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Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 25, 2025

1:30 PM

Room N2-800

County Council

1. CALL TO ORDER

Present: Council Member Laurie Stringham
Council Member Suzanne Harrison
Council Member Natalie Pinkney
Council Member Arlyn Bradshaw
Council Member Carlos Moreno
Council Member Aimee Winder Newton
Council Member Ross Romero
Council Member Sheldon Stewart
Council Chair Dea Theodore

Invocation - Reading or Thought - Pledge of Allegiance

Council Member Stewart led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Susan Sandack stated the County Council website listed a meeting for 4:00 PM on February 21, 2025, but she could not find any additional information about that meeting.

Council Member Theodore stated she would look into it.

Council Member Bradshaw stated it was probably an input error, as there was no meeting held on February 21, 2025.

Mr. Steve Van Maren stated it was confusing when the cancellation of the February 18, 2025, meeting was pulled from the agenda on February 11, 2025. When he tried to listen to the meeting later, he noticed the recording had not yet been posted.

Mr. Van Maren also asked if the donations received at the County senior centers were being formally accepted by the Council, pursuant to policy. He had never seen it happen. He acknowledged the donations were probably smaller amounts.

Council Member Winder Newton stated the Council meetings are livestreamed on the Facebook page every week, and they can be watched at any time.

Council Member Stewart asked what the control procedures were behind cash donations, noting that not having a secure process for cash donations could be problematic.

Mayor Jennifer Wilson stated she would find out what the procedure was.

3. REPORT OF ELECTED OFFICIALS:

3.1. County Council Members

Council Member Pinkney stated the Clark Planetarium was listed by USA Today as one of the top ten planetariums in the United States. The Library Services Division offers services, such as free printing, a seed library, and a Kids Café. She encouraged residents to check out what other services the Library Services Division offers.

Council Member Winder Newton stated she attended the awards banquet for West Jordan City on Wednesday night, where Mayor Dirk Burton also delivered his State of the City address.

Council Member Stewart stated the Unified Fire Authority (UFA) was currently restructuring its Governance Committee. The interlocal agreements for all of UFA's member cities would be due for review soon.

Council Member Romero stated he attended the Utah Performing Arts Center Agency (UPACA) Board meeting. Various performances and activities take place on Fridays during the summer in the lobby of the Eccles Theater. There are 275 local performers who are paid to provide content at these events.

Council Member Stringham stated the Wasatch Front Regional Council (WFRC) Transportation Coordinating Committee met this last week, where it adjusted funding for some of its upcoming projects. The Wasatch Front Waste and Recycling District (WFWRD) Board of Trustees also met.

Council Member Theodore stated she attended a groundbreaking ceremony for The Other Side Academy on Friday. The purpose of this program is to prepare residents for The Other Side Village.

Council Member Theodore was also able to tour the Astra Tower in Salt Lake City,

which is the tallest building in Utah. It features a rooftop light installation that changes color based on the surrounding air quality.

3.2. County Mayor

Mayor Jennifer Wilson delivered her monthly report:

- The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is choosing sites to receive grants for its Brownfields Program, which provides funds to safely clean up and sustainably reuse contaminated properties.
- The Mayor's Office is working on implementing virtual senior centers for seniors with mobility issues. Residents can learn more at <https://slco.to/vsc2025>.
- The Mayor's Office is continuing to work on a web page to consolidate the various programs and activities offered by the County, as was suggested by Council Member Romero at a recent meeting.
- The Mayor's Office for New Americans is partnering with the Salt Lake City Mayor's Office's YouthCity Government and the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) to hold two naturalization ceremonies. The ceremonies will be held this Thursday at the Government Center at 12:00 PM and 2:30 PM, and will accommodate 35 new citizens.
- The Salt Lake County Youth Services Division is offering a program called Me Time. This 6-week program will provide services for teens experiencing mild depressive symptoms.
- The Salt Lake County Health Department, in partnership with iHeartMedia, Inc., will be holding its 27th Annual Safe Kids Fair Saturday, February 22, 2025, from 9:00 AM until 4:00 PM, at the Mountain America Exposition Center in Sandy, Utah.

3.3. Other Elected County Officials

4. CONSENT ITEMS

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

**4.1 Approval of Tax Record Adjustments, Payment Shortages, [25-2619](#)
and Tax Sale Listing Adjustments**

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[Tax Payment Shortage](#)
[Tax Record Adjustment](#)
[Tax Sale Adjustment](#)

The vote on this consent item was approved.

5. APPROVAL OF TAX LETTERS

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

5.1 Personal Property Tax Reduction Request [25-2606](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[25-9003 25-2606 Personal Property Tax Reduction](#)

The vote on this tax letter was approved.

5.2 Veteran DMV Refunds [25-2604](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[25-2604 MV 0003 Personal Property Tax Refund DMV](#)
[Vet \\$3190](#)

The vote on this tax letter was approved.

6. ACCEPTANCE OF ETHICS DISCLOSURES

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

6.1 Consideration of Acceptance of 2025 DA Office Disclosure Forms [25-2602](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[2025 DA Office Disclosure Forms](#)

This ethics disclosure was received and filed.

6.2 Consideration of Acceptance of 2025 Wasatch Brownfield Disclosure Statements [25-2537](#)

Attachments: [TextFileInSite-29-Jan-2025-05-17-22](#)
[2025 Wasatch Brownfield Disclosure statements](#)

This ethics disclosure was received and filed.

6.3 Consideration of Acceptance of 2025 Salt Lake Planning Commission Disclosure Statements [25-2536](#)

Attachments: [TextFileInSite-29-Jan-2025-05-11-06](#)
[2025 Salt Lake Planning Commission Disclosure statements](#)

This ethics disclosure was received and filed.

7. APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**8. WORK SESSION****8.1 Proposed Hire Report / Incentive Plans - \$3,000 and Under / Weekly Reclassification Report [25-2610](#)**

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

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

8.4 Budget Adjustment: Parks and Recreation Requests \$52,462 from the Golf Fund Balance to Repair the Entry Gate and Trees at the Old Mill Golf Course Due to an Auto Accident Occurred in January. Golf is Working with Risk Management and Restitution Is Expected to Offset Some of This Cost [25-2628](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[34278 - PAR Old Mill GC Accident Damage Repair](#)

Presenter: Hoa Nguyen, Council Budget and Policy Analyst.

(Approx. 1:50PM, Less than 5 Min.)

Discussion/Direction

Ms. Hoa Nguyen, Budget and Policy Analyst, Council Office, reviewed the budget adjustment, which resulted from an automobile accident that occurred in January 2025, at the Old Mill Golf Course. Restitution was expected to offset some of the cost.

Council Member Stewart asked why some, but not all, of the costs would be offset by restitution.

Ms. Robin Chalhoub, Director, Community Services Department, stated the County was pursuing restitution through its Risk Management Division, but nobody knew what the full amount would be yet. Regardless of that, in the meantime, the repairs to the gate needed to be done. Whatever settlement that was received by the insurance provider would go back into the Golf Fund.

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

8.5 Budget Adjustment: Solid Waste Management Requests to [25-2629](#)

Move the \$70,000 Budget Approved for Fiber Connection Construction in 2024 to 2025

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[34283 - SWM_Fiber Connection Request moved to 2025](#)

Presenter: Hoa Nguyen, Council Budget and Policy Analyst.

(Approx. 1:50PM, Less than 5 Min.)

Discussion/Direction

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.

8.6 Salt Lake County Council Initiation of an Ordinance of General Revision to Section 19.15.140 of County Ordinance to Allow Separate Metering for Detached Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs), and Referral to Salt Lake County's Planning Commissions for Review and Comment [25-2618](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[ADU ordinance_12Feb25](#)

Sponsors: Council Chair Dea Theodore. Seconded by Councilmember Suzanne Harrison.

(Approx. 1:55PM, 5 Min.)

Discussion/Direction

Council Member Theodore reviewed the ordinance, which was requested by Ms. Elizabeth Fullmer during the Public Comment portion of the February 11, 2025, Council meeting. Ms. Fullmer had recently added an accessory dwelling unit to her home for her elderly mother, and after having a second power meter installed, she learned having two meters was prohibited under the County Code of Ordinances, Section 19.15.140. Fixing the violation would be incredibly costly to Ms. Fullmer, and it seemed unnecessary, as many neighboring municipalities allow for more than one meter with no problems.

Council Member Stewart asked if the ordinance would require both meters

to be billed under the same name.

Mr. Zach Shaw, Deputy District Attorney, cited the portion of the ordinance which read:

Detached ADUs may be separately metered so long as the property owner is billed for both.

Mr. Mitchell Park, Legal Counsel, Council Office, stated the ordinance needed to go before the Planning Commission before it could be formally accepted.

A motion was made by Council Member Stewart, seconded by Council Member Harrison, that County staff submit the proposed ordinance to the County's Planning Commission for its review and recommendation prior to the ordinance returning to the Council for additional consideration at a future meeting later in March. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

8.7 Consideration of Proposed Amendments to Salt Lake County Human Resources Policy 4-800: Service Awards [25-2620](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[4-800_Service_Awards Stringham Proposed \(Revised\)](#)
[Amendments](#)

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

(Approx. 2:00PM, 5 Min.)

Discussion/Direction

Council Member Stringham reviewed the amendments. For a while now, issuing gift cards to County employees as service awards had been raising flags during audits. After having an opportunity to meet with several of the stakeholders involved, the policy was modified to allow the gift cards to be tracked. She felt this should solve any issues.

Council Member Theodore stated the County Auditor had previously brought up this issue and she felt the amendment was a nice compromise, as

it was an alternative to eliminating gift cards as an option.

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

**8.8 Consideration of Amendments to Countywide Policy Nos. [25-2617](#)
1004, 1006, 1125, 1202, 1203, 1215, 1220, 1306, and 1450 to
Better Clarify and More Accurately Describe the Duties of the
County Auditor and Mayor's Finance**

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[1004 BCJ Redline v1](#)
[1004 Reviewed as to Form](#)
[1006 BCJ redline v1](#)
[1006 Reviewed as to form](#)
[BCJ Redline Policy 1125 v.1](#)
[BCJ Redline Policy 1202 v.1](#)
[BCJ Redline Policy 1203 v.2](#)
[BCJ Redline Policy 1215](#)
[BCJ Redline Policy 1220](#)
[BCJ Redline Policy 1306](#)
[BCJ Redline Policy 1450](#)
[countywide-policy-audit](#)
[Policy 1125 Reviewed as to Form](#)
[Policy 1202 Reviewed as to Form](#)
[Policy 1203 Reviewed as to Form](#)
[Policy 1215 Reviewed as to Form](#)
[Policy 1220 Reviewed as to Form](#)
[Policy 1306 Reviewed as to Form](#)
[Policy 1450 Reviewed as to Form](#)

Presenter: Mitchell F. Park, Legal Counsel, Council Office.

(Approx. 2:05PM, 5 Min.)

Discussion/Direction

Mr. Mitchell Park, Legal Counsel, Council Office, explained that the changes to multiple countywide policies had to do with the transfer of accounting functions from the Auditor to Mayor Finance that occurred well over a decade ago. At that time, the Council adopted changes to County

policy through ordinance, but there were other policies that were not updated. In every instance, the change to an affected policy takes a reference to a specific accounting function that was previously delegated to the Auditor and gives it to Mayor Finance. That said, the policies, as well as others, are probably ripe for review to identify other necessary changes.

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.

8.9 Presentation of Treasurer's Office Deposit and Investment Report [25-2596](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[Treasurer Letter to Council](#)
[D&I Report 12.31.24](#)
[2024 Interest Income Presentation from Treasurer](#)

Presenter: Sheila Srivastava, SLCo Treasurer.

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

Informational

Ms. Sheila Srivastava, Treasurer, stated she was filing the Treasurer's Office's biannual Deposit and Investment Report, as was required by the Utah Office of State Treasurer's Money Management Council. She delivered a PowerPoint presentation entitled: Salt Lake County Investment Income 2024. She reviewed the history of investment income; 2024 interest allocations; and Salt Lake County's portfolio.

Mr. Brad Townley, Chief Deputy, Treasurer's Office, stated last year, when Wayne Cushing was Treasurer, he talked about the amount of the County's security investments that were either callable assets or floating rate assets. At the time, those were smart investments because rates were high. Now that rates are lower, it makes more sense to trade potential return for security.

Ms. Srivastava concluded the presentation, reviewing expected returns for 2025 and 2026; market rates as of February 6, 2025; investment firm projections; and federal funds.

Council Member Stewart stated he enjoyed the presentation as it appealed

to his interest in finance. He asked Ms. Srivastava if she had done an analysis of commodities, as these can sometimes drive what actions the Federal Government takes. He asked that she consider including such an analysis in future presentations.

Ms. Srivastava stated the County's investment advisors regularly go over commodities when meeting with her. She invited Council Member Stewart to visit her office and look at some of the booklets she has that go into commodities in more detail.

8.10 Presentation of Aging and Adult Services Travel Audit

[25-2608](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
 [Aging and Adult Services Travel Audit](#)

Presenter: Chris Harding, SLCo Auditor.

(Approx. 2:20PM, 15 Min.)

Informational

Mr. Chris Harding, Auditor, delivered a PowerPoint presentation entitled A Countywide Audit of Travel Expenses: Aging and Adult Services. He reviewed the agenda; the audit team and management; and the time period and objectives of the audit report.

Ms. Audra Byland, Audit Manager, Auditor's Office, continued the presentation, reviewing key audit findings on travel policy compliance; vehicle mileage reimbursement issues; and the airfare booking process and compliance issues.

Mr. Anthony Kournianos, Internal Auditor, Auditor's Office, concluded the presentation, reviewing the travel allowance form and factors leading to non-compliance, and recommendations for improvement.

Council Member Pinkney stated it might be helpful if this department, as well as others, were to centralize the process by having a designated travel coordinator.

Council Member Romero asked why Aging and Adult Services was chosen for the audit. He noted the small sample size and expressed concern over whether the County's auditing resources were being used judiciously.

Ms. Byland stated this was one agency selected out of eight. The Auditor's Office went through a risk assessment process where auditors selected agencies with very high travel occurrences as well as agencies with lower occurrences. She explained that frequent travel did not necessarily indicate a higher risk.

8.11 2025 Legislative Session Update

[25-2545](#)

The Council May Vote to Take Positions Concerning 2025 Legislation and Other Related Actions

Presenter: Kara Trevino, SLCo Council Legislative Director.
(Approx. 2:35PM, 60Min.)
Discussion/Direction

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

- HB 306 Convention Center Investment Amendments - Sen. Daniel McCay
- SB 026 Housing and Transit Reinvestment Zone Amendments - Sen. Wayne A. Harper

Mayor Jennifer Wilson spoke about HB 306 and the importance of capturing revenue to revitalize the Salt Palace Convention Center (Salt Palace), which was part of the broader downtown Sports, Entertainment, Culture, and Convention district. Revitalization would encourage people to linger more in that area. The synergy between conventions and sports will allow the County to leverage many of its assets. The County is working with the Smith Entertainment Group (SEG) to see what is possible. The Salt Palace desperately needs a second ballroom, which would allow for double-booking of conventions. HB 306 would put the Council's decision last year to redirect some of the fourth quarter transportation dollars into State law. The bill passed through the Senate yesterday, and it includes mitigation funding language specific to the County's contract with the convention center hotel. However, the language is concerning, and the County is working for a compromise with the bill's sponsor. The County wants to be a fair partner, but does not want the hotel to overreach.

Shifting to SB 026, Mayor Wilson explained this would create a mechanism

to capture future revenues through a Housing and Transit Reinvestment Zone (HTRZ), or rather, a Housing and Transit Convention Reinvestment Zone (HTCRZ). The County desires to be protected and wants to ensure that neither SEG nor Salt Lake City would draw down revenue that the County needs for the Salt Palace revitalization. She asked that the Council support the bill pending the necessary language modification.

Council Member Pinkney stated while she understood the need to renovate the Salt Palace, she hesitated to support the bill out of concern over what was being communicated to the public. Using transportation dollars for something other than transportation, particularly during a time when housing is desperately needed, gave her pause.

Mayor Wilson stated Salt Lake City's portion of this revenue would allow for housing options. The County's role, from day one, has been to address the needs of its vital assets. In the end, doing so would offset taxes and make the County more competitive. She felt Salt Lake City would suffer if the County did not get this passed.

Council Member Harrison stated she had heard this legislation would result in a \$1,700 per household tax offset in the County.

Council Member Winder Newton stated she agreed with Council Member Harrison. However, to Council Member Pinkney's point, the County needed to be able to explain its reasoning to the taxpayers.

Mayor Wilson stated she could have a statement ready that evening.

Council Member Harrison asked if the Council would be willing to support these bills if the motion included protected language. That could get a vote on the record.

A motion was made by Council Member Harrison, seconded by Council Member Bradshaw, to support the legislation pending the implementation of the appropriate protective language.

Council Member Winder Newton asked if the motion could refer to the Council's support as "tentative."

Council Member Harrison stated she would accept that amendment.

A motion was made by Council Member Harrison, seconded by Council Member Bradshaw, that the Council would tentatively support the legislation pending the implementation of the appropriate protective language. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

- SB 292 Ticketing Delivery Amendments - Sen. Todd Weiler

Ms. Kara Trevino, Intergovernmental Relations Manager, Council Office, explained this bill would require anyone selling e-tickets to provide them to the purchaser within 72 hours of purchase.

Mr. Matthew Castillo, Director, Arts and Culture Division, stated this bill moved quickly through committee last week, as there had not been much input from e-ticket sellers. The Arts and Culture Division only recently became aware of the bill. On the surface, it seems to make sense that a consumer should be provided with their ticket immediately. However, the issue is more complicated than that. While ArtTix does send a confirmation email along with a receipt at the time of purchase, it holds off on sending the actual barcode until just prior to the event. This is done to mitigate fraud, which is a significant challenge for ArtTix, and the industry as a whole. Holding off on sending the barcode until closer to the event prevents tickets from being sold on the secondary market, sometimes multiple times, which can result in significant customer service issues. If this bill were to be passed, it would take away one of the County's most important tools for combatting fraud. ArtTix often bears both the customer service brunt and the financial brunt when these customer service issues arise.

Council Member Stewart asked how this bill would affect a person's ability to resell tickets they could no longer use. As a consumer, he understood why the bill was being run.

Mr. Castillo stated there are ways to transfer the sale of a ticket through the confirmation code and the ArtTix web application. The Arts and Culture Division, as a compromise, has proposed providing the confirmation code instead of the barcode itself. Combatting predatory reselling practices and combating fraud while protecting consumer rights can often be a tricky balance.

Mr. Castillo added that currently, State law does not require resell marketers to possess a ticket to sell it. The Arts and Culture Division would like the bill's sponsor to address the responsibilities and requirements of secondary sellers.

The Council elected to monitor the bill and work with the sponsor.

- HB 525 Clean Truck Amendments - Rep. Paul Cutler

Ms. Kara Trevino, Intergovernmental Relations Manager, Council Office, reviewed the bill, which would disallow heavy duty trucks built prior to 2009 that weighed more than 14,000 pounds from being registered through the Division of Motor Vehicles in the Wasatch Front counties. However, trucks that were already registered could stay registered until 2030. The sponsor is looking to receive tax incentives to encourage owners of vehicles that are too big and too old to turn them over and replace them. This bill would affect Salt Lake County because the County collects a \$10 fee through vehicle registration and also receives a portion of the overall registration fee to its General Fund.

Council Member Winder Newton stated she liked the idea from an environmental standpoint, but felt the County could not handle a negative fiscal impact at this time.

Council Member Stewart stated he was concerned about how this could affect small business owners who invest in trucks and expect to use them for decades.

Council Member Harrison asked if there was an estimate of what the fiscal impact would be.

Ms. Piper Christian, Climate and Air Quality Policy Associate, Stewardship Utah, stated the substitute of the bill that is currently underway would not prohibit trucks that are already registered to continue to register after 2030. However, it would impose an additional \$45 registration fee. These older and larger vehicles account for about 22 percent of the State's total nitrogen oxide emissions.

Mr. Jared Steffey, Fiscal Manager, Public Works and Municipal Services Department, stated the fiscal impact of the portion of the bill that would disallow new registrations between the enactment of the bill and 2030 would cost the County about \$175,000 total. The impact to the General Fund starting in 2030 would be about \$900,000 annually.

A motion was made by Council Member Harrison, seconded by Council Member Bradshaw, to support the upcoming substitute version of the bill, as described by Piper Christian, assuming there were not any other major changes. She noted there were important health impacts at stake that should be considered as well as finances.

Ms. Catherine Kanter, Deputy Mayor of Regional Operations, asked if there would be a fiscal impact on the County with the substitute version of the bill.

Ms. Christian stated there could potentially be a fiscal impact, but it would be relatively small.

Mr. Steffey noted the County would not lose anything with the substitute version of the bill. It may not gain anything, but it would not gain additional air pollution either.

Council Member Winder Newton stated if the motion failed, she would move to monitor the bill and work with the sponsor.

A motion was made by Council Member Harrison, seconded by Council Member Bradshaw, to support the upcoming substitute version of the bill as described by Piper Christian, assuming there were not any other major changes. The motion failed by the following roll call vote.

Aye: Council Member Harrison, Council Member Pinkney, Council Member Bradshaw, and Council Member Romero.

Nay: Council Member Stringham, Council Member Moreno, Council Member Winder Newton, Council Member Stewart, and Council Member Theodore.

Council Member Winder Newton stated she thought the bill was good, but

she wanted to wait until there was a formal substitute version before taking a position of support.

- HB 533 County Formation Amendments - Rep. Jordan Teuscher

Ms. Kara Trevino, Intergovernmental Relations Manager, Council Office, reviewed the bill, which would allow for two or more municipal legislative bodies with a combined population of 333,000 to pass a resolution to initiate a feasibility study and vote countywide to form a new county. The fiscal note estimated such a feasibility study would cost around \$30,000, but that figure seemed low to Ms. Trevino and some members of the Council.

Council Member Bradshaw asked if the bill specified who would pay for the study.

Council Member Stewart stated the County would have to pay.

Council Member Winder Newton stated this was the one part of the bill she did not agree with. She would prefer to monitor the bill.

Council Member Stringham stated she agreed the cities should have to pay for any feasibility studies. She noted she might be more open to the bill if there were protections built in that would keep cities from bringing forth the same request year after year.

Council Member Stewart stated the County's money is also the taxpayers' money. According to his math, a minimum of five cities would need to unite, and some of them would have to be larger, for a resolution requiring a feasibility study to be passed. He did not foresee this happening frequently. He wished to support the bill as written because a substitute might not be as favorable to the County.

Mr. Mitchell Park, Legal Counsel, Council Office, pointed out that while the bill would require the County to initiate and pay for any feasibility study, it would also allow the County authority to shape the substantive issues involved in the feasibility study and to obtain expertise that would inform policy decisions on behalf of the County and all its residents.

Council Member Pinkney stated if the Council was going to say "no" to

letting people breathe cleaner air because of the fiscal impact, it should also say “no” to this bill. This felt like a political game that was disrespectful to residents.

Council Member Harrison asked if the same thing could not be accomplished through a ballot initiative. She felt this bill promoted government growth instead of fiscal responsibility.

Council Member Moreno stated he has heard varying opinions from his constituents.

The Council elected to monitor the bill.

- HB 304 Government Attorney Amendments - Sen. Todd Weiler

Ms. Kara Trevino, Intergovernmental Relations Manager, Council Office, reviewed the bill, which would delay the implementation of SB 273 until June of 2026. SB 273 passed during the 2024 legislative session and was opposed by Salt Lake County. It required district attorneys from counties of the first class to start tracking the time spent by all their prosecutors and staff and then submit an annual report to the Legislature’s Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Interim Committee. Ms. Trevino noted that while SB 273 applied only to counties of the first class, there is proposed legislation this year that would make it apply to all counties.

A motion was made by Council Member Winder Newton, seconded by Council Member Stringham, to support HB 304. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

- HB 552 Local Building Authority Amendments - Rep. Tiara Auxier

Ms. Kara Trevino, Intergovernmental Relations Manager, Council Office, reviewed the bill, which would prohibit a local building authority from executing a project previously rejected by the voters of certain creating local entities.

Mr. Mitchell Park, Legal Counsel, Council Office, stated financing the bond through the local building authority would be the problem.

Council Member Stringham summarized this was the Legislature telling the County that because its recent jail bond ballot initiative failed, the County could not, then, use lease revenue bonds as an alternative.

Council Member Winder Newton stated she felt this bill greatly infringed upon local control.

Council Member Bradshaw stated this bill effectively incentivized municipalities to go directly to using revenue bonds, which have higher rates, for fear that a ballot initiative for a general obligation bond might fail.

A motion was made by Council Member Winder Newton, seconded by Council Member Harrison, to oppose the bill. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

- HB 445 Revisions to Election Law - Rep. Doug Fiefia

Ms. Lannie Chapman, Clerk, reviewed the bill. The original version already passed in the House of Representatives, and it sought to repeal same-day voter registration. The substitute keeps same-day voter registration intact, but it would still make running elections costly and difficult for clerks.

A tabulation deadline of 11:30 PM, on election day would be applied to the following:

All early in-person votes.

All election day in-person votes

All mail ballots received via mail before election day

All mail ballots received via drop box before election day

All provisional ballots that have been processed to that point

Ms. Chapman stated this is something the Clerk's office already strives to do.

To make things more difficult, the bill would implement a tabulation deadline of 11:30 PM, on the day after the election for the following:

All mail ballots received via mail on election day.

All remaining provisional ballots.

Ms. Chapman explained that while she would love to be able to tabulate ballots that quickly, this would require her to acquire a giant warehouse, additional staff, and additional equipment. The cost to the taxpayers would be millions of dollars. During the last election, her office received 101,000 mail ballots and 15,000 provisional ballots on election day alone. Provisional ballots require extra time and attention to be processed correctly. It can take 5 to 10 minutes for a trained election worker to correctly process a provisional ballot.

HB 445 would also change voter registration deadlines to the disadvantage of voters. This would push people to either vote in person or not vote at all. It would drastically decrease the time election officials have to cure ballots. It would make clerks unable to notify voters of signature issues by mail, and only voters who provided an updated email address or phone number could be reached on time.

Ms. Chapman stated she understood the sponsor's motives, but accuracy should always come before speed. The Utah Association of Counties (UAC) has already opposed the first version of the bill and will most likely oppose the second version as well.

Council Member Stewart stated his understanding was that Rep. Fiefia is open to working with the county clerks. Many of his constituents have expressed to him that they are frustrated by having to wait to receive election results. He would like to work with the bill's sponsor.

Ms. Chapman stated Rep Fiefia has been great to work with and she appreciated how his bill would allow clerks to process ballots without having to stop based on the time that was noticed. However, the County simply does not have the resources to comply with what the bill would still require.

Council Member Moreno asked why some states are able to get everything tabulated by election night, but clerks in Utah cannot.

Ms. Chapman explained the registration deadlines in these states are usually much farther from election day. The voters do not have the variety of options that Utah voters have.

Council Member Romero stated it may have been possible to get results

quickly when the County was much smaller, but at its current size, that is no longer a realistic expectation. He also noted that election results are always formalized two weeks after an election, so there is no reason to rush clerks.

A motion was made by Council Member Romero, seconded by Council Member Harrison, to oppose the bill.

A substitute motion was made by Council Member Stewart, seconded by Council Member Moreno, to monitor the bill and work with the sponsor.

Council Member Winder Newton stated there are states that tabulate votes faster, but voters in those states do not enjoy the options Utah voters have. It can be difficult for candidates to wait for election results, especially in tight races, but at the end of the day, it is not worth disenfranchising voters to get things done faster. She was absolutely opposed to this bill.

Council Member Stewart stated he would withdraw his substitute motion because he could see how the vote was going to go.

A motion was made by Council Member Romero, seconded by Council Member Harrison, to oppose the bill. The motion carried by a 6 to 3 vote with Council Members Stringham, Moreno, and Stewart voting “Nay.”

Council Member Stringham explained she would rather monitor the bill.

- HB 312 Criminal Justice Amendments - Rep. Karianne Lisonbee.

Ms. Kara Trevino, Intergovernmental Relations Manager, Council Office, reviewed the bill. The County has suggested some amendments, but has yet to hear if they were accepted.

- HB 355 Mining and Critical Infrastructure Materials Amendments - Rep. Casey Snider

Ms. Kara Trevino, Intergovernmental Relations Manager, Council Office, reviewed the bill, which was on its second substitute.

Ms. Catherine Kanter stated this bill passed out of the State House favorably. The Council previously elected to monitor the bill, but the

Mayor's Office now wishes to switch to a position of neutrality. While the Mayor does not support the bill, she acknowledges it is going to happen, so she is trying to work with the sponsor. This bill would not undermine the County's ability to defend itself through litigation. The sponsor was not interested in green lighting any operator, including Parley's Canyon. If the bill did inadvertently do that, the sponsor would work to fix it. The Mayor's Office feels that if this bill were to fail, another less favorable bill could pop up in its place.

A motion was made by Council Member Stewart, seconded by Council Member Winder Newton, to change the County's position to one of neutrality. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

**8.12 Informational Presentation Concerning a Proposed [25-2591](#)
Amendment No. 2 to the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement
between Salt Lake County and the Herriman Community
Development and Renewal Agency for the Herriman Business
Center Community Development Project Area**

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[250115 Second Amendment to HBC CDRA Interlocal
Agreement_RATF](#)
[250115 Resolution.Second Amendment to HBC CDRA
ILA_RATF](#)
[20250127 BUSINESS CENTER AMENDED Project Area
plan](#)

Presenter: Kersten Swinyard, SLCo Economic Development Director.

(Approx. 3:35PM, 5 Min.)

Informational

Ms. Kersten Swinyard, Director, Economic Development Division, reviewed agenda items 8.12 and 8.13 simultaneously.

**8.13 Informational Presentation Concerning a Proposed [25-2589](#)
Amendment No. 3 to the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement
Between Salt Lake County and the Cottonwood Heights
Community Development and Renewal Agency for the
Canyon Centre Community Development Project Area**

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[250122 Cottonwood Heights CDRA-Canyon Centre-Third Amendment to ILA with SLCo_RATF](#)
[250122 Resolution.Canyon Centre Amendment 3_RATF](#)
[CH - Canyon Centre CDA 2nd Amended Project Area Budget 2.18.2025\(Adopted Version\)](#)
[CH-CDRA Canyons Centre CDA 3rd Amended Project Area Plan_v.1 2.18.2025\(Adopted\) \(1\)](#)

Presenter: Kersten Swinyard, SLCo Economic Development Director.

(Approx. 3:40PM, 5 Min.)

Informational

Ms. Kersten Swinyard, Director, Economic Development Division, reviewed agenda items 8.12 and 8.13 simultaneously. These items were both amendments, similar in nature, to interlocal cooperation agreements for tax increment financing (TIF) participation. Both municipalities requested the amendments for reasons having to do with delays resulting from the recent pandemic.

9. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND ISSUANCE OF PUBLIC NOTICES

- 9.1 Set a Public Hearing for Tuesday, March 11, 2025, at [25-2592](#)
10:00AM to Receive Public Comment about Proposed
Amendment No. 2 to the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement
between Salt Lake County and the Herriman Community
Development and Renewal Agency regarding the Herriman
Business Center Community Development Project Area

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[250115 Resolution.Second Amendment to HBC CDRA ILA_RATF](#)
[250115 Second Amendment to HBC CDRA Interlocal Agreement_RATF](#)
[20250127 BUSINESS CENTER AMENDED Project Area plan](#)

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

- 9.2 Set a Public Hearing for Tuesday, March 11, 2025, at [25-2590](#)
10:00AM to Receive Public Comment about Proposed

Amendment No. 3 to the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between Salt Lake County and the Cottonwood Heights Community Development and Renewal Agency regarding the Canyon Centre Community Development Project Area

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[250122 Cottonwood Heights CDRA-Canyon Centre-Third Amendment to ILA with SLCo_RATF](#)
[250122 Resolution.Canyon Centre Amendment 3_RATF](#)
[CH - Canyon Centre CDA 2nd Amended Project Area Budget_2.18.2025\(Adopted Version\)](#)
[CH-CDRA Canyons Centre CDA 3rd Amended Project Area Plan_v.1_2.18.2025\(Adopted\)\(1\)](#)

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

9.3 Notice of Cancellation of the March 4, 2025 County Council Meeting [25-2464](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)

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

10. PENDING LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

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 4:30 PM until Tuesday, March 11, 2025, at 1:30 PM.

LANNIE CHAPMAN, COUNTY CLERK

By _____
DEPUTY CLERK

By _____
CHAIR, SALT LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL