

SALT LAKE COUNTY

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Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, November 12, 2024

1:00 PM

Room N1-110

County Council

Attendance

Present: Council Member Suzanne Harrison

Council Chair Laurie Stringham

Council Member Jim Bradley

Council Member Dave Alvord

Council Member Dea Theodore

Excused: Council Member Arlyn Bradshaw

Council Member Aimee Winder Newton

Council Member Sheldon Stewart

Call In: Council Member Ann Granato

**1. PROCLAMATIONS, MEMORIALS, AND OTHER CEREMONIAL OR
COMMEMORATIVE MATTERS**

1.1 Invocation - Reading or Thought - Pledge of Allegiance & National Anthem

Council Member Stringham introduced the students of the American Preparatory Academy, West Valley 2 Campus, who would be performing their Veteran's Day Ceremony for the Council and the veterans of Salt Lake County.

Mr. Andre Tirado, a student of the American Preparatory Academy, led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

The students of the American Preparatory Academy sang "The National Anthem."

Ms. Olivia Oakford, a student of the American Preparatory Academy, read an essay.

The students of the American Preparatory Academy sang "America the Beautiful."

Council Member Stringham stated Salt Lake County has 166 regular employees and 117 temporary employees who have identified either as a veteran or the spouse/widow of a veteran. She asked Sheriff Rosie Rivera to speak about one specific employee.

Sheriff Rosie Rivera stated she has been very impressed with Sergeant Dave Rohde, a veteran who lost his leg in the line of service. He shows up at

work every day and represents the County well.

Council Member Stringham introduced Ron Kelly, a disabled veteran.

Mr. Ron Kelly stated he served in the United States Air Force as a Senior Master Sergeant, and he teaches for Jordan School District. He also volunteers as a Scoutmaster.

The students of the American Preparatory Academy sang “God Bless America.”

1.2 Veterans Day Proclamation

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Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[Veterans Day Proclamation](#)

Council Member Stringham read the proclamation.

Salt Lake County

A Proclamation of the Salt Lake County Council Commemorating Veterans Day and Honoring Veterans of the United States Armed Forces

WHEREAS, Veterans Day, formerly known as Armistice Day, has been commemorated in the United States since 1919, and has been formally established as a federal holiday since 1954; and

WHEREAS, Veterans Day is also an official holiday of the State of Utah and Salt Lake County; and

WHEREAS, Veterans Day originally commemorated the end of major hostilities at the conclusion of World War I, signaling a cease fire on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month; and

WHEREAS, as a matter of law, Veterans Day is observed on November 11th of each year, including by Salt Lake County government; and

WHEREAS, Salt Lake County, its municipalities, and its residents commemorated Veterans Day throughout the past preceding weekend and on

yesterday, November 11, 2024, with solemn events and remembrances intended to honor our county's veterans, living and dead, as well as our active duty service members; and

WHEREAS, according to the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, approximately 42,000 Salt Lake County residents are veterans or active service members of the United States Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, Salt Lake County's veterans are celebrated for their courage, resilience, and valor in defending our great nation, its Constitution and republican form of government, and the safety and security of the American people; and

WHEREAS, Salt Lake County's veterans are further celebrated for their contributions to civilian life, which enriches and improves our governments, industries, universities and nonprofits, and churches and civic organizations through their continued service and proud example; and

WHEREAS, Salt Lake County honors the sacrifices of our veterans, and recognizes our disabled veterans, including those living with physical and mental health conditions attributable to their service; and

WHEREAS, President Dwight D. Eisenhower noted when signing the bill establishing Veterans Day as a federal holiday, "On that day let us solemnly remember the sacrifices of all those who fought so valiantly, on the seas, in the air, and on foreign shores, to preserve our heritage of freedom, and let us reconsecrate ourselves to the task of promoting an enduring peace so that their efforts shall not have been in vain";

NOW, THEREFORE, the undersigned do hereby resolve that the records of the County Council show that the County Mayor and County Council do hereby commemorate yesterday, November 11, 2024, as Veterans Day in Salt Lake County, and do solemnly pledge our unyielding gratitude to the brave women and men of the United States Armed Forces who have supported and defended the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic, and that have borne true faith and allegiance to the same.

Proclamation

/s/ JENNIFER WILSON

Mayor

/s/ LAURIE STRINGHAM

At-Large A, Council Chair

/s/ SUZANNE HARRISON

At-Large B

/s/ JIM BRADLEY

At-Large C

/s/ ARLYN BRADSHAW

District 1

/s/ DAVID ALVORD

District 2

/s/ AIMEE WINDER NEWTON

District 3

/s/ ANN GRANATO

District 4

/s/ SHELDON STEWART

District 5

/s/ DEA THEODORE

District 6

Mayor Jennifer Wilson thanked the County employees who have served and those who have supported family members who have served. She also thanked the students of the American Preparatory Academy for their performance.

The students of the American Preparatory Academy sang “Thank You Soldiers.”

ADJOURN

The meeting was moved back upstairs to its original location at 1:30 PM.