

SALT LAKE COUNTY

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Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 30, 2025

1:30 PM

Council Chambers, Room N1-110

County Council

1. CALL TO ORDER

Invocation - Reading or Thought - Pledge of Allegiance

Present: Council Member Harrison
Council Member Pinkney
Council Member Moreno
Council Member Winder Newton
Council Member Romero
Council Member Stewart
Council Member Theodore

Excused: Council Member Johnson

Call In: Council Member Stringham

Invocation - Reading or Thought - Pledge of Allegiance

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

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Søren Simonsen, Executive Director, Jordan River Commission, spoke in favor of agenda item 8.1, a resolution supporting the protection of the Great Salt Lake, including its surrounding wetlands. Mr. Simonsen stated he was glad the resolution was being brought forward. He let the Council know the Jordan River Commission supported these efforts and was working with other stakeholders on a similar resolution with the State Legislature. Mr. Simonsen added that the uplands adjacent to the wetlands were also critical and might also be considered for protection, preservation, and restoration.

Mr. Jim Vesock stated he recently took a trip to Washington DC where he was able to meet with some of his representatives, who were very receptive to hearing what was being done on the west end of the County. He added that he had noticed County department heads were asking the Council for more money and employees. Mr. Vesock was confused as he had been under the impression that the role of County government would be shrinking due to all the recent annexations of the townships. He emphasized the need to ensure the County spent every dollar prudently.

3. REPORT OF ELECTED OFFICIALS:

3.1 County Council Members

Council Member Winder Newton stated she appreciated Jim Vesock being involved. She explained many people assume County government will shrink due to the annexations, but years ago, the Legislature passed law requiring that the two budgets be separated. There is a Municipal Services Fund and a General Fund. She wanted more people to understand that 75 percent of the General Fund goes to public safety. All the things done on a regional scale save the taxpayers money because the economies of scale are being captured. She assured Mr. Vesock that every number would be crunched because money is tight this year.

Council Member Winder Newton stated it was the time of year when the water districts would be requesting board appointments. This would be announced on the Council's social media, and the Council would be turning in these names to the Governor in November. A board position for the Jordan Valley Water Conservancy District was available, as were two positions with the Central Utah Water Conservancy District. Anyone interested in being nominated could contact Isaac Higham, Council Office Director, at ihigham@saltlakecounty.gov.

Council Member Theodore stated she enjoyed attending the 2025 Korean festival at the University of Utah. There was a lot of culture, as well as vendors and food. She also enjoyed attending the reopening of the Murray Theater.

Council Member Theodore read the Council's joint statement regarding the passing of Russell M. Nelson, President, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints (LDS).

The Salt Lake County Council expresses our deepest condolences on the passing of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints President, Russell M. Nelson. His life and service have left a lasting mark on countless individuals, and we honor his leadership and legacy. Our prayers go out to his family and members at this time.

Council Member Theodore also read the Council's joint statement on the recent shooting that took place at an LDS church in Michigan.

We are heartbroken by the tragic events at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in Michigan. It is hard to believe our nation is facing another unbearable tragedy. Our deepest condolences go out to the victims, their families, and the communities impacted by this senseless act of violence. Houses of worship are meant to be places of refuge, peace, prayer, and connection. As leaders of Salt Lake County, we reaffirm our commitment to building communities grounded in safety, kindness, and mutual respect. Violence is never the answer.

We pray for those who are grieving and express our deep appreciation for the various law enforcement agencies working to find answers and bring about justice. Lastly, we

add our voices to the growing call for peace, healing, and unity across the nation.

Council Member Romero stated he was glad to have the opportunity to be on record with these statements. It was important to recognize these events.

3.2 County Mayor

Mr. Andrew Roberts, Chief of Staff, Mayor's Office, delivered the Mayor's weekly update.

- Mayor Wilson was disheartened to believe the nation was facing another act of violence. She joined the Council in calling for peace, healing, and unity.
- Mayor Wilson expressed her condolences over the passing of President Russell M. Nelson of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. She joined the Council in sharing comfort, peace, and love with everyone at this time of deep sadness.
- Liz Sollis, Communications Director, Mayor's Office, was awarded the 2025 Utah Public Information Officer Association's Excellence in Media Relations Award. This honor is a testament to Ms. Sollis's leadership.
- Salt Lake County has been selected as one of Utah's 100 Companies Championing Women 2025 cohort. This initiative is led by the Governor's Office of Economic Opportunity and the Utah Women & Leadership Project. The initiative recognizes workplaces that offer family-friendly policies and practices as well as efforts known to impact the recruiting, hiring, and advancement of women.
- The Clark Planetarium just received an award for "Best Film Launch by a Theater" at the Giant Screen Cinema Association conference for its Shark Summer launch of the IMAX® film, "Shark Kingdom."
- Judge Steve Leifman was in town to conduct a series of interviews and observations with key external stakeholders. The group had meetings with local leaders with the intent to advance efforts in behavioral health, human services, and criminal justice reform. Last week was just the beginning of the County's involvement with The Leifman Group.
- Preliminary notifications for the Zoo, Arts, and Parks (ZAP) Tier II applicants went out on Wednesday, and the Tier 1 and Zoological all-day review meeting was on Thursday. The ZAP Advisory Board members spend countless hours dedicated to this work.

- Salt Lake County's Falls Prevention Coalition, which includes the Aging & Adult Services Division, the Salt Lake County Health Department, Intermountain Healthcare, and other partners, hosted its annual Strong & Steady falls prevention event recently. The event drew approximately 80 to 100 attendees and provided older adults and caregivers with resources, screenings, and education to reduce fall risks and support healthy aging.

3.3 Other Elected County Officials

Ms. Bridget Romano, Deputy District Attorney, stated the District Attorney wanted to invite all the members of the Council, all independent elected officials, and the Mayor, to the 18th Annual Red Mass for Justice on Friday, October 3, 2025, at the Cathedral of the Madeleine in Salt Lake City at 12:10 PM. This event would honor judges, attorneys, police officers, and all involved in the legal profession. She would be sending information to the policy advisors and elected officials after today's meeting.

Sheriff Rosie Rivera stated she had updated the Council on the kitchen remodel at the Jail weeks ago. The completion date has been pushed to October 6, 2025. She would notify the Council of any additional costs that might result from this delay.

The National Commission on Correctional Health Care has performed a review, similar to an audit, resulting in the Jail receiving a renewed accreditation. Salt Lake County has one of only two jails in the entire state to receive this accreditation.

Last week Sheriff Rivera and her undersheriff attended the Major County Sheriffs of America conference in Dallas, Texas. The main topic of discussion was the safety of employees and elected officials. There was a shooting at the ICE facility that was near the location of the conference. These types of incidents are happening across the country.

Sheriff Rivera also attended the Utah Sheriff's Association conference, which included an award ceremony. Four of these awards went to Salt Lake County employees.

4. CONSENT ITEMS

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

4.1 Consideration of Approval of the TRT/TRCCA Expenditure Form for the Year Ending 2024 and Transmittal to the Utah State Auditor Pursuant to Utah Code Annotated § 17-31-5.5 25-578

Attachments:

1. 2024 TRT TRCC State Report 9-26-2025

The vote on this consent item was approved.

5. APPROVAL OF TAX LETTERS

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

5.1 Tax Administration's Tax Relief Letters 25-558

Attachments:

1. 7.1 2025 Timely Tax Relief
2. 7.1a Other Years TIMely Tax Relief
3. 7.3a Other Years Veteran Exemptions

The vote on this tax letter was approved.

5.2 Tax Administration's Letters for Hardship Settlements 25-559

Attachments:

1. 7.5 Settlement Partridge, Richard E., Parcel #21-13-431-026
2. 7.5 Settlements Kamoto, Katherine, Parcel #08-27-109-020

The vote on this tax letter was approved.

5.3 Tax Administration's Primary Residential Exemption Letters 25-561

Attachments:

1. Nielson Board Letter_Redacted
2. Post Board Letter_Redacted

The vote on this tax letter was approved.

5.4 Tax Administration's Letters for Deferrals 25-562

Attachments:

1. 7.7 Deferral Christensen, George, Parcel #21-20-378-018
2. 7.7 Deferral Vanos, Leslie A., Parcel #22-32-430-010

The vote on this tax letter was approved.

5.5 Consideration of Tax Record Adjustment for Tax Relief 25-586

Attachments:

1. 250922_Council Tax Record Adjustments

The vote on this tax letter was approved.

6. APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

6.1 Approval of September 16, 2025, County Council Morning Work Session Minutes 25-565

Attachments:

1. 09-16-25 1030 Council Minutes

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

6.2 Approval of September 16, 2025, County Council Minutes 25-567

Attachments:

1. 09-16-25 130 Council Minutes

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

7. WORK SESSION

7.1 Informational Update on the Proposed Hire Report/Incentive Plans - \$3000 and Under / Weekly Reclassification Report 25-582

Presenter: Hoa Nguyen, Council Budget and Policy Analyst
(Approx. 1:50 PM, Less than 5 minutes)

Discussion - Vote Needed

Attachments:

1. Proposed Hire Report - 9-24-2025
2. Incentive Plans - \$3,000 and Under 9-24-2025
3. Weekly Reclassification Report 9-24-2025

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

7.2 Incentive Plan over \$3,000 Threshold 25-583

Presenter: Hoa Nguyen, Council Budget and Policy Analyst
(Approx. 1:50 PM, Less than 5 minutes)

Discussion - Vote Needed

Attachments:

1. Incentive Plan over \$3,000 9.24.2025

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

A motion was made by Council Member Romero, seconded by Council Member Harrison, that this agenda item be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote. Council Member Stewart was absent for the vote.

7.3 Budget Adjustment: The District Attorney's Office Requests to Recognize \$92,000 in Additional One-time Funding from the State of Utah to Cover the Lease Payments for the YWCA Space for the Children's Justice Center North and to Help Offset Cuts to the VOCA Grant Next Year 25-587

Presenter: Hoa Nguyen, Council Budget and Policy Analyst
(Approx. 1:55 PM, Less than 5 minutes)

Discussion - Vote Needed

Attachments:

1. 37838 - CJC One-Time Funding
2. 37838 - State of Utah amendment one-time funding

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

A motion was made by Council Member Romero, seconded by Council Member Harrison, that this agenda item be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote. Council Member Stewart was absent for the vote.

7.4 Budget Adjustment: Public Works Requests to Recognize an Additional \$4,715,000 in Sales Tax Revenue and Class B Road Funds for Unincorporated Salt Lake County, with a Corresponding Pass-Through Expense to the Greater Salt Lake Municipal Services District (GSLMSD) 25-588

Presenter: Hoa Nguyen, Council Budget and Policy Analyst
(Approx. 1:55 PM, Less than 5 minutes)

Discussion - Vote Needed

Attachments:

1. 37861 - True Up Unincorporated Revenues and Expenses

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

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

7.5 Budget Adjustment: Facilities Management Requests to Combine Two Youth Services Capital Projects to Improve Efficiency in Design, Bidding, and Construction 25-592

Presenter: Hoa Nguyen, Council Budget and Policy Analyst
(Approx. 1:55 PM, Less than 5 minutes)

Discussion - Vote Needed

Attachments:

1. 37872 - Combine YS projects

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

A motion was made by Council Member Pinkney, seconded by Council Member Harrison, that this agenda item be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote. Council Member Stewart was absent for the vote.

7.6 Informational Presentation: Mainframe Migrations Project(s)

25-544

Presenter: Zachary Posner, Chief Information Officer; Trevor Hebditch, Associate Director Enterprise Architect; Stuart Tsai, Division Administrator Auditors Office

(Approx. 2:00 PM, 20 minutes)

Informational

Attachments:

1. MF Migration for Council

Mr. Zachary Posner, Chief Information Officer, Information Services, delivered a PowerPoint presentation entitled Mainframe Migration Update. He reviewed modern mainframes; the value of mainframe modernization; and a brief history of Salt Lake County's mainframe use.

Mr. Richard Jaussi, Chief Deputy Auditor, Auditor's Office, continued the presentation, reviewing the migration progress; what has been learned; why migration is important; risks to the tax system; and consequences of a major system failure.

Mr. Posner continued the presentation, reviewing the risk reduction plan.

Mr. Stuart Tsai, Division Administrator, Auditor's Office, continued the presentation, reviewing Torus.

Mr. Trevor Hebditch, Associate Director of Enterprise Architecture, Information Services, concluded the presentation, reviewing Tapia.

7.7 Informational Presentation of the Salt Lake County Clerk's Office

25-560

Presenter: Suzanne Harrison, Salt Lake County Council Member; Dea Theodore, Salt Lake County Council Chair

Lannie Chapman, Salt Lake County Clerk
(Approx. 2:20 PM, 20 minutes)

Informational

Attachments:

1. 2026 Clerks Presentation 9.22.25 for Council

Ms. Lannie Chapman, Clerk, delivered a PowerPoint presentation entitled Salt Lake County Clerk Presentation to Council September 30, 2025. She reviewed the two organizations that make up the Clerk's Office; the Council Clerk and Marriage & Passport Division; challenges faced by the Council Clerk and Marriage & Passport Division; 2025 year-to-date successes of the Council Clerk and Marriage & Passport Division; the Elections Division; challenges faced by the Elections Division; the 2026 Midterm Election; and 2025 year-to-date Elections accomplishments.

Council Member Winder Newton asked Ms. Chapman what her thoughts were on proposed legislation that, if passed, would require the counties to pay the additional costs to verify signatures that are currently verified by the Lieutenant Governor's Office. She ran the numbers and realized it would cost about \$250,000 in General Fund dollars for Salt Lake County to take over this function.

Ms. Chapman stated paper packets, which are used exclusively in Salt Lake County for signature gathering, often contain signatures from voters from multiple counties. This is because signature gatherers often collect signatures at large events, such as concerts or sports events, where people from multiple counties gather. The Lieutenant Governor's Office currently assists in verifying packets that contain signatures from multiple counties. The bill, which she testified against during the last interim session, would require that signatures only be verified by the clerk of the county where the signer resides. It was unclear to her if this legislation would require clerks to reroute signature packets to other counties or invalidate the signatures entirely. Either way, it would be more costly and time-consuming. A similar bill was proposed last year, and it was opposed by the Utah Association of Counties and all the clerks in Utah.

Council Member Romero asked how this year's budget request compared to last year's.

Ms. Chapman stated she is not the statutory election official during odd years, but

through interlocal agreements, her office is able to contract to administer municipal elections and recapture the costs from the municipalities. She would be asking for new FTEs for the first time since 2020, and this was due to the passage of a lot of bills that affect election administration.

Mayor Jennifer Wilson stated there is a lot of fluctuation in the Clerk's budget between the odd and even years.

7.8 Informational Presentation of the Salt Lake County Auditor's Office 25-564

Presenter: Suzanne Harrison, Salt Lake County Council Member; Dea Theodore, Salt Lake County Council Chair

Chris Harding, Salt Lake County Auditor
(Approx. 2:40 PM, 25 minutes)

Informational

Attachments:

1. Sept 30 Presentation

Mr. Chris Harding, Auditor, delivered a PowerPoint presentation entitled Salt Lake County Auditor's Office September 30, 2025. He reviewed why the Auditor's Office exists; the office's organizational chart; and an overview of funding sources.

Mr. Richard Jaussi, Chief Deputy Auditor, Auditor's Office, continued the presentation, reviewing the Tax Division's successes, challenges, and concerns.

Mr. Harding concluded the presentation, reviewing the Audit Division's successes, challenges, and concerns.

7.9 Informational Presentation of the Salt Lake County Sheriff's Office 25-563

Presenter: Suzanne Harrison, Salt Lake County Council Member; Dea Theodore, Salt Lake County Council Chair

Rosie Rivera, Salt Lake County Sheriff
(Approx. 3:05 PM, 60 minutes)

Informational

Attachments:

1. 2025 SO Presentation - Operational and Budget Challenges_September_final update

Sheriff Rosie Rivera delivered a PowerPoint presentation entitled Salt Lake County Sheriff's Office Operational & Budget Challenges September 30, 2025. She reviewed the organizational chart, budget, number of full-time employees, challenges, successes, and concerns for the Sheriff's Office, the Public Safety Bureau, the Law Enforcement Bureau, and the Corrections Bureau.

Under the category of the Sheriff's Office, Sheriff Rivera reviewed the Human Resources and Fiscal budget and FTEs.

Under the category of the Public Safety Bureau, Sheriff Rivera reviewed the Facility Protection Division, the Judicial Protection Division, the Civil Unit, and the Executive Protection Unit.

Under the category of the Law Enforcement Bureau, Sheriff Rivera reviewed the Special Operations Unit, the Salt Lake Valley Law Enforcement Service Area (SLVLESA), the Investigations Unit; the 2026 budget request, professional standards, and technical support.

Council Member Winder Newton asked if it would be appropriate to move that the Council pursue removal from SLVLESA.

Ms. Bridget Romano, Deputy District Attorney, stated since this was an informational item on the agenda, it would not be completely appropriate to make that motion. Adopting legislative intent would be another matter. She added that her office has three attorneys who are currently looking at the different options that would be available to the County if it were to look at that type of action. Presumptively, the funds would stay with Salt Lake County. The largest owner is Rio Tinto, who has a lot of political might. She felt it would be important to be prepared for a longer conversation with many stakeholders.

Council Member Winder Newton stated she would hold off on her motion.

Council Member Stringham stated the County was, in good faith, going through a facilitation with all the stakeholders involved with SLVLESA. She would hate to preempt that process.

Council Member Stewart stated he did not think there was a legislative mechanism yet for the County to withdraw from SLVLESA. Moving into a new legislative session, this

was the time to start submitting bill files. He would like to start actively engaging with the Legislature.

Mayor Jennifer Wilson stated the County needed to be prepared for the legislative session. She appreciated that all the parties have come to the table in good faith, but she was also mindful of the cost differential of revenue that comes in. The amount of money that subsidizes a district relationship puts many cities at a disadvantage. The convening has been going on for a while and needs to come to completion.

Sheriff Rivera concluded her presentation. Under the category of the Correction's Bureau, she reviewed processing; housing; programs; health services; security; and facility support.

8. PENDING LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

8.1 Consideration of a Resolution of the Salt Lake County Council Supporting Protection of the Great Salt Lake Including its Surrounding Wetlands and Encouraging Salt Lake City and the State of Utah to Be Mindful of These Wetlands and the Public and Private Wetland Preserves Surrounding the Great Salt Lake 25-566

Presenter: Dea Theodore, Salt Lake County Council Chair; Natalie Pinkney, Salt Lake County Council Member

Jack Ray, President of the Utah Waterfowl Association & Chair of Great Salt Lake Alliance; Tim Brown, President and CEO of the Tracy Aviary
(Approx. 4:05 PM, 10 minutes)

Discussion - Vote Needed

Attachments:

1. Great Salt Lake Wetlands Resolution[57]
2. Great Salt Lake Wetlands Resolution(RAFL)
3. 5. GSL Issues Forum Presentation. Slides Jack Ray

Council Member Theodore stated she sponsored this resolution, along with Council Member Pinkney, after touring the Great Salt Lake area and noticing a lot more development than she saw the last time she was there. The Great Salt Lake is a huge economic driver for Salt Lake County and the State of Utah. While there are multiple efforts to conserve the lake, the wetlands area is equally deserving of consideration.

Mr. Jack Ray, President, Utah Waterfowl Association and Chair, Great Salt Lake

Alliance, spoke in support of the resolution. He reviewed various slides containing before and after pictures of wetland areas, as well as a short video, to show what can happen when steps are not taken to preserve wetland areas.

Mr. Tim Brown, President and CEO, Tracy Aviary, spoke in favor of the resolution. He agreed that habitat loss is a huge concern for those who care about birds. He recalled that 40 years earlier, he had worked with many other members of the community to mitigate the situation when downtown Salt Lake City was flooded by City Creek. All the small efforts added up when community members dropped everything and committed to action. However, while signs were everywhere, making the flood easy to notice, the shrinkage of the Great Salt Lake is more difficult to observe. Even so, it demands the same type of attention and commitment. He hoped that businesses, church groups, schools, and neighbors would come to see the shrinkage of the Great Salt Lake as a slow-moving disaster and work together to effectuate the change necessary to fix things.

Ms. Lynn de Freitas, Executive Director, Friends of the Great Salt Lake, spoke in favor of the resolution. Her organization was founded 31 years ago and was inspired by the work of the Mono Lake Committee. She stated the Great Salt Lake does matter, and it is dependent upon community for its survival. She was grateful for the Council's time, energy, and inspiration.

Ms. Heidi Hoven, Senior Manager, Gillmor Sanctuary, stated the resolution encapsulated the issues at hand, was timely, and was much needed. She had been involved in convening a group of partners, many of whom spoke today, to follow up on the Shoreline Heritage Area of the Great Salt Lake. She hoped the resolution would set a precedent for promoting education and conservation efforts.

Council Member Pinkney stated this resolution was important, not just for Salt Lake County, but for the world. She read the resolution aloud:

RESOLUTION NO. 6329

- A RESOLUTION OF THE SALT LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL SUPPORTING PROTECTION OF THE GREAT SALT LAKE INCLUDING ITS SURROUNDING WETLANDS AND ENCOURAGING SALT LAKE CITY AND THE STATE OF UTAH TO BE MINDFUL OF THESE WETLANDS AND THE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE WETLAND PRESERVES SURROUNDING THE GREAT SALT LAKE

WHEREAS, The Great Salt Lake is a unique and vital natural resource of international importance, supporting millions of migratory birds each year along the Pacific Flyway; and

WHEREAS, the wetlands and bird refuges surrounding Great Salt Lake – including the wetlands, Migratory Bird Production Areas, and state waterfowl management areas in Salt Lake County – provide irreplaceable ecological services, recreational opportunities, and cultural heritage value; and

WHEREAS, the continued health of these wetlands is threatened by declining lake levels, increasing salinity, dust emissions from the exposed lakebed, and the impacts of regional growth and development; and

WHEREAS, Salt Lake County has designated the wetland areas and managed habitats along the Great Salt Lake's south shore as the Shoreline Heritage Area in recognition of its unique and important character and contribution to the Great Salt Lake's health and the quality of life for County residents; and

WHEREAS, Salt Lake County recognizes the importance of working collaboratively with Salt Lake City, the State of Utah, and other regional partners to ensure that water policy, land use planning, and conservation efforts protect and restore the wetlands and habitats surrounding the lake; and

WHEREAS, prudent stewardship of the Great Salt Lake and its wetlands support public health, environmental sustainability, economic resilience, and the quality of life for residents of Salt Lake County and the State of Utah;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Salt Lake County Council, acting as the legislative body for Salt Lake County, that Salt Lake County supports and encourages Salt Lake City and the State of Utah to join with Salt Lake County in supporting policies and actions that accomplish the following objectives:

1. Prioritize water conservation policies and practices that safeguard inflows to the Great Salt Lake and its wetlands;
2. Protect existing Salt Lake County wetlands, Migratory Bird Production Areas, and waterfowl management areas from encroachment and degradation due to urban growth and development;
3. Support restoration and mitigation projects that enhance and protect wetland ecosystems and improve habitat quality for migratory birds and other wildlife;
4. Engage in cooperative planning and development and decision-making that balances economic development with long-term ecological sustainability of the Great Salt Lake region; and

5. Promote public awareness and education regarding the ecological, cultural, and economic importance of the Great Salt Lake wetlands and bird habitats.

BE IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Mayor of Salt Lake City, the Governor of the State of Utah, and other relevant agencies and organizations engaged in the protection and management of the Great Salt Lake.

APPROVED and ADOPTED this 30th day of September, 2025.

SALT LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL

ATTEST (SEAL)

By /s/ DEA THEODORE
Chair

By /s/ LANNIE CHAPMAN
Salt Lake County Clerk

Council Member Stringham asked if anyone knew what the price tag would be for the County if it wanted to purchase some of the privately owned wetlands properties.

Mayor Jennifer Wilson stated there had been a community-based effort to compile some resources, and the price tag went up. The Open Space Fund could possibly provide funds for this if the County could get the price tag to a reasonable amount. She felt it would be a good idea to direct Kara Trevino, Intergovernmental Relations Manager, Council Office, and Justin Stewart, Senior Advisor, Mayor's Office, to watch for any proposed legislation that might affect this issue.

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

9. PROCLAMATIONS, MEMORIALS, AND OTHER CEREMONIAL OR COMMEMORATIVE MATTERS

9.1 A Proclamation Recognizing Childhood Cancer Awareness Month

Council Member Theodore spoke of a family she knew whose child had cancer as an infant, went into remission, and is now thriving at 12 years old. She read the proclamation aloud:

Proclamation for Childhood Cancer Awareness Month

WHEREAS, the American Cancer Fund for Children and Kids Cancer Connection report cancer is the leading cause of death by disease among children in the United States. This tragic disease is detected in more than 16,000 of our nation's young people each and every year. An estimated 400,000 children and adolescents are diagnosed with cancer globally each year; and

WHEREAS, one in five of our nation's children loses his or her battle with cancer. Many infants, children and teens will suffer from long-term effects of comprehensive treatment, including secondary cancers.

WHEREAS, founded over thirty years ago by Steven Firestein, a member of the philanthropic branch of the Max Factor cosmetics family, the American Cancer Fund for Children, Inc. and Kids Cancer Connection, Inc. in collaboration with Lions Clubs International are dedicated to helping these children and their families; and

WHEREAS, the American Cancer Fund for Children and Kids Cancer Connection provide a variety of vital patient psychosocial services to children undergoing cancer treatment at Intermountain Primary Children's Hospital, Ronald McDonald House, Shriners Children's Salt Lake City, as well as participating hospitals throughout the country, thereby enhancing the quality of life for these children and their families; and

WHEREAS, the American Cancer Fund for Children and Kids Cancer Connection also sponsor toy distributions, family sailing, Laughternoon - Laughter is Healing, pet-assisted therapy, KCC Supercar Experience, art therapy, It's Magic - Nothing is Impossible, Home and Hospital Instruction, Music is Medicine, Dental Kits for Kids, sensory gardening and hospital celebrations in honor of a child's determination and bravery to fight the battle against childhood cancer.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Salt Lake County Council proclaims September 2025 as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month honoring the courage of children fighting cancer, remembering those we have lost, reaffirming our community's commitment to supporting families, advancing lifesaving research, and urging all residents, businesses, schools, faith communities, and civic organizations to join together in raising awareness and bringing hope to every child battling this disease.

10. OTHER ITEMS REQUIRING COUNCIL APPROVAL

11. OTHER BUSINESS

ADJOURN

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS to come before the Council at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 5:06 PM until Tuesday, October 7, 2025.

LANNIE CHAPMAN, COUNTY CLERK

By _____
DEPUTY CLERK

By _____
CHAIR, SALT LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL