

SALT LAKE COUNTY

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Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 7, 2025

3:30 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 Pinkney led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Oscar Arvizu stated he supported the Rio Grande Plan, which would bury and box the train tracks along 400 West, creating a more seamless east-to-west connection in the city. This plan would create open stretches of land for housing, parks, and businesses. It would unify neighborhoods and create a dynamic connection and vibrant downtown core. It could potentially improve public transit, traffic congestion, and air quality. He urged the Council to take the first steps in funding an impact analysis.

Council Member Stringham asked Council Member Winder Newton if this would qualify for fourth quarter funding.

Council Member Winder Newton stated she would look into that.

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

Council Member Romero introduced himself as the Council member from District 4. He thanked his colleagues who participated in the inauguration and oath of office ceremony and the members of the public who attended.

Council Member Pinkney stated she was excited to be on the Council and get to

work. She felt yesterday's inauguration and oath of office ceremony was amazing and emotional.

Council Member Moreno stated he represented the west side, where there was lots of diversity. Yesterday's inauguration and oath of office ceremony was emotional for him, and he felt honored to represent his district.

Council Member Theodore stated she was happy to be reelected and ready to dive in for another four years.

Council Member Stringham stated she was able to visit Washington D.C. in December to see the unveiling of the Martha Hughes Cannon statue in Statuary Hall, which replaced the Philo T Farnsworth statue. Martha Hughes Cannon was the first woman elected to state senate in the United States. She ran against her husband and won, and served one term. She created the State Board of Health and the School for the Deaf and Blind. She was the first female surgeon in Utah, and had to receive her schooling separately, because to attend alongside the men in her class was deemed inappropriate at the time. She was also a suffragette.

Ms. Erin Litvack, Deputy Mayor of County Services, stated there was a public art piece in the Salt Palace Convention Center in honor of Martha Hughes Cannon. It was made by a local artist from carpet remnants. She recommended taking a trip to see it.

Council Member Winder Newton stated the artist was her son's high school counselor.

3.2. County Mayor

Mayor Jennifer Wilson delivered her weekly report.

- She welcomed the new Council members and encouraged them to visit her office. She encouraged them to meet with Sharon Roux, Director, Human Resources Division, should they have any questions about the onboarding process. She also introduced her deputy mayors and chief of staff.
- The County received a \$2 million grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for its Green and Healthy Homes program.

- The Library Services Division announced residents checked out more than 12.5 million items in 2024. Salt Lake County has one of the highest circulating libraries in North America.

3.3. Other Elected County Officials

Sheriff Rosie Rivera stated there were three search and rescue deaths over the holidays. Two of those deaths resulted from avalanches, and one from a heart attack. The search and rescue teams worked diligently during this time. The SLVLESA Board of Trustees lost Council Member Bradley when he retired. That board is important to the Law Enforcement Bureau and Sheriff's Office. Its next meeting will be January.

Ms. Sheila Srivastava, Treasurer, stated she was excited to make improvements to the Treasurer's Office and get to know the new Council members.

4. WORK SESSION

4.1 Selection of Council Leadership for 2025

[25-2429](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)

(Approx. 3:45PM, 5 Min.)

Discussion/Direction

A motion was made by Council Member Harrison, seconded by Council Member Winder Newton, that Council Member Theodore be appointed as Council Chair, Council Member Stringham be appointed as Council Vice Chair, Council Member Winder Newton be appointed as Council Pro Tempore, and Council Member Brandshaw be appointed as Minority Caucus Chair. The motion carried unanimously, with Council Members Stewart and Moreno abstaining.

Council Member Stringham asked Legal Counsel if Council members were allowed to abstain from voting in this scenario.

Mr. Mitchell Park, Legal Counsel, Council Office, stated statute required Council members to abstain if there was a conflict of interest, but did not state whether abstaining was allowable in other situations. Robert's Rules of Order had additional language about the rules for abstaining, but he could not cite them off the top of his head.

Council Member Theodore presented Council Member Stringham with a commemorative gavel and thanked her for serving as Chair during 2022 and 2024.

**4.2 Proposed Hire Report / Incentive Plans - \$3,000 and Under / [25-2424](#)
Weekly Reclassification Report**

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[Proposed Hire Report 12-31-2024](#)
[Incentive Plans - \\$3,000 and Under 12-31-2024](#)
[Weekly Reclassification Report 12-31-2024](#)

Presenter: Hoa Nguyen, Council Budget and Policy Analyst.
(Approx. 3:50PM, Less that 5 Min.)
Informational

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

Council Member Stringham asked if the incentive plan for Mayor Finance was to train somebody new.

Mr. Darrin Casper, Deputy Mayor of Finance and Administration, affirmed this was the case. The employees had been given substantial added responsibilities, making the plan warranted.

4.3 Consideration of Approval of an Incentive Plan over \$3,000 [25-2423](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[Incentive Plan over \\$3,000 12.31.2024](#)

Presenter: Hoa Nguyen, Council Budget and Policy Analyst.
(Approx. 3:55PM, Less that 5 Min.)
Discussion/Direction

Ms. Hoa Nguyen, Budget and Policy Analyst, Council Office, reviewed the incentive plan over \$3,000.

Council Member Theodore asked if the incentive plan was \$6,000 or “not to exceed” \$6,000.

Mayor Jennifer Wilson stated her department was in transition for a new executive assistant. Michelle Hicks, Executive Office Administrator, would experience a substantial increase in responsibilities. Her hours worked per week would vary, but it would probably be around fifteen.

Ms. Michelle Hicks, Executive Office Administrator, stated she would receive \$1,500 every two weeks. She assured the Council she would be mindful.

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.

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND ISSUANCE OF PUBLIC NOTICES

6. PENDING LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

7. CONSENT ITEMS

8. APPROVAL OF TAX LETTERS

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

8.1 Tax Administration's Tax Relief Letters

[25-2418](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)

[7.1 2024 Timely Tax Relief](#)

[7.2 2024 Late Tax Relief](#)

[7.3 2024 Veteran Exemptions](#)

[7.7a Senior Deferrals](#)

The vote on this tax letter was approved.

8.2 Tax Administration's Letter for Change in Ownership

[25-2419](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)

[7.6 CIO Angel, Raymond Parcel # 21-17-431-006](#)

[7.6 CIO Ellis, Douglas M, Parcel # 21-18-178-004](#)

[7.6 CIO Haas, Collin K, Parcel # 22-16-326-088](#)

[7.6 CIO, Walker, Jonathan D, Parcel # 27-15-427-030](#)

The vote on this tax letter was approved.

8.3 Tax Administration's Waivers of Penalty and Interest Letters [25-2422](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[5.0 Waiver and Refund Requests Letter](#)

The vote on this tax letter was approved.

8.4 Assessor's Tax Letters [25-2421](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[20-26-152-001](#)
[21-35-439-001](#)

The vote on this tax letter was approved.

9. ACCEPTANCE OF ETHICS DISCLOSURES

9.1 Catalina Davison Disclosure 2025 [25-2415](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[CDavison Disclosure](#)

A motion was made by Council Member Harrison, seconded by Council Member Stringham, that this agenda item be received and filed. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

10. APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

10.1 Approval of November 26, 2024 County Council Minutes [25-2413](#)

Attachments: [112624 Council Minutes](#)

A motion was made by Council Member Harrison, seconded by Council Member Stringham, that this agenda item be approved, pending a minor change of one word that was later made by the Clerk. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

10.2 Approval of December 10, 2024 County Council Minutes [25-2414](#)

Attachments: [121024 Council Minutes](#)
 [121024 6 00 PM Council Minutes](#)

A motion was made by Council Member Harrison, 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 4:15 PM until Tuesday, January 14, 2025.

LANNIE CHAPMAN, COUNTY CLERK

By _____
DEPUTY CLERK

By _____
CHAIR, SALT LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL