

SALT LAKE COUNTY

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Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 4, 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 Aimee Winder Newton
Council Member Ross Romero
Council Member Sheldon Stewart
Council Chair Dea Theodore

Excused: Council Member Carlos Moreno

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. Cheneil Hill, Senior Officer and Founder, Stand Against Fear and Exploitation, stated her organization exists to fight against religious institutions and individuals using faith to shield child abuse. Churches and religious groups in Salt Lake County and Utah operate with little or no oversight, making it easier for them to financially exploit, abuse, and traffic children, without it being noticed. She cited two examples of this - Tim Ballard who operated Operation Underground Railroad, a non-profit organization, and was using it as a front for trafficking; and the abuse Ruby Franke, a Utah Blogger, inflicted on her children, along with Jodi Hildebrandt, a self-proclaimed Mormon therapist. Currently, the police have no power to change what is happening. By engaging in transparency and proactive investigations into religious organizations' activities, government could end the abuse.

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

Council Member Harrison stated she toured a facility this morning, along with Council Members Moreno and Theodore and some of the staff, where they got to see the Jail Resource and Reentry Program in action. This work is so important in helping people change their life, and it is fiscally important for taxpayers.

Council Member Winder Newton stated she attended the County's Intergenerational Poverty Task Force a couple weeks ago, where it talked about a survey by the Sutherland Institute, of people who had been on government benefits. The results of the survey showed that 43 percent of respondents who had been on government benefits had been disincentivized from accepting a raise or promotion for fear of losing the government benefits. In the Governor's budget and in a Request for Appropriations by the Legislature, there is a request to allocate Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) dollars to provide financial navigators for people who are trying to leave benefits and become self-sufficient. The State is trying to help its federal delegation understand that people need to ease off benefits instead of there being a sharp cliff.

Council Member Stringham thanked Dorothy Adams, Director, Salt Lake County Health Department, for meeting with her to explain a program that she had questions about during last week's meeting. After understanding the program, she felt that it was a great program.

Council Member Stringham stated she toured the Huntsman Mental Health Institute's Campus of Hope, and felt great work would come from that.

Council Member Theodore stated she attended the Animal Services Advisory Committee's meeting, and was excited to try to help improve services.

Council Member Theodore stated she also went to the jail today to see the pre-trial services and the Jail Resource and Reentry program. She was skeptical of the Jail Resource and Reentry program initially, but it will help provide resources to people leaving the jail. She was told the program was doing well and people were taking advantage of the services. The hope was it would reduce recidivism. She was interested in learning more about the program to see if there was a way to improve it.

Council Member Theodore stated she participated in the Point in Time Count. It was a learning experience and also a very sad experience. Her take away was mental health is a big factor on the streets.

Council Member Theodore announced there is skijoring event Saturday, from 1:00 to 4:00 PM, along West Temple Street by Abravanel Hall.

3.2. County Mayor

Mayor Jennifer Wilson made the following announcements:

- She attended the Huntsman Mental Health Institute's Campus of Hope last night. It is a beautiful facility and a well-thought-out design. It felt comfortable, but was therapeutic in the sense it was an operational setting. She felt it would give people the right setting based on the crisis they were in. The plan is to help people stabilize within 24-hours, and then, treat them at the next level if they need more help. This program will be a good test to see where the gaps are between this facility's services and what the County is providing.
- Employee Day will be held June 4th, from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM, at the Viridian Event Center. All employees are invited.
- The Point in Time Count has wrapped up. Participating in the program is a valuable experience. Participants get to witness the process and engage with residents who are unhoused. The data gathered is also critical. She thanked staff and volunteers who were willing to participate in the night in the cold.
- The Health Department just rolled out a program to recognize and award childcare efforts to teach obesity prevention. The Health Department focused on nutrition, physical activity, and important matters that would get children going in the right direction.
- The Parks and Recreation Division in partnership with South Salt Lake City removed Russian Olive trees and other non-native underbrush at Jordan River near the Oxbow Jail.
- Registration for youth sports opened February 1st. The website to sign up is slco.to/youth/sports.
- The South Jordan Fitness and Aquatic Center pool expansion is underway, and it is targeted for completion April 2025. Service is being impacted, so for those who bought passes, they will be honored at nearby recreation centers.
- Zoo, Arts and Parks (ZAP) is having an Open House with Grant Writing Tips Panel on Thursday for grantees. This Open House is important to groups who are receiving ZAP Funds or hoping to get funds.

- The Housing and Community Development Division is hosting an open house public hearing on February 11th, from 4:30 to 7:30 PM, to help with the future of housing and community development in Salt Lake County.
- Celebrating Women and Girls in Science will be held at the Clark Planetarium on Friday, February 7th. This is a free event.
- The 2025 State of the County Address will be held today, starting at 4:00 PM, at the Clark Planetarium, in which she would talk about space and priorities for 2025. Validated parking is available in the Gateway's south parking lot.

3.3. Other Elected County Officials

Ms. Bridget Romano, Deputy District Attorney, stated on November 19th, the Legislature's Legislative Audit Subcommittee met and voted to prioritize a legislative audit of police departments and district attorney offices in the state of Utah. Rep Mike Schultz asked that the audit focus on the Salt Lake City Police Department and the Salt Lake County District Attorney's Office. That audit will begin next week. The District Attorney's Office is working with the Office of the Legislative Auditor General's staff to make sure they have access to everything they need. They will need to complete background checks and take fingerprints like any new employee would because they will need to have unescorted access to spaces.

The focus of the audit will be on both the justice and civil side of the office, so the Legislative Auditor General staff will want to reach out to customers and clients to understand client satisfaction. In doing that, they asked her to provide them with four charts of counsel for at least the first layer of management in the Mayor's portfolio, so they can contact individuals and talk with them. They are starting first with a review of the District Attorney's executive staff, and she anticipated those interviews would start next week. The process could take up to 14 months because the Legislative Auditor General auditors will also be auditing other county attorney offices and law enforcement agencies throughout Utah.

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 Donations from the Friends of The Children's Justice Center

[25-2509](#)

to the Salt Lake County District Attorney's Office

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[10.01.24 to 12.31.24 Salt Lake County CJC Signed](#)
[2024 In Kind Donation Form Friends of CJC](#)
[Friends- 100 Women Donation](#)

The vote on this consent item was approved.

- 4.2 **Consideration of a Resolution of the Salt Lake County Council Approving the Recommendation of the Salt Lake County Council of Governments and Authorizing the Execution of an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement Providing for the Transfer of \$1,000,000.00 of County Corridor Preservation Funds to South Jordan City to be Used by the City to Acquire Certain Property for Transportation Purposes** [25-2531](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[250115 South Jordan 5600 West Corridor Preservation ILA RATF](#)
[250115 South Jordan 5600 West Corridor Preservation Resolution RATF](#)

RESOLUTION NO. 6264

RESOLUTION OF THE SALT LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL APPROVING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE SALT LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT PROVIDING FOR THE TRANSFER OF \$1,000,000.00 OF COUNTY CORRIDOR PRESERVATION FUNDS TO SOUTH JORDAN CITY TO BE USED BY THE CITY TO ACQUIRE CERTAIN PROPERTY FOR TRANSPORTATION PURPOSES.

RECITALS

WHEREAS, Salt Lake County (the "County") and South Jordan City (the "City") are "public agencies" as defined by the Utah Interlocal Cooperation Act, Utah Code §§ 11-13-101 to -608, and as such, are authorized to enter

into an interlocal cooperation agreement to act jointly and cooperatively on the basis of mutual advantage;

WHEREAS, during the 2015 General Session, the State Legislature amended Section 72- 2-117.5 of the Utah Transportation Code, Utah Code §§ 72-1-101 to -16-402, to provide corridor preservation funds to local counties for disbursement to various cities and governmental entities, as recommended and endorsed by a council of governments (hereinafter “Corridor Preservation Funds”);

WHEREAS, on November 16, 2023, the Salt Lake County Council of Governments (“COG”), an association of local governments in Salt Lake County, requested that the County Council approve its recommended distribution to the City from the Salt Lake County Corridor Preservation Fund to enable the City to acquire property needed for a transportation project considered and recommended by COG along 5600 West between South Jordan Parkway and Old Bingham Highway, in South Jordan, Utah, consistent with the purpose and requirements of Utah Code § 72-2-117.5. A copy of the COG recommendation letter, dated November 16, 2023, is attached hereto as ATTACHMENT “A”; and

WHEREAS, the County and the City now desire to enter into the interlocal cooperation agreement attached hereto as ATTACHMENT “B” (the “Interlocal Agreement”) providing for the transfer of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) of Corridor Preservation Funds to the City to be used by the City as described in the Interlocal Agreement and in accordance with Utah Code § 72- 2-117.5.

RESOLUTION

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, by the County Council of Salt Lake County:

1. That the recommendation of the Salt Lake County Council of Governments to transfer County Corridor Preservation Funds to South Jordan City for the project described in its recommendation letter is approved.
2. That the Interlocal Agreement between Salt Lake County and South Jordan City is approved, in substantially the form attached hereto as

ATTACHMENT “B”, and that the Salt Lake County Mayor is authorized to execute the same.

3. That the Interlocal Agreement will become effective as stated in the Interlocal Agreement.

APPROVED and ADOPTED this 4th day of February, 2025.

SALT LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL

ATTEST (SEAL)

By /s/ DEA THEODORE
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 Bradshaw, seconded by Council Member Harrison, that the Tax Letter be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

5.1 Personal Property Tax Exemption Summary

[25-2519](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[25-9001 Personal Property Tax Exemption Summary](#)
[\\$604,031.03](#)

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 Harrison, that the Ethics Disclosures be received and filed. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

6.1 Council's Office Disclosure Statements 2025

[25-2532](#)

Attachments: [Laurie Stringham SLCO Disclosure 2025](#)
[Carlos A. Moreno SLCO Disclosure 2025](#)

The vote on these ethics disclosures was received and filed.

6.2 Auditor's Office 2025 Disclosure Statements [25-2516](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[R Jaussi SLCO Disclosure 2025](#)
[K Eldridge SLCO Disclosure 2025](#)
[JC Bailey SLCO Disclosure 2025](#)

The vote on these ethics disclosures was received and filed.

6.3 Records Management and Archives Division 2025 Disclosure Statements [25-2527](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[2025 Records Management & COI Disclosure Statements](#)

The vote on these ethics disclosures was received and filed.

6.4 Regional Development 2025 Disclosure Statements [25-2504](#)

Attachments: [25-2504 Staff Report](#)
[2025 ORD Disclosure statements - Signed](#)

The vote on these ethics disclosures was received and filed.

6.5 Housing Trust Fund 2025 Disclosure Statements [25-2508](#)

Attachments: [TextFileInSite-28-Jan-2025-09-52-37](#)
[2025 Housing Trust Fund disclosure statements](#)

The vote on these ethics disclosures was received and filed.

6.6 Human Services Department 2025 Conflict of Interest Disclosure Statements [25-2520](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[Human Services Dept. 2025 Conflict of Interest Disclosure Statements](#)

The vote on these ethics disclosures was received and filed.

6.7 Contracts & Procurement Division 2025 Conflict of Interest Disclosure Statements [25-2521](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[2025 Contracts Procurement Cover Letter COI Forms](#)

The vote on these ethics disclosures was received and filed.

6.8 Facilities Management Division 2025 Conflict of Interest Disclosure Statements [25-2522](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[Facilities Management 2025 Conflict of Interest Disclosure Forms](#)

The vote on these ethics disclosures was received and filed.

6.9 Human Services Behavioral Health Services 2025 Conflict of Interest Disclosure Statements [25-2512](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[Behavioral Health Services 2025 Conflict of Interest Cover Letter Forms](#)

The vote on these ethics disclosures was received and filed.

6.10 Human Services Aging & Adult Services 2025 Conflict of Interest Disclosure Statements [25-2511](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[AAS 2025 Employee Conflict of Interest Forms](#)

The vote on these ethics disclosures was received and filed.

6.11 Human Services Health Department 2025 Conflict of Interest [25-2515](#)

Disclosure Statements

Attachments: [Health Department 2025 COI Disclosures and Cover Letter Staff Report](#)

The vote on these ethics disclosures was received and filed.

6.12 Human Services Department Division of Youth Services 2025 Conflict of Interest Disclosure Statements [25-2517](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[2025 Youth Services Conflict of Interest Disclosure Forms and Cover Letters](#)

The vote on these ethics disclosures was received and filed.

6.13 Clark Planetarium Staff & Board 2025 Conflict of Interest [25-2510](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[2025 Clark Planetarium Board COIs](#)

The vote on these ethics disclosures was received and filed.

6.14 Parks & Recreation Staff & Board 2025 Conflict of Interest [25-2518](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[Parks Rec Advisory Board 2025 COI Packet](#)

The vote on these ethics disclosures 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 [25-2525](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[32426 - CJS_BJA Enhancing Access for Reentry Success](#)
[Pilot Project \(EARS\)](#)
[32426 - EARS Grant Award Letter_20250116T142832](#)

Presenter: Hoa Nguyen, Council Budget and Policy Analyst.
(Approx. 2:00PM, 5 Min.)
Discussion/Direction

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

Council Member Stewart asked if the grant was being used to support the current program or if it would be used for additional staff.

Ms. Erin Litvack, Deputy Mayor of County Services, stated the Criminal Justice Services Division will be hiring additional staff to enhance the work being done. The grant funds will be used to pay for those FTEs.

Council Member Stewart asked if the grant could be used for existing staff.

Mayor Jennifer Wilson stated no, the existing staff has other duties. This is a separate action, which the County is required to provide when it receives the grant.

Council Member Stewart stated he would like to receive the details of the grant so he could understand why it could not be used for existing staff.

A motion was made by Council Member Bradshaw, seconded by Council Member Harrison, that this agenda item be approved. The motion carried 7 to 1, with Council Member Stewart voting “Nay.”

- 8.4 Budget Adjustment: Facilities Management Requests** [25-2542](#)
\$2,298,360 One-time for Professional Fees for the Transition to the Midvale Campus. Of that Amount, \$300,000 Is to Hire a Consultant Service for the Transition from a Traditional 60/40 Workspace-to-Office Ratio into a Modern, Largely Open-Space Environment at the New Campus. \$1,998,360 Is to Hire the Architect to Provide the County with Programming and Design for the Necessary Changes and Will

Administer the Construction and Warranty Period for Those Changes

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)

[34263 - FM Change Management for SLCO Coliseum](#)

[34270 - SLCO Coliseum Programing & Design.](#)

Presenter: Hoa Nguyen, Council Budget and Policy Analyst.

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

Discussion/Direction

Ms. Hoa Nguyen, Budget & Policy Analyst, Council Office, reviewed the budget adjustments for items 8.4 and 8.5 together.

Ms. Megan Hillyard, Director, Administrative Services Department, delivered a PowerPoint presentation entitled Salt Lake County - Midvale Campus Budget Adjustments, reviewing the Phase 1 budget needs, which included \$300,000 for change management, \$1,998,360 for design and programming, and \$1,598,796 for operations and maintenance; the change management focus areas to assist with the relocation of agencies; design and programming to hire an architectural and design firm for the renovation, tenant improvements, and site adaptations of the Midvale Campus; and the estimated operating expenditures, including the operating expenses and overhead costs.

Council Member Winder Newton asked if the County could save costs on security and law enforcement services, by just doing what Overstock had been doing there, rather than having Public Safety Bureau (PSB) officers sit there at a desk.

Ms. Hillyard stated Administrative Services is asking for the full \$607,500 for security and law enforcement services because it will need to send out a request for proposal (RFP), and that is the worst-case scenario in terms of a net budget request. If the County could get the same rate it got for January-March using a third party for security service, it could bring down that cost by about \$400,000 for this interim year.

Council Member Winder Newton asked who would make the final decision. The Sheriff's Office has a shortage of sworn officers, so she would rather its resources be better utilized.

Ms. Hillyard stated she could bring this back to the Council after going through the RFP process. Having PSB officers on campus, familiarizing themselves with the area is important so they can better understand the best way to operate long-term.

Mayor Jennifer Wilson stated she had questions on this too, and thought it needed more discussion. She recommended approving this request today, and then, having a closed session on it later. That way, PSB could come in and talk about it.

Council Member Harrison stated she wanted to make sure the options presented were the essential needs, not the bells and whistles the County could live without. She wanted to be judicious with taxpayer dollars.

Ms. Hillyard stated the RFP will reflect the phases of the project. Her office could bring to the Council what it thought were critical needs to be able to move the workforce over to the Midvale campus, and then maybe in the second phase, it could list the things that would be nice to have.

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.

**8.5 Budget Adjustment: Facilities Requests \$1,598,796 for [25-2541](#)
On-going Operating Needs for the Midvale Campus. This Is
the Net Cost After the Revenues from the Data Center Lease
Back and Utilities of \$363,484**

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[34260 - SLCO Coliseum Operating Budget](#)
[02022025 Council Presentation Budget](#)

Presenter: Hoa Nguyen, Council Budget and Policy Analyst.
(Approx. 2:10PM, 5 Min.)
Discussion/Direction

Ms. Hoa Nguyen, Budget & Policy Analyst, Council Office, reviewed the budget adjustments for items 8.4 and 8.5 together.

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.

8.6 2025 Legislative Session Update

[25-2538](#)

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

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)

Presenter: Kara Trevino, SLCo Council Legislative Director.

(Approx. 2:15PM, 60 Min.)

Discussion/Direction

- HB 272 Vehicle Assessment Amendments – Rep. Clinton Okerlund
- HB 277 Vehicle Registration Amendments – Rep. Katy Hall

Ms. Kara Trevino, Intergovernmental Relations Manager, Council Office, reviewed HB 272, which addresses vehicle weights relating to vehicle registration and uniform fees in lieu of property tax, and HB 277, which allows the cancellation of vehicle registration and the refund of certain taxes and fees on a pro rata basis. She did not know what kind of impact the bills would have on the County, so she would follow up with Darrin Casper, Deputy Mayor of Finance and Administration, to find out.

- HB 329 Homeless Services Amendments – Rep. Tyler Clancy

Ms. Kara Trevino, Intergovernmental Relations Manager, Council Office, reviewed the bill, which would amend and enact provisions related to homelessness. It would take away one of two Utah Association of Counties (UAC) board appointments on the Utah Homeless Services Board, and that appointment would then go to an individual with lived experience.

Council Member Winder Newton stated it was important that the County have representation on that board, and the only reason it has representation now is because the Utah Association of Counties appointed Council Member Bradshaw to that board. The County needed to make sure UAC kept those positions.

Council Member Bradshaw stated having a person who lived the experience on the board would be valuable, but the process of how that person is chosen would need to be addressed. As written in the bill, the Chair would select that person, which he thought was a conflict.

A motion was made by Council Member Winder Newton, seconded by Council Member Bradshaw, to support HB 329 if the sponsor will keep the two UAC seats; and if he adds any other positions, that they not be chosen by an existing member of the board.

Mayor Jennifer Wilson stated the County has a robust office of homelessness services and it was deeply embedded in policy decisions regarding homeless services, yet she did not have a seat on the board. Since the County was expected to drive solutions, she did not know that she wanted to support the bill. She would want to read it more carefully to see what other changes were made. At a minimum, she would want to maintain Council Member Bradshaw's involvement, through a UAC position.

Council Member Bradshaw stated maybe the State could increase the membership of the board by two and give the County a dedicated seat.

Council Member Winder Newton amended the motion to include that the County would like to see a seat added to the board for Salt Lake County specifically, and that if any additional positions are added, that they not be chosen by a board member. Council Member Harrison seconded the amendment. Council Member Bradshaw withdrew his original second.

Council Member Harrison clarified that the County should try to keep the two UAC positions because it is helpful to hear from other counties.

A motion was made by Council Member Winder Newton, seconded by Council Member Harrison, to support HB 329 if the sponsor keeps the two UAC seats; and that the County would like a seat to be added to the board for Salt Lake County, specifically; and that if any additional positions are added, that they not be chosen by a board member. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

- HB 354 Criminal Justice Revisions – Rep. Ryan D. Wilcox

Ms. Kara Trevino, Intergovernmental Relations Manager, Council Office, reviewed the bill, which would create certain requirements for criminal justice agencies and entities working with criminal justice agencies. It would impact the Sheriff's Office, as it would require a county jail to collect biometric information for individuals brought to the jail and there would be training related to that. It would also require counties of the second and third classes to track their time.

Ms. Bridget Romano, Deputy District Attorney, stated the bill would subject counties of

the second and third class to the same 15-minute timekeeping standards that were imposed on the District Attorney's Office last year, with SB 273. The District Attorney's Office is continuing to work with the sponsor on SB 273, as the Governor suggested modifications be made to it, and will be meeting with him tomorrow. She would assume if SB 273 is modified, HB 354 would be similarly modified.

The Council opted to monitor the bill.

- HB 355 Critical infrastructure Materials Amendments – Rep. Casey Snider

A motion was made by Council Member Bradshaw to oppose HB 355.

Ms. Catherine Kanter, Deputy Mayor of Regional Operations, reviewed the bill, which would extend the protection of Critical Infrastructure Materials Operations (CIMO). It would affect quarries and gravel pits that extract aggregate, i.e., sand, gravel, rock aggregate to make cement for construction materials. The Mayor's Office is recommending the County monitor the bill. The Mayor's Office has been engaged with the sponsor and stakeholders to see if they would come up with a bill that the Mayor's Office could support. The Mayor's Office had concerns with the bill. However, it would like time to work with the sponsor, since he was willing to work with the County.

Council Member Bradshaw withdrew his motion.

The Council opted to monitor the bill while the Mayor's Office worked with the sponsor.

- HB 359 Juvenile Justice Amendments – Rep. Nicholeen P. Peck
- SB 157 Nonjudicial Adjustment Amendments – Rep. Stephanie Pitcher

Mr. Neil Webster, Indigent Legal Services Manager, Human Services Department, reviewed SB 157, which modifies the provisions of the Indigent Defense Act in relation to nonjudicial adjustments and access to legal counsel. Mr. Webster explained that in the juvenile system, non-judicial adjustments are made for youth probation, whereby low-risk youth are given the opportunity to bypass the filing of charges with the court if they agree to certain probationary type terms, i.e., taking class, agreeing to attend school. That affects the County, in that if a case goes nonjudicial and is not filed, neither a prosecutor, judge, nor defense attorney need to be assigned, and those are costs to the County.

In the current system, a child in consultation with their family, had to make their decision

prior to having the ability to discuss it with a lawyer. While the probationary officer tries to provide the child with their options, the child does not get the full explanation that a lawyer would provide. Last year, the Utah Indigent Defense Commission provided a grant for a pilot program where in the Third District, kids were allowed to speak with an attorney before they had to make their decision. As a result, there was a high uptick in the number of juveniles agreeing to the terms, and the success rate for youth completing it was high.

This bill would provide funding to hire an attorney to provide the service statewide. He recommended supporting SB 157, which has passed out of committee and is headed to the floor.

Mr. Webster also reviewed HB 359, which does the opposite. It amends statutory provisions related to juvenile justice, by cutting out certain types of charges eligible for nonjudicial adjustments, including illicit substances, which is a charge kids pick up regularly. This bill could result in the County needing to funnel more resources to juvenile defense because charges now being dealt with as nonjudicial would go forward. He recommended monitoring HB 359 to see if the sponsor would work with the County and consider some changes to the bill.

A motion was made by Council Member Stringham, seconded by Council Member Harrison, to support SB 157, and monitor HB 359. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

- HB 370 State Holiday Modifications – Rep. Sandra Hollins

Ms. Kara Trevino, Intergovernmental Relations Manager, Council Office, reviewed HB 370, which modified the day on which Juneteenth National Freedom Day is recognized in Utah.

Council Member Stewart stated this follows federal guidelines, so if the holiday was on Sunday, it would be observed on Monday; if it was on Saturday, it would be observed on Friday.

A motion was made by Council Member Harrison, seconded by Council Member Stewart, to support HB 370. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

- SB 91 Restaurant Tax Revisions – Lincoln Fillmore

Ms. Kara Trevino, Intergovernmental Relations Manager, Council Office, reviewed SB

91, which amends the restaurant tax within the Tourism, Recreation, Cultural, Convention, and Airport Facilities tax. It updates the definition of restaurant to include portions of a grocery store that function like a restaurant, resulting in the restaurant tax being imposed on transactions from the restaurant portion. Senator Fillmore has a second substitute, which would also impose that tax on gas stations and convenience stores. That substitute has passed out of committee.

A motion was made by Council Member Bradshaw, seconded by Council Member Winder Newton, to support SB 91. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

- SB 154 Legislative Audit Amendments – Brady Brammer

Ms. Kara Trevino, Intergovernmental Relations Manager, Council Office, reviewed SB 91, which enacts provisions related to certain information and materials provided to the Office of the Legislative Auditor General.

Ms. Bridget Romano, Deputy District Attorney, stated this bill suggests that any entity subject to a legislative audit and an attorney representing that entity shall turn over to a legislative auditor, information that is otherwise protected by attorney client work product privilege. That is inconsistent with the Rules of Professional Conduct. Ms. Romano also reviewed SJR 4 Joint Resolution Amending Court Rules on Attorney Confidentiality, which is a companion measure to SB 154, and would amend the Rules of Professional Conduct to come in line with the prerogative that the Legislature set out in SB 154. Most attorneys in the Legislative Affairs Governing Committee voted to oppose SB 154. Compelling an attorney to disclose otherwise privileged information is intruding upon a privilege that belongs to a client.

The District Attorney's Office is opposed to the bills. Since the District Attorney's Office is being audited by the Office of the Legislative Auditor General, it is in a precarious position. If the bills pass, the District Attorney's Office would be required to turn over any information that was privileged to the Office of the Legislative Auditor General.

The Utah State Bar is leading out in opposition to SB 91. At the request of the Utah State Bar, Senator Brammer pulled it from committee last week, but she suspected he would ask to have it put back on for a committee hearing.

Council Member Stewart stated he thought the Council should just monitor the bill since it is not being considered yet. If the bill comes back, the Council can decide whether to take a position then. He thought there might be some benefit to the bill

because there had been scenarios where privilege was leveraged.

Council Member Stringham stated she had some concerns about the constitutionality of the bill.

A motion was made by Council Member Stringham, seconded by Council Member Harrison, to oppose SB 154 as written, and if it comes back in a different form, to monitor it until the Council can discuss it. The motion carried 7 to 1, with Council Member Stewart voting “Nay.”

- SB 197 Property Tax Amendments – Daniel McCay

Ms. Kara Trevino, Intergovernmental Relations Manager, Council Office, reviewed SB 197, which does away with the circuit breaker program. Senator McCay wants people to use the property tax deferral program for seniors that Senator Lincoln Fillmore sponsored in a previous legislative session.

Council Member Harrison stated only two people in the County signed up for the deferral program because people were worried it would put a tax burden on their heirs. The circuit breaker program helps a fraction of people who qualify for it. Eliminating it would hurt property owners who are vulnerable to becoming housing or food insecure.

Council Member Winder Newton stated from a tax policy perspective, the deferral program made sense because the taxes would eventually get paid when the home got sold.

Mr. Brad Townley, Chief Deputy Treasurer, stated only two people applied for the deferral program, and one of those homeowners paid off their debt when they found out it was accruing interest.

Council Member Stringham stated she would support the deferral program if it did not include interest.

Mr. Townley stated the senior deferral program does not impact the County’s budget. The State pays the County directly for the deferral. Then, the State is made whole by the interest that accrues and from the sale of the property. The State also reimburses the County for part of the circuit breaker program. The Treasurer’s Office and tax relief offices are opposed to SB 197 because they fear more people would lose their home or have to choose between buying food and paying taxes.

A motion was made by Council Member Harrison to oppose SB 197.

Council Member Stewart stated if the circuit breaker program was tied to utilities, he would oppose it. He would oppose the motion until he got that question answered.

Council Member Winder Newton stated she would rather get more information before taking a vote.

Council Member Harrison withdrew her motion, stating she was fine working with the sponsor until questions were answered.

- SB 202 Property Tax Revisions – Sen. Chris H. Wilson

Ms. Kara Trevino, Intergovernmental Relations Manager, Council Office, reviewed SB 202, stating this bill is in response to a legislative audit on the property tax system statewide. Salt Lake County's tax administration system did very well in that audit, but other counties had issues. This bill would impact the County as well as other counties, so the Auditor, Assessor, and Tax Administration Offices are working with the sponsor to ensure the bill does not negatively affect the County's system. The Council does not need to take a position at this time.

- HB 55 County Office Amendments – Rep. James A. Dunnigan

Ms. Kara Trevino, Intergovernmental Relations Manager, Council Office, stated this bill passed out of the Senate committee and is on the Senate floor. There has been no opposition to it. It should pass soon, which would allow the County to move its offices to the Midvale campus.

- HB 81 Fluoride Amendments – Rep. Stephanie Griciuis

Ms. Kara Trevino, Intergovernmental Relations Manager, Council Office, stated this bill is on the House floor awaiting discussion.

- HB 155 Personal Property Tax Exemption Amendments – Rep. Jason B. Kyle

Ms. Kara Trevino, Intergovernmental Relations Manager, Council Office, stated the Council took a position to oppose HB 155. The Utah Association of Counties (UAC) took a position to oppose it as well. It is in committee this afternoon. Chris Stavros,

County Assessor, is attending that now.

- HB 162 Transportation Funding Amendments – Rep. Rex P. Shipp

Ms. Kara Trevino, Intergovernmental Relations Manager, Council Office, stated the Council took a position to oppose HB 162. The bill has not moved since last week; it is still in House rules.

- HB 167 Offender Reintegration Amendments – Rep. Tyler Clancy

Ms. Kara Trevino, Intergovernmental Relations Manager, Council Office, stated County staff is meeting with Rep. Clancy to get some clarifications.

Ms. Erin Litvack, Deputy Mayor of County Services, stated the Mayor's team needed clarification in the bill that a Criminal Justice Advisory Council (CJAC), such as the County's CJAC had oversight of release from jail, not release from prison. Also, the County does not have a way to incentivize businesses to hire people with a criminal justice background, so it is asking the sponsor to remove that from the bill and look at other alternatives.

- HB 196 Vehicle Traction Amendments – Rep. Gay Lynn Bennion

Ms. Kara Trevino, Intergovernmental Relations Manager, Council Office, stated this bill passed out of committee and is on the House floor. There were a few votes against it in committee, so tomorrow, the County will try to speak with the counties who voted against it to find out why they voted against it. This bill was targeted at the Cottonwood Canyons, but the Utah Department of Transportation already had that authority there and needs to use that authority in other places in the state.

- HB 235 County Auditor Modifications – Rep. Jordan D. Teuscher

Ms. Kara Trevino, Intergovernmental Relations Manager, Council Office, stated this bill is on the House floor.

- HB 237 Rollback Tax Amendments – Rep. Casey Snider

Ms. Kara Trevino, Intergovernmental Relations Manager, Council Office, stated the Council took a position to support HB 237. The bill passed the House and is in the Senate.

- HB 249 Nuclear Power Amendments – Rep. Carl R. Albrecht

Ms. Kara Trevino, Intergovernmental Relations Manager, Council Office, stated the County is working with Rep. Albrecht to get the County carved out of the bill and to get some technical changes in it.

- HB 256 Municipal Zoning Amendments – Rep. R. Neil Walter

Ms. Kara Trevino, Intergovernmental Relations Manager, Council Office, stated this bill moved out of committee and is on the House floor.

- HB 267 Public Sector Labor Union Amendments

Ms. Kara Trevino, Intergovernmental Relations Manager, Council Office, stated this bill is in the Senate.

- HB 312 Criminal Justice Amendments – Rep. Karianne Lisonbee

Ms. Kara Trevino, Intergovernmental Relations Manager, Council Office, stated this bill had a second substitute, and was in committee yesterday, where quite a few things got stripped out of. That substitute then moved to the House floor. The substitute would still impact the County jail. The Sheriff, Mayor's Office, and Council Office are working with the sponsor on the issues in the bill. The Council could keep its position to monitor the bill and work with the sponsor.

Ms. Bridget Romano, Deputy District Attorney, stated the sponsor dropped three things of concern yesterday; however, there are some modifications in the substitute that would affect the District Attorney's Office, and consequently, the County in terms of the nature of proceedings, which would increase the cost. There are also some provisions that would make it harder to hold violent offenders. The District Attorney's Office is working with Representative Lisonbee to see if they could come to a consensus on some of those things.

The Council opted to monitor the bill.

- SB 23 First Home Investment Zone Amendments – Sen. Wayne A. Harper
- SB 26 Housing and Transit Reinvestment Zone Amendments – Sen. Wayne A. Harper

Ms. Kara Trevino, Intergovernmental Relations Manager, Council Office, stated the Legislature is still working through some technical changes on these bills.

- SB 109 Judicial Officer Amendments – Sen. Todd D. Weiler

Ms. Kara Trevino, Intergovernmental Relations Manager, Council Office, stated this bill would add a judge to the Third District Court and some of the other district courts. This would have a cost of around \$1.6 million between the Salt Lake Legal Defender Association, Pretrial, and Indigent Legal Services. The bill has not moved; it is still in Senate rules.

Ms. Bridget Romano, Deputy District Attorney, stated one question was where the judge would be positioned, since the Third District Court covers some of Tooele County as well as Salt Lake County. If the judge was positioned in the Salt Lake branch, it would necessitate the District Attorney's Office adding an additional five to seven FTEs in order to continue its vertical courtroom model, which would be a significant cost. If the judge was not assigned to Salt Lake County, the bill would not impact the District Attorney's Office.

- SB 129 Higher Education Development Areas – Sen. Chris H. Wilson
- SB 166 Point of the Mountain State Lan Authority Amendments – Sen. Jerry W. Stevenson

Ms. Kara Trevino, Intergovernmental Relations Manager, Council Office, stated the County is working with the sponsors on these two bills.

- SJR 3 Joint Resolution Dissolving Salt Lake County Justice Court – Sen. Kirk A. Cullimore

Ms. Kara Trevino, Intergovernmental Relations Manager, Council Office, stated the bill is still in committee and has not been assigned a number yet.

Ms. Bridget Romano, Deputy District Attorney, stated the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) made a presentation to the Utah State Bar last week in opposition to the County closing its Justice Court, but the Bar opted to take no position.

- SJR 4 Joint Resolution Amending Court Rules on Attorney Confidentiality - Sen. Brady Brammer

Council Member Stringham suggested taking a position on SJR 4, the companion bill to SB 154.

A motion was made by Council Member Stringham, seconded by Council Member Bradshaw, to oppose SJR 4. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

8.7 District Attorney's Office Survivor and Victim Services [25-2528](#) Update

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[County Council Presentation SVS](#)

Presenter: Asha Parekh, Division Director of Survivor and Victor Services
(Approx. 3:15PM, 15 Min.)
Informational

Ms. Asha Parekh, Director, Director, Survivor and Victim Support Services Division, District Attorney's Office, delivered a presentation on the Survivor and Victim Support Services Division, which is comprised of three programs: Survivor and Victim Services, the Children's Justice Center (CJC), and Camp HOPE America.

The Survivor and Victim Services program helps victims of violent crimes and domestic violence navigate the criminal justice process through education and court accompaniment. Last year, the program served 5,342 individuals. The program has eight social workers, who work with the victims of violent crimes, and eight case managers who handle shorter term cases. Five of the case managers are funded by a Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) grant, one is funded by a Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) grant, and two are County-funded.

The Children's Justice Center (CJC) provides support for children when

there is an allegation of abuse in the family. Law enforcement or the Division of Child and Family Services brings the child in to be interviewed by a forensic interviewer or to gather evidence about what may or may not have happened. Last year, CJC held 1,200 interviews. There are 12 positions, serving two locations: CJC North in Salt Lake City and CJC South in West Jordan City. There is one Child and Family Advocate with CJC, funded with a VOCA grant.

Camp HOPE America helps youth impacted by trauma. The program provides monthly programming for the children to help lessen the trauma and to teach coping skills. This will be the fifth year, the children will be taken to the Uinta Mountains for a week, where they get to meet other children and make life choices to enrich their world. The District Attorney's Office requested County funding for this program last year, but did not get it. She hoped the Council would consider funding it this year. Camp HOPE America is a preventative program that pays off in the long run.

Ms. Rosann Greenway, Case Manager, Survivor and Victim Support Services Division, District Attorney's Office, stated crime happens to all kinds of people throughout the County, and those crimes can be traumatic for individuals and their families. Victims are then asked to come into the criminal justice process, and that is a very difficult process. Survivor and Victim Support Services guides these individuals through each step, provides emotional support for them, and assesses what other services they may need.

Ms. Jen Gibson, Child and Family Specialist, Criminal Justice Center, District Attorney's Office, Survivor and Victim Support Services Division, District Attorney's Office, explained her role in helping the children and their families understand the process and get the support they needed. In the last quarter of 2024, she served 287 children and their families who came in for some support and assistance.

Council Member Romero asked what the overall budgets were for the programs.

Ms. Parekh stated the VOCA grant provides \$317,815 in partial funding for five case managers. The VAWA grant provides \$49,341 in partial funding for one case manager. The Children's Justice Center receives \$49,341 in partial funding for one Child and Family Specialist.

**8.8 Consideration of Corridor Preservation Projects [25-2530](#)
Recommended by the Council of Governments (COG) at the
COG Quarterly Meeting Held on January 16, 2025**

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[COG.Corridor Preservation Recs.2025.02.04.2025](#)

Presenter: Helen Peters, SLCo Planning and Transportation, Director.
(Approx. 3:30PM, 5 Min.)
Discussion/Direction

Ms. Helen Peters, Director, Regional Planning and Transportation Division, explained what the Salt Lake County's Corridor Preservation Fund was and the process for cities to obtain funding from the Corridor Preservation Fund for a right-of-way public transit or roadway project. She reviewed the four projects that were approved by the Council of Governments Public Works Committee meeting, and recommended by the full Council of Governments:

- Cottonwood Heights City - \$1,835 to supplement a 2021 Corridor Preservation project on Fort Union Boulevard that had not covered the final purchase cost;
- Herriman City - \$2,007,500 to purchase a final land acquisition necessary to complete the 12600 South Herriman Parkway project;
- South Jordan City - \$189,500 to purchase land to widen Riverfront Parkway between 11050 South and 11400 South;
- Greater Salt Lake Municipal Services District, on behalf of the City of Magna - \$332,500 to purchase land to realign and widen areas near the intersection of 8000 West and 2700 South.

If approved, there will be resolutions on a later agenda or agendas, authorizing interlocal agreements to reimburse the cities for the purchases they make.

A motion was made by Council Member Bradshaw, seconded by Council Member Stringham, that this agenda item be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote. Council Members Winder Newton and Stewart were absent for the vote.

9. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND ISSUANCE OF PUBLIC NOTICES

10. PENDING LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

10.1 Formal Adoption of an Ordinance of the Salt Lake County Council Dissolving the Arbor Park Neighborhood Development Project Area [25-2503](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[250114 SLCo Dissolution Ordinance RATF](#)

Presenter: Kersten Swinyard, Director, SLCo Economic Development.
(Approx. 3:35PM, 5 Min.)
Discussion/Direction

ORDINANCE NO. 1931

AN ORDINANCE OF THE SALT LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL
DISSOLVING THE ARBOR PARK NEIGHBORHOOD
REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA

The County Legislative Body of Salt Lake County ordains as follows:

SECTION I. The community reinvestment project area created by the Redevelopment Agency of Salt Lake County and known as the “Arbor Park Neighborhood Redevelopment Project Area” is hereby dissolved.

SECTION II. As required by Utah Code § 17C-1-702(2)(b), the boundary description of the project area is as follows:

BEGINNING S 89°49’24” E 794.38 & S 0°10’36” W 40 FT FR N 1/4 COR OF SEC 32, T 1S, R 2W, SLM; said point also being point of beginning, S 0°03’36” W 361.13 FT; S 89°49’24” E 304.54 FT; S 0°10’36” W 38.74 FT; S 89°48’2” E 220 FT; S 0°15’45” W 296.03 FT; N 89°44’24” W 302.10 FT; S 0°10’36” W 508.54 FT; W’LY 407.32 FT ALG CURVE TO L; S 69°45’01” W 127.78 FT; N 0°44’30” E 190.73 FT; N 82°16’05” W 8.85 FT; N 14°25’04” W 35.16 FT; E 195.36 FT; N 0°10’36” E 645.01 FT; S 89°49’24” E 96.72 FT; N 207.6 FT; N 89°49’24” W 50.23 FT; N 17.33 FT; S 89°49’24” E 54.12 FT; N 160 FT; S 89°49’24” E 17.79 FT MOR L TO BEG. 9.46 AC M OR L.

SECTION III. The dissolution of the project area shall have no effect on either of the Redevelopment Agency of Salt Lake County’s two active

project areas located in Magna City-namely, the Magna/Arbor Park Urban Renewal Area and the Magna Main Street Community Development Area.

SECTION IV. This ordinance shall become effective fifteen (15) days after its passage and upon at least one publication of the ordinance or a summary thereof in a newspaper published and having general circulation in Salt Lake County.

APPROVED and ADOPTED this 4th day of February, 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 Stringham, that the ordinance dissolving the Arbor Park Neighborhood Redevelopment Project Area, formerly known as the Packard Bell Project Area, be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote. Council Members Winder Newton and Stewart were absent for the vote.

11. **OTHER ITEMS REQUIRING COUNCIL APPROVAL**
12. **PROCLAMATIONS, MEMORIALS, AND OTHER CEREMONIAL OR COMMEMORATIVE MATTERS**
13. **OTHER BUSINESS**
14. **ADJOURN AT 4:00PM TO COUNCIL CHAMBERS ROOM N1-110 FOR BLACK HISTORY MONTH PROCLAMATION**