

SALT LAKE COUNTY

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Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 25, 2025

1:30 PM

Room N2-800

County Council

1. CALL TO ORDER

Present: Council Member Suzanne Harrison
Council Member Natalie Pinkney
Council Member Arlyn Bradshaw
Council Member Carlos Moreno
Council Member Aimee Winder Newton
Council Chair Dea Theodore

Excused: Council Member Ross Romero
Council Member Sheldon Stewart

Call In: Council Member Laurie Stringham

Invocation - Reading or Thought - Pledge of Allegiance

Council Member Winder Newton led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Susan Sandack stated she was here to learn about the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Brownfields grant and revolving loan funds. She was also interested in knowing how Federal Government cuts and changes, including those being made to the EPA, were going to affect the County.

3. REPORT OF ELECTED OFFICIALS:**3.1. County Council Members**

Council Member Winder Newton stated former Congressman Mia Love passed away this week. Council Member Winder Newton stated Ms. Love had been a friend and a great public servant. She appreciated Ms. Love's service and expressed her condolences to Ms. Love's family.

Council Member Harrison also expressed her condolences to Mia Love's family. Ms. Love served with dignity, and her passing would be a huge loss for the state.

Council Member Harrison announced a ribbon cutting on Friday for the Kem and Carolyn Gardner Mental Health Crisis Care Center. She was grateful to all the stakeholders who made this a reality, including the County, which played a significant role. There is a huge need for mental health services, specifically, mental

health crisis services.

Council Member Theodore expressed her condolences to Mia Love's family, stating her prayers were with them. Ms. Love did great work and was an inspiration to many.

Council Member Stringham echoed the sentiments spoken about Mia Love, stating Ms. Love's loss would be felt for a long time.

Council Member Stringham stated the Wasatch Front Waste and Recycling District (WFWRD) met this week and discussed its mentor-type program. The program mentored people through the process of becoming a certified Commercial Driver's License (CDL) driver and learning to drive the sideloader trucks. The program has been in place for two years because it had been hard to hire certified people to do the jobs. The program has been effective, and it will probably be continued for another year.

3.2. County Mayor

Mayor Jennifer Wilson recognized Mia Love for her service and sent her regards to Ms. Love's family. Mayor Wilson stated early in her career, she met Ms. Love and found her to be friendly and engaging. Ms. Love was a great human and a great family member.

Mayor Wilson made the following announcements:

- The opening of the Kem and Carolyn Gardner Mental Health Crisis Care Center on Friday was a long time coming. The County put significant resources into that to ensure it was done right. She commended staff and elected officials who put time and resources into making that happen.
- The Sheriff had been trying to reach a compromise with Representative Karianne Lisonbee and the Legislature on legislation regarding the jail to make sure it was manageable. The County would be watching to see the outcomes of that legislation. The jail would be expanding beds and opening an additional pod. Beds would become available due to the State's Jail Based Competency Restoration Unit moving out and some maintenance. At the same time, the Human Services Division would be expanding existing programs, and perhaps adding new programs, which was what the County advocated for in the bond for a more holistic system. The

County would monitor the impact that had on the jail and assess the impact the Huntsman Mental Health Institute's Mental Health Receiving Center had on the broader system, due to that intervention.

- A ribbon cutting will be held tomorrow for the Clinical Consultants Featherstone Boarding Home. This residence had 40 new units, which would be dedicated to individuals with severe mental illness who were currently in the shelter system or living on the street. Along with being housed, these individuals would receive interventions.
- The County is doing an assessment of changes the Federal Government made, changes that could happen, and the outlying concerns. She would be reporting back to the Council in a week or two on that assessment.
- The Arts and Culture Division announced a call for art vendors and performers to participate in this year's Westside CultureFest, which will be held August 15th and 16th. Applications are now open and can be found at westsideculturefest.org.

3.3. Other Elected County Officials

4. CONSENT ITEMS

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

4.1 Consideration of Approval of Zoo, Arts, and Parks (ZAP) [25-2711](#) Tier I (+Zoological) Advisory Board Appointments:

- Heidi Prokop, District 4
- Amanda Mulia, District 6

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[Heidi Prokop - Redacted](#)
[Amanda Mulia - Redacted](#)

The vote on this consent item was approved.

4.2 Acceptance of a Donation for \$7,500 to the Salt Lake County [25-2722](#) Jail from Pillows for Prisoners 501c3 Organization

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[Pillows for Prisoners 3.18.2025 Donation](#)

The vote on this consent item was approved.

5. ACCEPTANCE OF ETHICS DISCLOSURES

6. APPROVAL OF TAX LETTERS

7. APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

7.1 Approval of March 11, 2025 County Council Minutes

[25-2716](#)

Attachments: [031125 Council Minutes](#)

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

8. WORK SESSION

TIME CERTAIN 2:00PM

8.1 Consideration of Approval of Salt Lake County Planning Commission Appointment: (Interview)

[25-2665](#)

· **Andres Paredes, Unincorporated/Incorporated Alternate**

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)

[Paredes_Andres SLCo Planning Commission Packet](#)

Presenter: Michelle Hicks, Executive Operations Manager, Mayor's Admin.
(Approx. 2:00PM, 5 Min.)

Discussion/Direction

Ms. Michelle Hicks, Executive Operations Manager, Mayor's Office, reviewed the Salt Lake County Planning Commission appointment.

Mr. Andres Paredes reviewed his experience and qualifications for the appointment.

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

8.2 Consideration of Approval of a Letter of Support for Comcast Communications Management, LLC (Comcast) in

[25-2727](#)

their Application to Participate in Utah's Broadband, Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) Program

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
 [Comcast Support Letter](#)

Sponsor: Council Chair Dea Theodore.

Presenter: Steve Proper, Comcast Representative.

(Approx. 2:05PM, 10 Min.)

Discussion/Direction

Mr. Steve Proper, Representative of Comcast, stated the Utah Broadband Center received about \$300 million in Federal grants to identify areas in the state that did not have broadband services or the areas were underserved. The Broadband Center completed that project, and it identified about 800 areas in the County where broadband services were not available.

The next step is to allow providers, such as Comcast, to apply for funding to build out these areas. As part of that application process, providers were required to visit communities and get their support. He asked the Council if it would provide a letter of support to Comcast. The letter would be non-exclusive, so any other provider could also seek the Council's support.

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

8.3 Proposed Hire Report / Incentive Plans - \$3,000 and Under / [25-2717](#)
Weekly Reclassification Reports

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
 [Proposed Hire Report 3-19-2025](#)
 [Incentive Plans - \\$3,000 and Under 3-19-2025](#)
 [Weekly Reclassification Report 3-19-2025](#)

Presenter: Hoa Nguyen, Council Budget and Policy Analyst.

(Approx. 2:15PM, Less than 5 Min.)

Informational

Ms. Hoa Nguyen, Budget & Policy Analyst, Council Office, reviewed the new hires and a reclassification. There were no incentive plans this week.

- 8.4 Budget Adjustment: The Office of Data and Innovation Requests to Transfer \$77,000 to the Assessor's Office and \$100,000 to the Health Department for Approved 2023-2024 Smart Government Fund Projects** [25-2721](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[34384 34385 - Smart Gov Projects](#)

Presenter: Hoa Nguyen, Council Budget and Policy Analyst.

(Approx. 2:15PM, Less than 5 Min.)

Discussion/Direction

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

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

- 8.5 Presentation on Salt Lake County's Response to Homelessness** [25-2714](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[OHCJR Council Presentation 3.25.25](#)

Sponsors: Councilmember Carlos Moreno. Seconded by Council Chair Dea Theodore, Councilmember Laurie Stringham & Councilmember Arlyn Bradshaw.

Presenters: Anndrea Wild, Director of SLCo Office of Homelessness and Criminal Justice Reform.

(Approx. 2:20PM, 45 Min.)

Informational

Ms. Andrea Wild, Director, Office of Homelessness and Criminal Justice Reform, delivered a PowerPoint presentation entitled Office of Homelessness and Criminal Justice Reform, reviewing the Office of Homelessness and Criminal Justice Reform, which staffs and supports the Criminal Justice Advisory Council (CJAC) and the Salt Lake Valley Coalition to End Homelessness; CJAC, which delivers policies and solutions; CJAC meetings and working groups, including crisis response and juvenile justice;

CJAC successes; homeless rates and average rent costs; deeply affordable units statewide and in the County; the County's homeless resource system, which is working, and its goals and recommendations; the County shelters; vulnerable populations; age distribution of chronically homeless persons; homeless myths; what is needed now and in the long run; and resources.

Ms. Tarra McFadden, Program and Grant Manager, Office of Homelessness and Criminal Justice Reform, reviewed the Salt Lake Valley Coalition to End Homelessness; AmeriCorps; the Continuum of Care; the Point in Time Count; and Federal Housing and Urban Development (HUD) funding increases, and the uncertainty of Federal funds for the Continuum of Care.

Council Member Harrison asked if with the Federal delays, there was a verbal commitment from HUD for funding for the Continuum of Care program, or if people could be without money to pay their rent in a few days.

Ms. McFadden stated contracts for HUD funding have been initiated, but agencies do not yet have those contracts. The Continuum of Care funding from HUD goes toward rental assistance. Without that funding, there would be an impact on the ability of Continuum of Care to pay rent. Continuum of Care also receives funding from the State and private organizations, but those funds are used for other pieces of the program.

Mayor Jennifer Wilson stated she was alarmed. A week ago, she was told there was certainty on the funding, but now, she was hearing that funding might not be there. She wanted to make sure people were not without money to pay their rent.

Ms. Erin Litvack, Deputy Mayor of County Services, stated when Housing Connect was in Washington D.C. for a conference, it met with HUD representatives and was told the contracts should be there in the next month or two. She sat on the Housing Connect Board of Commissioners, which met last week and discussed keeping people housed for up to two months while waiting to hear from HUD. She explained that through Continuum of Care, HUD funds one program that Housing Connect does. Housing Connect also receives funds through HUD, which funds Housing Choice Voucher Program Section 8 and other things. If a lot of HUD funding went away, it would have a significant impact on the community.

Ms. Wild stated her office was monitoring the situation and making plans to position the community in the best place possible going forward.

Council Member Theodore stated she heard people were warned not to take their stuff into the shelters and that the shelters had bed bugs. She asked how the shelters could be made safer.

Ms. Litvack stated there is a place in the shelter for everyone to store some of their items. Some communities, such as Salt Lake City, also provide storage space for individuals to use. She would get more information on that. The shelters do their best to control pests. A large group of people who have been living on the streets stay in the shelters, and that creates a challenge. The shelters had to constantly stay on top of the pest issue.

**8.6 Presentation on the Economic Development EPA-funded [25-2715](#)
Assessment Grant and Revolving Loan Funds**

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[EPA Assessment Grant Presentation](#)

Presenter: Kersten Swinyard, SLCo Economic Development Director.
(Approx. 3:05PM, 15 Min.)
Informational

Ms. Kersten Swinyard, Director, Economic Development Division, delivered a PowerPoint presentation entitled EPA Assessment Grant & Revolving Loan Funds, reviewing an Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Brownfields site map; the EPA Assessment Grant; the purpose of the grant; progress; awards and covered activities; community involvement; project examples; EPA Revolving Loan Funds; the purpose of the revolving loan funds; current awards; the process; community involvement; and previous loans and subgrants.

Council Member Bradshaw asked if federal dollars that had been committed were received yet.

Ms. Swinyard stated the EPA Assessment Grant was temporarily frozen in January, but the County received access quickly after that. The 2012 Revolving Loan Fund has remained accessible because it gets Congressional

authorization, which predates any concerns with the current administration. However, the 2022 revolving loan fund was funded by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), and the current administration has targeted other grants that were from that same funding source, although they did not relate to Brownfields.

9. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND ISSUANCE OF PUBLIC NOTICES

10. PENDING LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

10.1 Consideration of an Assignment of an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement Regarding Salt Lake County's Tax Increment Participation in the Magna Main Street Community Development Area [25-2713](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[250310 Assignment Agreement - Salt Lake County RATFx2](#)
[250317 Resolution.Assignment Agreement_RATF](#)
[Salt Lake County Magna Main ILA](#)

Presenter: Kersten Swinyard, SLCo Economic Development Director.

(Approx. 3:20PM, 5 Min.)

Discussion/Direction

Ms. Kersten Swinyard, Director, Economic Development Division, reviewed the resolution. This would assign the County's tax increment to the Magna Community Reinvestment Agency, as opposed to having it go to the Redevelopment Agency of Salt Lake County.

RESOLUTION NO. 6277

RESOLUTION APPROVING AN ASSIGNMENT AND ASSUMPTION AGREEMENT BETWEEN SALT LAKE COUNTY, THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF SALT LAKE COUNTY AND THE COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AGENCY OF MAGNA REGARDING SALT LAKE COUNTY'S PARTICIPATION IN THE MAGNA MAIN STREET COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA

RECITALS

WHEREAS, on October 29, 2013, Salt Lake County entered into an

interlocal agreement (the “TIF Interlocal”) with the Redevelopment Agency of Salt Lake County (the “County RDA”) whereby Salt Lake County agreed to contribute tax increment funds to carry out the project area plan for the Magna Main Street Community Development Project Area (the “Project Area”).

WHEREAS, at the time it was adopted, the Project Area was located within the unincorporated area of Salt Lake County.

WHEREAS, the Project Area is now located within the municipal boundaries of Magna City, which incorporated as a city on July 1, 2024. Magna City also created the Community Reinvestment Agency of Magna (the “Magna CRA”).

WHEREAS, the County RDA now desires to transfer or assign to the Magna CRA its real property, rights, indebtedness, obligations, tax increment, or other assets and liabilities resulting from the Project Area-including its interest in the TIF Interlocal.

WHEREAS, the Magna CRA desires to assume the County RDA’s interest in the TIF Interlocal on the terms and conditions set forth therein;

AND WHEREAS, it has been determined that the best interests of Salt Lake County and the general public will be served by recognizing the Magna CRA as the successor party to the TIF Interlocal and, accordingly, by consenting to the above-described assignment.

RESOLUTION

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Salt Lake County Council that the attached assignment and assumption agreement is hereby approved; and the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute said agreement, a copy of which is attached as Attachment “A” and by this reference made a part of this Resolution.

APPROVED and ADOPTED this 25th day of March, 2025.

SALT LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL

ATTEST (SEAL)

By /s/ DEA THEODORE

Chair

By /s/ LANNIE CHAPMAN
Salt Lake County Clerk

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

10.2 First Reading of An Ordinance of the Legislative Body of Salt Lake County, Utah, Amending Section 1.06.020 of the Salt Lake County Code of Ordinances, 2001, Entitled "Holidays" Establishing the Date on Which the Juneteenth Independence Day is Observed [25-2706](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[Juneteenth Holiday Amended Ordinance 2025\(RAFL\)\[100\]](#)

Sponsors: Councilmember Aimee Winder Newton. Seconded by Councilmember Laurie Stringham, Councilmember Natalie Pinkney, & Councilmember Suzanne Harrison.

(Approx. 3:25PM, 10 Min.)

Discussion/Direction

Council Member Winder Newton reviewed the ordinance, which aligned the County's observation date of Juneteenth, with the Federal Government's.

A motion was made by Council Member Winder Newton, seconded by Council Member Stringham, to forward the ordinance to the April 1, 2025, Council meeting for final consideration. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

10.3 Consideration of a Resolution of the Salt Lake County Council Dissolving the Salt Lake County Justice Court Effective June 30, 2027, and Providing for Related matters [25-2705](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[Justice Court Dissolution Resolution\(RAFL\)](#)

Sponsors: Councilmember Laurie Stringham. Seconded by Council Chair Dea Theodore.

(Approx. 3:35PM, 10 Min.)

Discussion/Direction

Council Member Stringham reviewed the resolution dissolving the Justice Court. She stated it no longer made sense for the County to have a Justice Court, since court services are a municipal service, and by 2027, the County will have less than 1,200 people living in unincorporated County. Dissolving this will save taxpayer money.

RESOLUTION NO. 6278

A RESOLUTION OF THE SALT LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL
DISSOLVING THE SALT LAKE COUNTY JUSTICE COURT
EFFECTIVE JUNE 30, 2027, AND PROVIDING FOR RELATED
MATTERS

WHEREAS, Utah Code Ann. § 78A-7-123 provides that a county shall obtain legislative approval to dissolve a justice court if the caseload from that court would fall to the district court upon dissolution; and

WHEREAS, Utah Code Ann. § 78A-7-123 further provides that in order to obtain approval of the Legislature to terminate a county justice court, the governing authority of the county shall petition the Legislature to adopt a joint resolution to approve the dissolution; and

WHEREAS, Utah Code Ann. § 78A-7-123 also requires that a county shall provide notice to the Judicial Council not later than July 1 two years prior to the general session in which the county intends to seek legislative approval for the dissolution of a Class I justice court; and

WHEREAS, on June 21, 2022, the Salt Lake County Council approved Resolution No. 5986, which resolution provided notice to the State of Utah, the Judicial Council, and the Utah Administrative Office of the Courts of Salt Lake County's intent to dissolve the Salt Lake County Justice Court, a Class I justice court; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 5986 further provided that the County would petition the Utah Legislature during the 2025 general session for a joint resolution approving the dissolution of the Salt Lake County Justice Court, as authorized by Utah Code Ann. § 78A-7-123; and

WHEREAS, on June 24, 2022, the Salt Lake County Council Chair issued a

letter to Chief Justice Durrant, Chair of the Utah Judicial Council, which letter specifically informed the Judicial Council of the Salt Lake County Council's approval of Resolution No. 5986, and of Salt Lake County's intent to petition the Utah Legislature for approval to dissolve the Salt Lake County Justice Court during the 2025 general session; and

WHEREAS, Salt Lake County has timely complied with the notice requirements of Utah Code Ann. § 78A-7-123; and

WHEREAS, the City of Millcreek withdrew its caseload from the Salt Lake County Justice Court in 2023, greatly reducing filings at the Salt Lake County Justice Court; and

WHEREAS, the 2024 Utah Legislature recently adopted H.B. 35, which legislation converted certain metro townships located in Salt Lake County that are currently being served by the Salt Lake County Justice Court to municipalities, thereby providing those newly converted municipalities with greater autonomy to determine whether and how to provide justice court services for their residents; and

WHEREAS, the 2024 Utah Legislature recently adopted H.B. 330, which legislation provided legal mechanisms by which various unincorporated areas of Salt Lake County will be annexed or incorporated into municipalities by 2027; and

WHEREAS, the cumulative effect of these legislative enactments is likely to be a substantial reduction in both the population and geographical areas of Salt Lake County that are currently being serviced by the Salt Lake County Justice Court, and a corresponding decrease in the Salt Lake County Justice Court's caseload; and

WHEREAS, on October 8, 2024, the Salt Lake County Council approved Resolution No. 6243, which resolution formally requested that the Utah Legislature adopt a joint resolution approving the dissolution of the Salt Lake County Justice Court during its 2025 general session, in a manner consistent with Utah Code Ann. § 78-7-123, and provided notice to the Utah Legislature; and

WHEREAS, on or about March 5, 2025, the Utah Legislature approved S.J.R. 3, "Joint Resolution Dissolving Salt Lake County Justice Court,"

which joint resolution approved Salt Lake County's dissolution of the Salt Lake County Justice Court, with an effective date no later than June 30, 2027; and

WHEREAS, S.J.R. 3 further provided that any residual caseload of the Salt Lake County Justice Court will fall upon the Third District Court in Salt Lake County upon the dissolution of the Salt Lake County Justice Court; and

WHEREAS, the provision of justice court services is a municipal-type function that is fundamentally misaligned with Salt Lake County's presently-existing and future statutory functions, revenue sources, service delivery model, and role as a regional government; and

WHEREAS, the presently-existing facilities of the Salt Lake County Justice Court located at the Salt Lake County Government Center in Salt Lake City are scheduled to be closed in 2027, and it is in the best financial interest of the county and its residents to avert unnecessary and imprudent capital expenditures associated with developing and maintaining court facilities at the County's future government center offices that will be located in Midvale; and

WHEREAS, the Salt Lake County Council has previously determined and does now reaffirm that it is in the best interest of the County and its residents to dissolve the Salt Lake County Justice Court, and to allow its residual caseload to fall to the Utah Third District Court as may be necessary; and

WHEREAS, subject to the authorization provided by S.J.R. 3 and consistent with the substantive provisions of Utah Code Ann. § 78-7-123, the Salt Lake County Council now finds it expedient to dissolve the Salt Lake County Justice Court, effective June 30, 2027;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Salt Lake County Council that the Salt Lake County Justice Court is hereby dissolved, with an effective date of June 30, 2027, and that upon dissolution of the Salt Lake County Justice Court on that date, its residual caseload will fall upon the Utah Third District Court located in Salt Lake County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that during the intervening period between the effective date of this Resolution and June 30, 2027, Salt Lake County will encourage and cooperate with its partner governmental entities in the Salt

Lake Greater Municipal Services District to explore alternative arrangements for the provision of justice court services to the municipal areas that are now being serviced by the Salt Lake County Justice Court; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that during the intervening period between the effective date of this Resolution and June 30, 2027, Salt Lake County will undertake all appropriate budgetary and personnel actions that are necessary for an orderly and timely dissolution of the Salt Lake County Justice Court consistent with this Resolution and applicable law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that notice of this Resolution shall be provided to the Utah Judicial Council upon its approval.

APPROVED and ADOPTED this 25th day of March, 2025.

SALT LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL

ATTEST (SEAL)

By /s/ DEA THEODORE

Chair

By /s/ LANNIE CHAPMAN

Salt Lake County Clerk

A motion was made by Council Member Theodore, seconded by Council Member Stringham, 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 3:05 PM until Tuesday, April 1, 2025.

LANNIE CHAPMAN, COUNTY CLERK

By _____
DEPUTY CLERK

By _____
CHAIR, SALT LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL