livestock Show would start tomorrow night at the Bastian Agricultural Center and would run through Saturday, when the auction would be held.

Council Member Winder Newton stated she attended the ribbon cutting ceremony for Odyssey House's Stonebridge home. The County was able to offer some funding and the State matched that amount. This allowed the County to draw down three times its investment in Medicaid dollars. When people experiencing mental illness are treated in the Jail, General Fund dollars must be used, which is less cost-effective.

Council Member Winder Newton addressed the complaints about closing the County's Child Care program. She let the public commenters know that the program had been privatized in partnership with the County.

3.2 County Mayor

Mayor Jennifer Wilson made the following announcements:

- Like Council Member Winder Newton, Mayor Wilson also attended the Stonebridge ribbon cutting ceremony. The three group homes will house 90 people combined.
- Last week Aging and Adult Services held its Senior Art Show at the Government Center. The theme was "From the Heart: Reflections on 250 years of America."
- The Youth Services Division held a ribbon cutting ceremony yesterday for its Milestone Transitional Living Program group home in Sandy City. The home is part of the 2026 Salt Lake Parade of Homes.
- The Parks and Recreation Division, Human Services Department, Salt Lake County Health Department, and Salt Lake County Emergency Management worked together recently to keep the recreation centers open for extended hours during the extreme temperatures last week.

- The Mayor's Communications team has created a partnership with the Utah Transit Authority that will allow patrons attending ArtTix events in downtown Salt Lake City to ride public transit free of charge.
- The Salt Lake County Civic Museum, an Art in Public Places initiative, will open tomorrow at the Mid-Valley Performing Arts Center. This is an initiative that partners with local nonprofit organizations and government agencies to share the stories, traditions, art, and history that shape the community. The first partnership will be with the Consulate of Mexico.
- Mayor Wilson sent her condolences to those affected by the fire in Midvale City. She was impressed to learn that the football teams from Hillcrest High School and Union Middle School showed up to offer aid and support.
- Mayor Wilson was glad to hear the story of Toast, the cat who was reunited with his family after the Midvale fire.
- There will be a three-day convention for the Leifman Group on Tuesday, August 18, through Thursday, August 20.

3.3 Other Elected County Officials

4. CONSENT ITEMS

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

4.1 Consideration of Acceptance of Telescope Donation to Clark Planetarium

26-754

Attachments:

1. Telescope Donation Form 1006

The vote on this consent item was approved.

4.2 Consideration of a Resolution of the Salt Lake County Council Authorizing the Sale of a Perpetual Easement and the Granting of a Temporary Construction Easement to Utah Transit Authority (UTA)

26-759

Attachments:

1. Resolution - Kearns bus stop - UTA - Perpetual Easement and Temp Construction Easement

RESOLUTION NO. 6411

A RESOLUTION OF THE SALT LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF A PERPETUAL EASEMENT, AND THE GRANTING OF A TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION EASEMENT TO UTAH TRANSIT AUTHORITY

RECITALS

1. Salt Lake County ("County") owns a parcel of land located at approximately 5598 West 5400 South, Kearns, Utah 84118, identified as Parcel No. 20-12-356-028 (the "Property").
2. Utah Transit Authority ("UTA"), has offered in writing to purchase a perpetual easement, and a temporary construction easement on the Property from County for Six Thousand Twenty-Five Dollars (\$6,025.00, the "Purchase Price"), which amount has been approved by the Salt Lake County Real Estate Division as fair market value, for transportation-related purposes.
3. County and UTA have entered into a Real Estate Easement Agreement ("Agreement") attached hereto as Exhibit 1.
4. It has been determined that the best interest of the County and the general public will be served by the sale and conveyance of the perpetual easement and temporary construction easement on the Property to UTA.
5. The sale and conveyance will be in compliance with all applicable state statutes and County ordinances.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Salt Lake County Council that the sale and conveyance of the perpetual easement and temporary construction easement on the Property to Utah Transit Authority, as provided in the Agreement for the agreed Purchase Price of Six Thousand Twenty-Five Dollars (\$6,025.00) is hereby approved; and the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute the Agreement, and the Mayor and County Clerk are hereby authorized to execute the Perpetual Easement, and Temporary Construction Easement, attached to the Agreement, and to deliver the fully executed documents to the County Real Estate Division for delivery to Utah Transit Authority, upon payment of the agreed upon Purchase Price.

APPROVED and ADOPTED this 4th day of August, 2026

ATTEST

SALT LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL

By /s/ AIMEE WINDER NEWTON
Chair

By /s/LANNIE CHAPMAN
Salt Lake County Clerk

The vote on this consent item was approved.

4.3 Consideration of Acceptance of Donations from the Salt Lake County Foundation 26-762

Attachments:

1. SS Signed Declaration of Donation 2026 Westside and Mariachi Festivals
2. SS signed Declaration of Donation 2026 Intern Program

The vote on this consent item was approved.

4.4 Consideration of a Resolution of the Salt Lake County Council Approving Two Interlocal Cooperation Agreements Between Salt Lake County and Utah State University Extension Services in Salt Lake County (“University”) for the University’s Helping Schools Create Resilient Students Program (CREST) and its Screening, Brief Intervention and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT) Program to be Funded with Opioid Settlement Funds. The CREST Agreement is for a Total of \$975,000 and the SBIRT Agreement is for a total of \$950,000 26-774

Attachments:

1. Interlocal Coop Resolution CREST and SBIRT Interlocal Agreements
2. USU2026OSFCREST Interlocal Agreement vFinal
3. USU2026OSFSBIRT Interlocal Agreement vFinal

Council Member Winder Newton stated a Council member requested to have this item postponed until next week.

Council Member Johnson asked if Kelly Colopy could speak to this item.

Ms. Kelly Colopy, Director, Human Services Department, stated this item pertained to the two letters of agreement between the County and Utah State University Extension Services for the Create Resilient Students (CREST) program and the Screening, Brief Intervention and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT) program. These letters of agreement outline the processes, the programs, the outcomes and indicators, how the programs will be tracked, and how the programs will be measured. Ms. Colopy felt it was important to move these forward as soon as possible because these were school based programs and the school year would be starting soon.

Council Member Theodore stated she wanted to make sure these programs would be covered under the opioid settlement funds. Since this would be a four-year approval, she wanted more information so she could feel better about voting in favor.

Ms. Colopy stated the SBIRT program focused specifically on young people who were starting to use substances. It was early intervention. It would be new to the County. The CREST program was more upstream prevention-related and evidence based. It was already being used in schools, but this would be an expansion of that program. The schools served were located in areas with the highest incidence of opioid abuse.

Council Member Theodore stated she would be fine moving forward with this.

Council Member Winder Newton stated the item would be left on the consent agenda.

RESOLUTION NO. 6412

A RESOLUTION OF THE SALT LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL APPROVING TWO INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENTS BETWEEN SALT LAKE COUNTY AND UTAH STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION SERVICES IN SALT LAKE COUNTY (“UNIVERSITY”) FOR THE UNIVERSITY’S HELPING SCHOOLS CREATE RESILIENT STUDENTS PROGRAM (CREST) AND ITS SCREENING, BRIEF INTERVENTION AND REFERRAL TO TREATMENT (SBIRT) PROGRAM TO BE FUNDED WITH OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUNDS. THE CREST AGREEMENT IS FOR A TOTAL OF \$975,000 AND THE SBIRT AGREEMENT IS FOR A TOTAL OF \$950,000.

WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, the Utah Legislature has provided, at Utah Code Section 11-13-202.5 (2016), for the adoption of Interlocal Cooperation Agreements, pursuant to resolutions of the governing bodies of any political subdivisions which are parties to such an agreement; and

WHEREAS, Salt Lake County and University agree that it would be in the best interest of the County and University to enter into two Interlocal Cooperation Agreements to provide services to prevent substance use and misuse in Salt Lake County schools; and

WHEREAS, the SBIRT program helps schools address adolescent substance use by developing intervention strategies to delay initiating substance use, decreasing rates of escalation in students already misusing substances, and increasing access to students already engaging in problematic substance use; and

WHEREAS, two Interlocal Cooperation Agreements have been prepared, are attached hereto;

RESOLUTION

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Salt Lake County Council that the attached Interlocal Cooperation Agreements are approved; and the Mayor is authorized to execute said agreements, copies of the Agreements are attached as Exhibits 1 & 2 and by this reference made a part of this Resolution.

APPROVED and ADOPTED this 4th day of August, 2026.

SALT LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL

ATTEST

By /s/ AIMEE WINDER NEWTON
Chair

By /s/LANNIE CHAPMAN
Salt Lake County Clerk

The vote on this consent item was approved.

5. APPROVAL OF TAX LETTERS

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

5.1 Tax Administration's Tax Relief Letters

26-751

Attachments:

1. 7.16.26 PTC Tax Relief Letter

The vote on this tax letter was approved.

5.2 Tax Administration's Charitable, Religious, and Educational Exemptions 26-752

Attachments:

1. 3.1 Lonardo_Redacted

The vote on this tax letter was approved.

5.3 Tax Administration's Waivers of Penalty and Interest Letters 26-753

Attachments:

1. 5.0 Waiver and Refund Requests Letter

The vote on this tax letter was approved.

5.4 Assessor's Tax Letters 26-755

Attachments:

1. 15-24-403-008
2. 08-26-479-004 C
3. 15-29-376-007 C
4. 15-34-102-063 C

The vote on this tax letter was approved.

5.5 Tax Administration's Recording of Liens on Delinquent Properties Deferred from Sale 26-760

Attachments:

1. Recording of Liens on Delinquent Properties Deferred from Sale

The vote on this tax letter was approved.

6. ACCEPTANCE OF ETHICS DISCLOSURES

A motion was made by Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Harrison, that the Ethics Disclosures be received and filed. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

6.1 Acceptance of Ethics Disclosures: District Attorney's Office 26-749

Attachments:

1. salt_lake_county_disclosure_statement M Vedejs 2026.07.16

This ethics disclosure was received and filed.

7. APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

7.1 Approval of July 14, 2026, County Council Minutes 26-758

Attachments:

1. 07-14-2026 Council Minutes

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

8. WORK SESSION

8.1 Informational Update on the Proposed Hire Report / Incentive Plans - \$3000 and Under / Weekly Reclassification Report 26-775

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

Informational

Attachments:

1. Proposed Hire Report - 7-29-2026
2. Incentive Plans - \$3,000 and Under 7-29-2026
3. Weekly Reclassification Report 7-29-2026

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

8.2 Budget Adjustment: The Landfill Requests \$200,000 From its Restricted Capital Replacement Fund for a Major Water Well Overhaul 26-767

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

Discussion - Vote Needed

Attachments:

1. 39684 - LF Water Well Overhaul

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

Council Member Stringham asked for clarity on what would be done.

Mr. Patrick Craig, Director, Solid Waste Management Facility, stated this would be a redrill of a 30-year-old well. The casing had failed and the original borehole would be redrilled.

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.

8.3 Budget Adjustment: Aging and Adult Services Requests to Recognize \$99,600 in Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5310 Grant Funding to Support the Rides for Wellness Program for Seniors 26-776

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

Discussion - Vote Needed

Attachments:

1. 39699 - AAS_Senior Mobility Grant

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

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.

8.4 Informational Update on the Initiation of a Comprehensive Update and Revisions to Salt Lake County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 19, Entitled "Zoning" 26-768

Presenter: Curtis Woodward, Senior Planner MSD; Zach Shaw, Deputy District Attorney
(5 minutes)

Informational

Attachments:

1. Title 19 Council Briefing Memo _Initiation

Mr. Curtis Woodward, Senior Planner, Greater Salt Lake Municipal Services District (MSD), stated the MSD had a public draft ready that would be presented to the Salt Lake County Planning Commission and the Mountainous Planning District Planning Commission. The ordinance is close to 400 pages, so it is being broken down into three more manageable sections that will be reviewed in three separate workshops that will take place in August, September, and October. Once both planning commissions provided feedback, he would return to the Council for final consideration.

8.5 Salt Lake County America250 Committee Final Report

26-764

Presenter: Matt Castillo, Arts & Culture Division Director; Robin Chalhoub, Community Services Director
(5 minutes)

Informational

Attachments:

1. America250 Council Presentation

Mr. Matt Castillo, Director, Arts and Culture Division, stated the Council, earlier this year, approved Salt Lake County as an official partner for the America250 initiative. In doing so, it established a committee of County employees to plan activities related to that. Mr. Castillo delivered a PowerPoint presentation entitled Salt Lake County's America250 Committee Report. He reviewed Salt Lake County's America250 CANstruction Food Drive. This was a partnership with the Utah Food Bank and eight different design teams wherein the teams utilized approximately 25,000 pounds of food to create sculptures made primarily of canned goods that were displayed at eight different buildings owned by the County. The food used to create the sculptures would provide more than 20,000 meals to Salt Lake County families. The sculptures were as follows:

Salt Lake County Government Center: The Artemes II Spaceship and Moon, Honoring the First U.S. Lunar Mission Since 1972

Salt Lake City Sports Complex: A Full America-Themed Birthday Cake

Salt Lake County Mid-Valley Performing Arts Center: A Hot Air Balloon

Salt Lake County Holladay Lions Recreation Center: The Liberty Bell

Salt Lake County Magna Kennecott Senior Center: A Red, White, and Blue Slice of Birthday Cake

Salt Lake County Viridian Event Center: A Column Commemorating the U.S. National Park Service

Salt Lake County Draper Senior Center: The USS Constitution Battleship

Salt Lake County JL Sorenson Recreation Center: A Cityscape

Mr. Castillo also reviewed other events, including the kickoff event that was held at the Viridian Event Center during one of its First Friday concerts; the Aging and Adult Services Division's art show entitled From the Heart: Reflections on 250 Years of America; a ceremony held by the Sheriff's Office; various events held by the Library Services Division; and events hosted by various cities located within the County.

8.6 Consideration of Approval of Recommended Projects for General Obligation Bond

26-763

Presenter: Robin Chalhoub, Community Services Director
(20 minutes)

Discussion - Vote Needed

Attachments:

1. 2026 Rec Bond List - by Funding Category
2. 2026 Rec Bond Summary Table - Planning Area and Category 8.3.26
3. 2026 Rec Bond List -by Category 8.3.26
4. Recreation Bond Presentation CWS 080426

Ms. Robin Chalhoub, Director, Community Services Department, delivered a PowerPoint presentation entitled Salt Lake County 2026 Recreation Bond Recommendations. She reviewed the 2026 recreation bond map; tackling the needs across the County regarding capital maintenance, finishing what was started, and developing new amenities; the three funding "buckets": 40 percent to repair, 30 percent to completion, and 30 percent to new amenities; the 2026 Salt Lake County Recreation Bond planning area breakdown; projects by category; the expedited timeline; the Recreation Bond Facilities Advisory Board compilation; the Board's roles and responsibilities; project eligibility; funding objectives; criteria for prioritization; the selection process; and next steps following Council approval.

Council Member Winder Newton recognized the visiting elected officials in the room from the various cities and stated she would allow time for anyone who wished to speak.

Mayor Dick Burton, West Jordan City, stated there is a big void in recreation centers in West Jordan City, and if the County were to build another center to fill that void, it would help not only the residents of West Jordan City but other communities as well. West Jordan City came close to getting a recreation center ten years ago, but it was ultimately denied. It was denied again this round. Mayor Burton pledged that if the County would give West Jordan City another recreation center, he would help in any way he could with land, maintenance, and anything else needed.

Mr. Chris McConnehey, Former West Jordan City Council Member, stated he echoed Mayor Burton's sentiments. During his time on the City Council, he had seen the City's partnership with the County become tighter and tighter. He was able to leverage the City's resources with the County's resources. He hoped some of the remaining gaps could still be filled. Mr. McConnehey also brought two of his young sons with him, who spoke briefly about some of the County youth activities they enjoyed.

Council Member Johnson asked Mayor Burton about the location where the City had hoped to build the recreation center. He also asked what the amount was of the initial request and how low the City felt it could go in terms of a County contribution.

Mayor Burton stated the initial request was for \$27 million. It started bigger, but the City trimmed it down. The potential center was designed to be buildable so it could be added to as funds became available. Mayor Burton stated he would gladly accept any amount the Council could approve, and he would find a way to find additional funds to match and cover the remaining amount necessary.

Ms. Jill Love, Chief Administrative Officer, Salt Lake City Mayor's Office, stated the City submitted an application for \$3.5 million for what it calls the "Civic Campus." It was denied due to the Civic Campus not being regional and not being recreational enough. Ms. Love explained that the City views the site as regional because it receives over a million visitors every year. It is on a transit corridor, and the City sees it as a place that can be used long-term for an Olympic legacy. The City has been working with the Olympic Committee to design features that could be critical during the Olympics, one of which would be an all-access playground. There is a shortage of investment in recreation in the north end of the valley. The downtown population is close to doubling in size, and there is a shortage of green space and recreational activities there.

Mr. James Brown, Salt Lake County Recreation Bond Advisory Board, stated the County staff was excellent. The members of the Board worked proficiently and professionally. The Board did the best it could to allocate the funds fairly. He had come to understand the objective was not about building recreation as much as building community.

Council Member Winder Newton stated it was important to the Council to assure voters that they would not have to spend more on this bond than it had on previous bonds. She asked for an explanation of how that number is figured, allowing for inflation and other factors.

Mr. Johnathan Ward, Senior Vice President, Zion's Bank, stated that the tax impact was a function of multiple variables. The three most significant were taxable valuation,

interest rates, and the term of the financing. Historically, this bond has had a ten-year term. Interest rates today are on the average of what they have been over the last 35 years. In terms of valuation growth, a very conservative 1.5 percent average growth rate had been assumed for the purpose of deciding a bond amount. For context, over the last five years, the County has actually grown about ten percent.

Mayor Jennifer Wilson stated it seemed to her that the project list could be honored and there would still be sufficient leeway within the budget. There was never going to be an exact match for the target because some projects would come in under budget and others would be over.

Council Member Johnson asked how high the bond would have to be before it would trigger a tax increase.

Mr. Ward stated that anything above what has been estimated would result in a negative effect on taxpayers. It had been determined by the members of the Debt Review Committee the week prior that the \$100 million in the resolution was a maximum "not to exceed" amount, but that did not mean the County should feel obligated to issue that much if it did not need to.

Council Member Johnson asked if assuming a growth rate more realistic than 1.5 percent would allow the Council to authorize a larger bond amount without raising taxes.

Mr. Ward stated several scenarios had been analyzed. One scenario, based on an 8 percent growth rate over the next ten years and a \$130 million bond, would have resulted in a tax increase of about \$5 or \$6 a year for the average home.

Council Member Johnson stated that absent some terrible unforeseen event, there was nothing to indicate that population growth in the County would only be 1.5 percent. He felt unable to make an informed decision because the bond amount was not based on a more realistic estimate of future growth. He would like that analysis to be done before the Council had to vote. He felt there was room to do more.

Council Member Stewart stated that could not happen because of deadlines. He also stated concern that inflationary pressure related to interest rates and bond rates was not being factored in. He used the increasing costs of renovating the jail as an example.

Mayor Wilson stated she had been through this process for three cycles now and there is always room to make changes and adjust if necessary. There are also Tourism, Recreation, Culture, and Convention (TRCC) dollars that can be used. The Council could authorize more without being obligated to use the full amount. This opportunity only arises once every ten years.

Mr. Mitchell Park, Legal Counsel, Council Office stated the critical deadline would be the 45-day out period. There were also some dates that needed to be coordinated with the Clerk. Bond counsel had already indicated to him that if the Council wanted to make changes to the resolution today, that could be accommodated. He was not sure if this issue could be debated into next week's meeting, though.

Mr. Ryan Bjerke, Bond Counsel, Chapman and Cutler LLP, stated the statutory deadline was August 20th, when the ballot proposition language would need to be submitted to the Lieutenant Governor's Office and the County Clerk. That said, the Clerk had requested an earlier deadline so she would have more time.

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

Council Member Pinkney stated this bond happens only once every ten years, and families have made it clear that they prioritize parks, recreation, and their children's well-being. She disagreed with the Board's decision to reject the projects for West Jordan City and Salt Lake City. She felt the County should invest something even if it was not the full amount requested. Estimating growth at 3 percent would still be quite conservative while allowing for a higher bond amount.

Council Member Stewart moved to call the question.

Mr. Park stated the motion to call the question needed a second.

Council Member Stringham seconded the motion to call the question.

Council Member Johnson asked if he could be allowed to make a substitute motion.

Mr. Park stated a motion to call the question is always privileged and not debatable.

A motion was made by Council Member Stewart, seconded by Council Member Stringham, to call the question. The motion carried 6 to 3 by the following roll call vote.

Aye: Council Member Moreno, Council Member Romero, Council Member Stewart, Council Member Stringham, Council Member Theodore, Council Member Winder Newton

Nay: Council Member Harrison, Council Member Johnson, Council Member Pinkney

A motion was made by Council Member Theodore, seconded by Council Member Stringham, that this agenda item be approved. The motion carried 6 to 3 by the following roll call vote.

Aye: Council Member Harrison, Council Member Moreno, Council Member Stewart, Council Member Stringham, Council Member Theodore, Council Member Winder Newton

Nay: Council Member Johnson, Council Member Pinkney, Council Member Romero

A motion was made by Council Member Stringham, seconded by Council Member Stewart, to adopt the following legislative intent:

It is the legislative intent of Salt Lake County Council to have the Mayor's office and staff work with West Jordan City and its mayor to look at TRCC funding and other options to help get the Recreation Center funded and that we also look at other worthy projects that came up short in the recreation bond process.

Council Member Romero asked Council Member Stringham if she would modify her legislative intent to specifically call out Salt Lake City's requested project in her motion to illustrate the intention of the Council.

Council Member Stringham stated her wording was intentional because it would be difficult and complicated to call out one applicant over another. She would rather that all applicants be required to go through the same process.

A substitute motion was made by Council Member Romero, seconded by Council Member Pinkney, to adopt the legislative intent as stated above while including Salt Lake City's request for \$3.56 million for an all-abilities playground. The motion carried 5 to 4 by the following roll call vote.

Aye: Council Member Harrison, Council Member Johnson, Council Member Pinkney, Council Member Romero, Council Member Stewart

Nay: Council Member Moreno, Council Member Stringham, Council Member Theodore, Council Member Winder Newton

9. PENDING LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

9.1 TIME CERTAIN 2:30 PM

26-765

Consideration of a Resolution Providing for the Holding of a Bond Election with Respect to up to \$100,000,000 of General Obligation Bonds for Repairing, Completing, Acquiring, Constructing or Renovating Open Space, Natural Habitat, Parks, Community Trails and Recreational and Other Related Facilities and Providing for Related Matters

Presenter: Robin Chalhoub, Community Services Director; Ryan Bjerke, Bond Counsel, Chapman & Cutler
(10 minutes)

Discussion - Vote Needed

Attachments:

1. Letter to Council re DRC Review of Parks and Rec GO Bond (7-30-26)
2. 2026 Bond Election Resolution v7_RAFL

Mr. Ryan Bjerke, Bond Counsel, Chapman and Cutler LLP, stated if the voters authorize the bond at the upcoming election, the Council will still need to approve each series of bonds issued under this authorization. For that reason, flexibility was built into the maximum amount, taking into account escalating costs. If the voters approve the initiative, the Council will have ten years to issue the bonds. This will be the first of two resolutions considered by the Council for this election cycle. It will set forth the ballot proposition language that will need to be filed with the Lieutenant Governor's Office and County Clerk. It will also set forth the public hearing dates. The second resolution will be considered some time in September. It will be specifically for procedures.

**PROCEEDINGS AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE HOLDING OF A LOCAL
SPECIAL BOND ELECTION RELATION TO UP TO \$100,000,000 OF GENERAL
OBLIGATION BONDS**

RESOLUTION NO. 6413

**A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE HOLDING OF A LOCAL SPECIAL BOND
ELECTION IN SALT LAKE COUNTY, UTAH FOR THE PURPOSE OF
SUBMITTING TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE COUNTY THE
QUESTION OF THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF \$100,000,000 GENERAL
OBLIGATION BONDS; PROVIDING FOR THE HOLDING OF A PUBLIC
HEARING AND THE PUBLICATION OF A NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING; AND
PROVIDING FOR RELATED MATTERS**

WHEREAS, there is an immediate and pressing need of raising money for repairing, completing, acquiring, constructing or renovating open space, natural habitat, parks, community trails and recreational facilities and other related facilities under the charge of Salt Lake County, Utah (the “*County*”); and, to the extent necessary, for providing moneys for the refunding, at or prior to the maturity thereof, of general obligation bonds of the County authorized hereunder or heretofore issued and now outstanding;

WHEREAS, Section 11-14-318 of the Local Government Bonding Act, Chapter 14, Title 11 of the Utah Code Annotated 1953, as amended (the “*Utah Code*”) requires that a public hearing be held with respect to the issuance of such bonds for said purposes and that notice of such public hearing be given as provided by law;

WHEREAS, Sections 59-1-1604 and 59-1-1605 of the Transparency of Ballot Propositions Act, Chapter 1, Title 59 of the Utah Code require or provide for (a) preparing and posting arguments and rebuttals in favor of and against a ballot proposition and (b) holding a public meeting for presentation of arguments in favor of and against a ballot proposition;

WHEREAS, the County does not publish a newsletter or other periodical that will be published prior to the Election Day (as defined below); and

WHEREAS, the County desires to (a) hold a local special bond election to submit to the qualified electors of the County the question of the issuance of such bonds for said purposes, (b) provide for the holding of a public hearing and a public meeting, (c) establish procedures for the submittal of arguments in favor of and against the below described ballot proposition and (d) to direct the publication and posting of a Notice of Public Hearing (the “*Notice of Public Hearing*”) and a Notice of Public Meeting (the “*Notice of Public Meeting*”);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Salt Lake County, Utah, as follows:

Section 1. The County Council of Salt Lake County, Utah (the “*County Council*”) hereby finds and determines that it is advisable to issue its general obligation bonds to address the needs of the County to provide funds for repairing, completing, acquiring, constructing or renovating open space, natural habitat, parks, community trails and recreational facilities and other related facilities under the charge of the County, and, to the extent necessary, to provide moneys for the refunding, at or prior to the maturity thereof, of general obligation bonds of the County authorized hereunder or heretofore issued and now outstanding.

Section 2. In the judgment of the County Council, it is advisable that a local special bond election (the “*Local Special Bond Election*”) be called and held in the County on at the

same time as the regular general election on Tuesday, November 3, 2026 (the “*Election Day*”), to submit to the qualified electors of the County the question of whether bonds of the County to the amount of \$100,000,000 shall be issued and sold for the purpose of raising money for providing funds for repairing, completing, acquiring, constructing or renovating open space, natural habitat, parks, community trails and recreational facilities and other related facilities under the charge of the County (collectively, the “*Project*”), and, to the extent necessary, for providing moneys for the refunding, at or prior to the maturity thereof, of general obligation bonds of the County authorized hereunder or heretofore issued and now outstanding.

Section 3. The question shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the County at a Local Special Bond Election and such Local Special Bond Election is hereby called to be held in the County on the Election Day. The question shall be submitted in substantially the form set out in the form of ballot appearing in Section 4 hereof.

Section 4. The ballots to be used at the Local Special Bond Election shall comply in all respects with the requirements of Sections 11-14-206, Title 20A, Chapter 6, Part 1 and Part 4 of the Utah Code, and shall be in substantially the following form:

OFFICIAL BALLOT FOR THE
SALT LAKE COUNTY, UTAH
LOCAL SPECIAL BOND ELECTION

November 3, 2026

Shall Salt Lake County, Utah, be authorized to issue general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$100,000,000 and to mature in no more than eleven (11) years from the date or dates of issuance of such bonds for the purpose of providing funds for repairing, completing, acquiring, constructing or renovating open space, natural habitat, parks, community trails and recreational facilities and other related facilities under the charge of the County and, to the extent necessary, for providing moneys for the refunding, at or prior to the maturity thereof, of general obligation bonds of the County authorized hereunder or heretofore issued and now outstanding?

PROPERTY TAX COST OF BONDS

A general obligation bond is a debt owed by the County. The County uses tax revenue to pay for the debt. If the bonds are issued as planned (which currently consists of 2 smaller issues of bonds totaling approximately \$100,000,000 over the next 5 years, with each issue of bonds maturing approximately 10 years from the date it is issued), without regard to the taxes currently levied to pay outstanding bonds that will decrease over time, an annual property tax to pay debt service on the proposed bonds will be required over a period of 10 years in the estimated amount of \$17.20 per year on a primary

residence with the County average value of \$658,000 and in the estimated amount of \$31.28 per year on a business or secondary residence having the same value, which are equal to a monthly increase of \$1.43 for an average residential property and \$2.61 on a business property having the same value.

The County currently levies property taxes to pay debt service on other outstanding general obligation bonds that have been issued to finance voter approved projects. The incremental property taxes would decrease upon the repayment of the currently outstanding bonds, but the decrease may not occur if the proposed bonds are issued. Taking into account the repayment of the outstanding bonds, the County expects that the issuance of the proposed bonds, in the manner currently expected, will result in a net property tax increase of \$0 per year on a primary residence with the County average value of \$658,000 and a net property tax increase of \$0 per year on a business or secondary residence having the same value, which are equal to a monthly increase of \$0 for an average residential property and \$0 on a business property having the same value.

The foregoing is only an estimate and is not a limit on the amount of taxes that the governing body may be required to levy in order to pay debt service on the bonds. The governing body is obligated to levy taxes to the extent provided by law in order to pay the bonds.

In addition to the bond payment costs as outlined above, based on current best estimates, the average annual combined net operational and maintenance costs for these facilities during their first ten years of operation is projected to require additional annual expenditures of \$18,798,000. If approved, the county will determine during its next budget cycle whether additional operational and maintenance costs may or may not require any additional funds from budget cuts or a tax increase.

To vote in favor of the above bond issue, select the box immediately adjacent to the words “FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS.” To vote against the bond issue, select the box immediately adjacent to the words “AGAINST THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS.”

☐ FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS

☐ AGAINST THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS

Section 5. In satisfaction of the requirements of Section 11-14-318 of the Code, a public hearing shall be held by the County Council on October 6, 2026, at 6:00 p.m., at the regular meeting place of the County Council, located in the Governmental Chambers, N1-100, 2001 South State Street, Salt Lake City, Utah, with respect to the issuance by the County of general obligation bonds, if approved by eligible voters at the Local

Special Bond Election, for the purposes set forth in Section 1 and the potential economic impact the Project will have on the private sector.

Section 6. The County Clerk shall cause the “Notice of Public Hearing,” in substantially the form attached hereto as *Exhibit 1*, to be published as a class A notice under Section 63G-30-102 of the Code by (a) publishing a copy of such Notice on (i) the Utah Public Notice Website and (ii) the County’s Webpage and (b) posting such Notice in a public location that is reasonably likely to be seen by the residents of the County, in each case, no less than 14 days before the date set for the public hearing.

Section 7. After the adoption of this Resolution and at least 75 days before the Local Special Bond Election, a certified copy hereof, which includes the ballot title and the ballot proposition, shall be furnished on behalf of the County by Chapman and Cutler LLP, as bond counsel, to the Lieutenant Governor of the State of Utah and to the County Clerk of Salt Lake County, as election officer (the “*Election Officer*”).

Section 8. (a) In satisfaction of and in compliance with the requirements of Section 59-1-1604 of the Utah Code, the Mayor, or the Mayor’s designee, on behalf of the County, shall prepare and submit to the County Clerk an argument in favor of the ballot proposition and the rebuttal to the argument against the ballot proposition, if necessary.

(b) To facilitate compliance with the requirements of Section 59-1-1604 of the Utah Code, the argument in favor of the ballot proposition prepared on behalf of the County, and any argument in favor of the ballot proposed by an eligible voter of the County, the designated argument against the ballot proposition prepared by an eligible voter of the County, and any rebuttals thereto submitted by the respective drafters of the arguments in favor of and against the ballot proposition shall be submitted in accordance with the following schedule:

(i) the argument in favor of the ballot proposition prepared by the Mayor or the Mayor’s designee shall be submitted to the County Clerk no later than 5:00 p.m. MDT on September 4, 2026;

(ii) eligible voters wishing to submit an argument in favor of or an argument against the ballot proposition shall file a request with the County Clerk no later than 5:00 p.m. MDT on August 31, 2026; if two or more eligible voters wish to submit an argument in favor of or against the ballot proposition the County Clerk will designate one of the eligible voters to submit the argument by 5:00 MDT on September 1, 2026; any argument designated to be prepared by an eligible voter may be revised and resubmitted to the County Clerk no later than 5:00 p.m. MDT on September 4, 2026; and

(iii) any rebuttal arguments shall be submitted to the County Clerk no later than 5:00 p.m. MDT on September 21, 2026.

All arguments and rebuttal arguments shall comply with the provisions of Section 59-1-1604 of the Utah Code.

(c) In accordance with the requirements of Section 59-1-1605 of the Utah Code, a public meeting shall be held by the County Council at or after 6:00 p.m., during the County Council meeting that begins at 6:00 p.m., on October 6, 2026, at the regular meeting place of the County Council, located in the Governmental Chambers, N1-100, 2001 South State Street, Salt Lake City, Utah, for the presentation of the arguments in favor of and against the ballot proposition.

(d) As provided in Section 59-1-1604 of the Utah Code, the County Clerk, on behalf of the County Council, shall cause the Notice of Public Meeting, including the date, time and place of the public meeting, together with the arguments in favor of and against the ballot proposition and the rebuttals thereto, to be posted for 30 consecutive days before the Election Day on (i) the Statewide Electronic Voter Information Website (as of the date of this Resolution, vote.utah.gov) and (ii) a prominent place on the County's website (as of the date of this Resolution, saltlakecounty.gov).

Section 9. The officers and employees of the County are authorized to take such action as they may deem necessary in order to assure that the Local Special Bond Election does not violate any applicable state or federal law, including laws regarding the use of the electronic voting devices.

Section 10. All acts and resolutions in conflict with this Resolution or any part thereof are hereby repealed.

Section 11. It is hereby declared that all parts of this Resolution are severable, and if any section, clause or provision of this Resolution shall, for any reason, be held to be invalid and unenforceable, the invalidity or unenforceability of any such section, clause or provision shall not affect the remaining sections, clauses or provisions of this Resolution.

Section 12. Immediately after its adoption by at least two-thirds majority of the members of the County Council, this Resolution shall be signed by the Chair and the County Clerk, shall be sealed with the seal of the County and shall be recorded in a book kept for that purpose and shall take immediate effect.

APPROVED and ADOPTED this day, August 4, 2026.

SALT LAKE COUNTY, UTAH

(SEAL)
ATTEST

By /s/ AIMEE WINDER NEWTON
Chair

By /s/LANNIE CHAPMAN
County Clerk

A motion was made by Council Member Stewart, seconded by Council Member Pinkney, that this agenda item be approved. The motion carried by an 8 to 1 vote with Council Member Johnson voting "Nay."

10. OTHER ITEMS REQUIRING COUNCIL APPROVAL

11. OTHER BUSINESS

ADJOURN

LANNIE CHAPMAN, COUNTY CLERK

By _____
DEPUTY CLERK

By _____
CHAIR, SALT LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL