

SALT LAKE COUNTY

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Salt Lake City, UT 84114



Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 5, 2024

10:30 AM

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Salt Lake County Council Subcommittee

1. Welcome - Call to Order

Present Council Member Dave Alvord, and Council Member Ann Granato

Call In Council Member Laurie Stringham

Others in Attendance

Mitchell Park, Corinne Johnson, Abby Evans, Kim Coleman, Catalina Davison (Council Office); Mayor Jennifer Wilson, Catherine Kanter, Lisa Hartman, Chris Jones, Brad Townley (Mayor's Office); Zachary Shaw (District's Office); Helen Peters, Ryan Anderson (Office of Regional Development); Robert Thompson (Engineering and Flood Control Division); Nichole Watt, Kim Stanger, Amy Pitt, Vanna Nguyen (Clerk's Office); Brian Tucker, Morgan Julian, Alicia Gonzalez (Greater Salt Lake Municipal Services District); Sandy Wingert, Kelsee York, Jeanne Riley (Utah Division of Water Quality); Jody Gardberg (Utah Department of Environmental Quality)

2. Selection of Subcommittee Chair

A motion was made by Council Member Stringham, seconded by Council Member Granato, that Council Member David Alvord serve as the Chair of the subcommittee. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

3. Discussion Items

- a. Overview of Subcommittee issues including:
 - i. Establish a timeframe for implementing needed changes.

Council Member Alvord asked how long the extension was.

Ms. Lisa Hartman, Associate Deputy Mayor of Regional Operations, stated the Mayor's Office requested that the extension be until January 2025.

Mr. Robert Thompson, Watershed Section Manager, Engineering and Flood Control, stated Engineering and Flood Control has put together a plan that stipulates the Best Management Practices (BMPs) that will work in the

interim until there is more information about the exact causes of the impairment. The Division is relying on over 250 BMPs for this plan. The plan has been submitted to the State and the State accepted it. To summarize, the deadline has been met, but there is still a piece that needs to be looked at.

- ii. Determine if the 2012 and 2021 audit and fines have relevance to FR/FA zones

Mr. Thompson stated the first consent requirement was to refile a storm water management plan that adequately addressed permit conditions. This was the largest violation and the most important thing to correct. After the audit, the Division made it a priority to ensure the stormwater management plan reflected the permit requirements. The Division has an annual goal of reviewing the stormwater management plan to ensure it is working to address water permit issues and water quality issues.

Ms. Jeanne Riley, Utah Division of Water Quality (DWQ), stated she manages the general permitting section for the DWQ. The 2012 audit was an Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) audit. It resulted in a compliance order that was completed and closed. The 2021 audit was a Division of Water Quality audit with minimal deficiencies. The County was able to come into compliance quickly. Neither the County nor the Greater Salt Lake Municipal Services District (MSD) are under threat of additional audits or fines. Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) permits are living documents and the DWQ does not expect the County to have all the sources at any given time.

- iii. Explore the impacts of various coliforms on water quality and safety.

Council Member Alvord asked Mr. Thompson what the plans were for the deeper dive and what the timeframe would be.

Mr. Thompson stated the Division wanted to collect samples from the Westside tributaries to the Jordan River during low summer flow (July through September) and send those to a laboratory at the University of New York to be analyzed. The University will send a report to the Division by the end of the year, but possibly by October. The report will have markers for

the different sources of E. coli.

Council Member Alvord asked if it would be reasonable to hold off on the ordinance until the report is received.

Mr. Thompson stated it would be.

Council Member Alvord asked if there would be other legislative options aside from an ordinance.

Mr. Mitchell Park, Legal Counsel, Council Office, stated there are a variety of land-use options the Council could consider. It could also use its budgetary functions to appropriate money for study or mitigation.

Ms. Catherine Kanter, Deputy Mayor of Regional Operations, asked Zach Shaw if there would be a timing problem with delaying an ordinance given that this issue has been before the Planning Commission, etc.

Mr. Zach Shaw, Deputy District Attorney, stated he would need to look at state law to know if any revised ordinance would need to go back before the Planning Commission. His hunch was that substantive changes should go back.

- iv. Consider appropriate best practices that meet the requirements of the SWMPS Permit while balancing property rights

Council Member Alvord asked if an ordinance would be necessary if the County was already implementing BMPs.

Ms. Riley stated that would be for the County to decide.

- v. Evaluation of existing zoning regulations and current compliance.

Council Member Granato suggested asking the HOAs to help the County gather information through resident studies.

Mr. Brian Tucker, Planner, MSD, stated the MSD could reach out to the

Homeowner Associations (HOAs) and see what could be done.

Council Member Alvord asked Mr. Tucker to come up with a plan for code enforcement by the next meeting.

Ms. Sandy Wingert, Utah Division of Water Quality, asked for an opportunity to discuss the riparian work the DWQ has been working on in High Country Estates outside of what the Subcommittee was discussing today. High Country Estates has been coming to the table with ideas and willing participants.

Council Member Stringham suggested that Ms. Wingert return to report on those projects in a month or so.

Council Member Alvord asked Ms. Wingert to weigh in on whether the results of the study performed by New York University should affect the severity of the ordinance the County writes.

Ms. Wingert stated she was not authorized to weigh in on that. However, the DWQ was the funding source of this study and she felt good information could come from the study.

Mr. Thompson stated Engineering and Flood Control was a planning agency that looked at evidence from many data sets. He preferred to choose solutions that would solve more than one problem at a time.

vi. Evaluation of existing zoning regulations and current compliance.

This was a duplicate agenda item.

b. Schedule next subcommittee meeting(s)

The subcommittee scheduled its next meeting for April 16, 2024.

c. Other Subcommittee Business

There was no other subcommittee business.

4. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 11:35 PM.

LANNIE CHAPMAN, COUNTY CLERK

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DEPUTY CLERK

By _____
CHAIR, SALT LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL