

SALT LAKE COUNTY

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Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 13, 2026

1:30 PM

Council Chambers, Room N1-110

County Council

1. CALL TO ORDER

Invocation - Reading or Thought - Pledge of Allegiance

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

Invocation - Reading or Thought - Pledge of Allegiance

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

1.1 Quorum Call—Roll Call Vote

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. KC Gale stated he felt it was not right for the Council to cancel the three meetings following the vote in favor of the tax increase because it resulted in members of the public not being able to give feedback during this time. He asked if the Council members were trying to hide from the public. He let the Council know that there was a website, notaxslco.com, that gave information about the ballot referendum to stop the tax increase. He stated he appreciated that Council Member Moreno voted against the tax increase, and he did not understand why the Democrats on the Council voted for the budget after the Child Care program was cut, because Democrats typically promote socialist causes. He warned they would be accountable to their voters during the next election. He stated he had previously asked the Republicans on the Council multiple questions and he did not receive a response.

Ms. Keiko Jones stated he did not mind paying taxes if they were used the right way. She asked the Council to reconsider its decision to close the Child Care program and to give the program time to succeed. She asked what the Council's job was, if not to support working families and help people pursue happiness. Many residents are currently living in fear and uncertainty, and this closure will only add more burden. She argued that working families are the foundation of society and children are the future. This was not a selfish request on her part, as she did not have children of her own.

Ms. Tammi Diaz stated she supported the referendum petition to stop the tax increase. She urged the County to start an arts and crafts program where people who are incarcerated, people experiencing mental illness, and the homeless could learn skills to calm themselves. She recommended the book "Your Brain on Art: How the Arts Transform Us" by Susan Magsamen. She passed out pieces of paper with the heading: "Crafting Is My Therapy" and urged the Council to give creativity a try. Ms. Diaz also spoke against the Council's decision to cut the Child Care program and the Karen Mayne Pre-Apprenticeship Program. She asked the Council to be more creative in looking for ways to help individuals in need of services.

Ms. Dena Long stated 2026 was the Chinese Year of the Horse, which symbolized getting rid of the old and jumping in with the new. She asked the Council what had been implemented with the Leifman Group and what funds had been allocated to the program for safety and mental health. She asked why individuals in police custody did not receive medical intake sooner. Often, people's medical issues are ignored, causing them injury. She asked why more money would be added to a program when simple training is not working. She complained that prosecutors often do not pursue felonies and unproductive County employees are paid high wages with big benefit packages. She felt the process to terminate a County employee was too drawn out. She asked that County funds be managed better. She complained that the Facilities Services Division Director recently received a \$5,000 bonus.

Mr. Bernie Hart spoke about the homeless problem in Salt Lake City. He has been working with the homeless for years and has reached out to local leaders many times, asking for information about the mental health treatment model, which is draining the budget because the need for services never declines. This means that money is not being spent on effective solutions. He claimed Operation Rio Grande cost \$63 million dollars and only helped one individual. He felt nobody was talking about the poor outcomes. He encouraged the Council to reach out to the public for serious input.

Ms. Karina McLellan, Ability and Inclusion Services, stated her organization was not for profit and it supports adults with cognitive and developmental disabilities. The organization just finished building its brand-new 12-unit ADA-compliant residential complex. The building was constructed in record time and she invited the Council and community members to attend the ribbon cutting. The residential program provides support for daily living skills, grocery shopping, community engagement, and financial and medical case management. The new building has openings and applications are being accepted. She also asked Council members to save the date for the annual Spring Fling gala. This event will be raising funds for a community day program. This program will be geared toward individuals between the ages of 18 and 22 with disabilities, and it will help bridge the gap between school and adulthood by focusing on

community-based learning, volunteering, career exploration, and life skills development.

Ms. Michelle Polish stated she understood the decisions made by the Council were not always easy, but she challenged the Council members to set aside party ideology and work together, empathetically, with their constituents in mind. She encouraged the Council to be innovative and make its mark, keeping in mind how it wanted to be remembered.

Mr. Jefferson Curtis stated he was a parent affected by the Council's decision to close the Child Care program. He wanted to remind the Council that the parents affected by this decision have not disappeared. He felt the decision to close the program was made without proper data or community input. He felt that the program was blamed for extreme costs that were tied to the County, but not the program itself, and this was done for political reasons. He wondered why the County was willing to spend so much money for public safety, but it was not willing to spend much less for the Child Care program.

3. REPORT OF ELECTED OFFICIALS:

3.1 County Council Members

Council Member Winder Newton stated she appreciated the comment about working together across the aisle. The Council needed to work together on criminal justice reform in the coming year. She also commended the Mayor's Office on coming up with many innovative ideas for how to fund the Tenth East Senior Center. There were some exciting things on the horizon, and there would be more announcements to come on that.

Council Member Stewart stated he wished the Council could do a better job of helping people understand how things work, as this would help them better understand why Council members voted the way they did. He appreciated that even when he and his colleagues disagreed, they could do so amicably and still have a civil conversation afterward.

Council Member Harrison stated government worked best when there was a back-and-forth dialogue with citizens. She reported on her recent visit to Miami-Dade County. This trip allowed her and other members of the Council to see, in action, the County's work to reduce homelessness and provide treatment for people experiencing mental illness. She felt very hopeful that Salt Lake County could learn to do the same.

Council Member Pinkney stated she also visited Miami-Dade County, and took a lot of interest because of her history in criminal justice. She emphasized the Democratic caucus's commitment to maintaining the County's Child Care program and senior centers.

Council Member Theodore stated the Council members did not always agree, but at the end of the day, they could still collaborate for the best interest of the constituents. Decisions made by Council members are typically well-thought-out and are often made after consulting with field experts. Decisions are rarely made quickly and in a knee-jerk manner.

3.2 County Mayor

Mayor Jennifer Wilson delivered her weekly report:

- Mayor Wilson shared a poem she wrote after taking Tammi Diaz up on her challenge to be creative:

Nine Council members and other electeds showed up today, and our friend Tammi invited us to play.

To doodle, to write, to draw; all are okay. But for those of us with a mind, a pen, and a voice, to be creative is often a really tough choice.

But thank you, dear Tammi, for this creative nudge. For a technocrat like me, I'm willing to budge.

- Mayor Wilson reflected on the journey she and the Council had been on with the public over the last few months. This has led to a lot of reflection on what everyone stands for, as well as many sleepless nights. She remembered being a new Council member and having more questions than answers, so she felt it was completely appropriate for the public to have tough questions. She wanted to offer more insight regarding some of the inaccurate narratives that had been shared. She encouraged people with questions to email her at mayor@saltlakecounty.gov.

- The County's annual Point in Time Count will take place January 29th through January 31st. This event relies on volunteers, who are trained and assigned a track to check in on individuals in the community experiencing homelessness. Volunteers then return and report on how many individuals they counted. Those interested in volunteering can speak with Katherine Fife, Associate Deputy Mayor of County Services.

- Salt Lake County was recently recognized by A Bolder Way Forward as part of its "100 Companies Championing Women: Best Practices for Utah Companies." Specifically, the County was recognized for its Karen Mayne Pre-

Apprenticeship Program, which was recently cut from the budget.

- The Clark Planetarium is premiering its documentary "The Lost Wolves of Yellowstone," which was directed by Emmy Award-winning filmmaker, Thomas Winston. He and conservation biologist, Mike Phillips, will be at the opening at the Planetarium on Saturday, January 17th.
- The Zoo, Arts, and Parks (ZAP) program is accepting applications from Tier II grantees for participation in the Collaborative Impact Program. This initiative provides training, networking, and mentoring to help strengthen the County's organizational capacity.
- Mayor Wilson stated over the years, senior centers have been built based on need. Some cities have chosen to expand alone based on the County's timeline. The County has tried to maintain a regional balance for these programs, and has looked at trends, needs, and communities. District one has a greater aging population than any other district. The Mayor did not like the idea of not honoring the County's commitment to renovate the center, but she has asked the Contracts and Procurement Division to let her know if money was going to be wasted. The direction of the Council was to continue construction, and appropriation for staffing and operations will be determined at a future date. The Mayor's team has been working to identify additional funding sources, and the County may be eligible for some construction relief in the amount of \$1.54 million through the New Market Tax Credit (NMTC) program. Darrin Casper, Deputy Mayor of Finance and Administration, feels very optimistic that this solution will work. After reading the meeting minutes from previous Council discussions, Mayor Wilson felt she had sufficient authorization to instruct her team to keep moving on this, and she did so.
- Mayor Wilson encouraged constituents to check the posted Council meeting times every Friday and attend the following Tuesday, if possible. Ongoing community engagement helps the Council be more deliberate in its decisions.
- Mayor Wilson stated the Leifman Group's program is an evidence-based success story, and it will be a long-term challenge for the County. It is a bipartisan program that was presented to the County by both conservatives and liberals. The County will probably take a proposal to the Legislature this year. In implementing the program, Miami-Dade County has cut its arrests in half. Its recidivism rate has been reduced from 75 percent to 20 percent. It has closed one jail, saving \$12 million annually. It has reduced unsheltered homelessness from 8,000 to 1,000 individuals. It has improved public safety and has provided people with serious mental health issues a chance for success. The program's model is to train police officers, intervene early, and determine an individual's threat to the community, keeping in mind that while jail is often necessary, it typically

makes those with mental health challenges sicker and more difficult to rehabilitate.

3.3 Other Elected County Officials

Sheriff Rosie Rivera stated the Salt Lake Valley Law Enforcement Service Area (SLVLESA) had its December board meeting. During this meeting, the board reduced the budget for the Sheriff's Office for patrol of unincorporated areas of Salt Lake County from \$4.4 million to \$3.1 million. In response, the Sheriff's Office had to cut its team of deputies who patrol that area from 17 to 10. This change was significant, and resulted in concern over safety for the officers. The Herriman City Police Department has agreed to help cover the southwest side of the unincorporated area during times of high traffic congestion when it is more difficult for deputies to arrive. During its December meeting, the SLVLESA board also approved a budget of around \$27 million for the Unified Police Department.

Sheriff Rivera reported on the efforts of the Search and Rescue team, which has had a busy year. The Search and Rescue team is a volunteer organization that is overseen by the Sheriff's Office. There are currently 53 individuals on the team, and there are also 14 canyon deputies who are trained in rescues. Last year, the Search and Rescue team had a total of 139 activities. The Sheriff's Office tries to do a lot of outreach to the community on how to stay safe in the canyons, but it continues to receive an increasing amount of calls for help. Most of the incidents occur in Big Cottonwood Canyon, Little Cottonwood Canyon, and Mount Olympus. This year, there were 81 live-person rescues and seven fatal recoveries. These statistics do not include on-duty rescues by trained deputies.

On January 30th, the Sheriff's Office, in partnership with the Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) and the Office of Regional Development, will be hosting an event to educate people visiting the canyons on traction law. It will be introducing a sticker program that will allow people who have already had their vehicles checked to get through long lines faster. This program will be voluntary and free of charge.

4. CONSENT ITEMS

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

4.1 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 \$2,640,000 of County Corridor Preservation Funds to Herriman City to be Used by the City to Acquire Certain Property Located at 6400 West and 12600 South for Transportation Purposes 25-945

Attachments:

1. 251219 Herriman Blvd Corridor Preservation ILA_RATF
2. 251219 Herriman Blvd Corridor Preservation Resolution_RATF

RESOLUTION NO. 6351

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 \$2,640,000 OF COUNTY CORRIDOR PRESERVATION FUNDS TO HERRIMAN CITY TO BE USED BY THE CITY TO ACQUIRE CERTAIN PROPERTY LOCATED AT 6400 WEST AND 12600 SOUTH FOR TRANSPORTATION PURPOSES.

RECITALS

WHEREAS, Salt Lake County (the “County”) and Herriman 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 July 17, 2025, 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 approved by COG at approximately 6400 West and 12600 South in Herriman, Utah, consistent with the purpose and requirements of Utah

Code § 72-2-117.5. A copy of the COG recommendation letter, dated September 9, 2025, 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 \$2,640,000 of Corridor Preservation Funds to the City to be used by the City as described in the Interlocal Agreement and in accordance with the 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 Herriman City for the project described in its recommendation letter is approved.
2. That the Interlocal Agreement between Salt Lake County and Herriman 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 13th day of January, 2026.

SALT LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL

ATTEST (SEAL)

By /s/ AIMEE WINDER NEWTON
Chair

By /s/ NIKILA VENUGOPAL
Chief Deputy Salt Lake County Clerk

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 Johnson, that the Tax Letters be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

5.1 Tax Administration's Tax Relief Letters 25-943

Attachments:

1. 7.1 2025 Timely Tax Relief
2. 7.2 2025 Late Tax Relief
3. 7.3 2025 Veteran Exemptions
4. 7.3a Other Years' Veteran Exemptions
5. 7.4 2025 Active-Duty Exemptions

The vote on this tax letter was approved.

5.2 Tax Administration's Letters for Hardship Settlements 25-944

Attachments:

1. 7.5 Settlement Melanie G Morrison, Parcel #32-12-155-004

The vote on this tax letter was approved.

5.3 Tax Administration's Waiver and Refund Requests Letter 26-5

Attachments:

1. 5.0 Waiver and Refund Requests Letter

The vote on this tax letter was approved.

6. APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

A motion was made by Council Member Harrison, seconded by Council Member Johnson, that the meeting minutes be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

6.1 Approval of November 25, 2025, County Council Minutes 25-942

Attachments:

1. 11-25-25 Council Minutes

The vote on the meeting minutes was approved.

6.2 Approval of December 9, 2025, County Council Minutes 25-946

Attachments:

1. 120925 Council 130 Minutes

The vote on the meeting minutes was approved.

6.3 Approval of December 9, 2025, 6:00 PM County Council Minutes 26-14

Attachments:

1. 12-09-25 Council 600 Minutes

The vote on the meeting minutes was approved.

6.4 Approval of December 16, 2025, County Council Minutes 26-15

Attachments:

1. 12-16-25 Council 130 Minutes

The vote on the meeting minutes was approved.

6.5 Approval of December 16, 2025, 6:00 PM County Council Minutes 26-16

Attachments:

1. 12-16-25 Council 600 Minutes

The vote on the meeting minutes was approved.

7. WORK SESSION

7.1 Selection of Council Leadership for 2026 25-937

Discussion - Vote Needed

A motion was made by Council Member Stringham, seconded by Council Member Harrison, that the Council leadership for 2026 be designated as follows:

Council Chair: Council Member Aimee Winder Newton

Council Vice Chair: Council Member Sheldon Stewart

Council Pro Tempore: Council Member Dea Theodore

Minority Leader: Council Member Jiro Johnson

Council Member Stringham asked that the meeting minutes reflect that the Republican Caucus has chosen Council Member Aimee Winder Newton as its leader and the Democratic Caucus has chosen Council Member Jiro Johnson as its leader.

The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Council Member Winder Newton presented Council Member Theodore with a commemorative gavel in recognition of her service.

7.2 Informational Update on the Proposed Hire Report / Incentive Plans - \$3000 and Under / Weekly Reclassification Report 26-11

Presenter: Hoa Nguyen, Council Budget and Policy Analyst
(Less than 5 minutes)

Informational

Attachments:

1. Proposed Hire Report - 1-7-2026
2. Incentive Plans - \$3,000 and Under 1-7-2026
3. Weekly Reclassification Report 1-7-2026

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

7.3 Incentive Plans over \$3,000 Threshold 26-18

Presenter: Hoa Nguyen, Council Budget and Policy Analyst
(Less than 5 minutes)

Discussion - Vote Needed

Attachments:

1. Incentive Plan over \$3,000 01-13-2026

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

A motion was made by Council Member Harrison, seconded by Council Member Johnson, that the incentive plan be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

**7.4 Budget Adjustment: Human Resources Requests a 2025
Post Year-End Budget Adjustment to Shift \$131,499 from
Capital Purchases to Debt Services to Meet SBITA
Requirements for the Talent Acquisition Platform** 26-17

Presenter: Hoa Nguyen, Council Budget and Policy Analyst
(Less than 5 minutes)

Discussion - Vote Needed

Attachments:

1. 38048 - HR SBITA appropriation shift

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

A motion was made by Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Stewart, that the budget adjustment be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

7.5 TIME CERTAIN 2:00 PM 26-10
**Council Discussion and Direction Regarding the
Taylorsville Redevelopment Agency Request for
Amendment to the 5400 South and Bangerter Urban
Renewal Area**

Presenter: Kersten Swinyard, Economic Development Director; Dave Delquadro, Council Fiscal Manager; Isaac Higham, Council Office Director; Mayor Kristie Overson, Taylorsville City; Dina Blaes, Taylorsville Chief of Strategic Engagement
(30 minutes)

Discussion - Vote Needed

Attachments:

1. Taylorsville 5400 S Bangerter URA_TIF Model v8_2026 Jan 9
2. Taylorsville 5400 S Bangerter URA_TIF Model v9 Excluding SLCo Library_2026 Jan 12
3. Taylorsville-SLCo Council Mtg_5400 S Bangerter URA_2026 Jan 13
4. Request for amendment - Taylorsville 5400 South Bangerter URA

Ms. Kersten Swinyard, Economic Development Director, Office of Regional Development, delivered a PowerPoint presentation entitled Request for Amendment: Taylorsville 5400 South and Bangerter Urban Renewal Area (URA). She explained that today's request was unusual because the project type, which was formed in 2007, was governed by a structure that is no longer used by Salt Lake County. The Tax Increment Funding Project Areas (TIFs) that are used now have more flexibility and can be governed through Interlocal Agreements (ILAs). However, back in 2007, the County would use a Taxing Entity Committee (TEC), and this was grandfathered into the agreement. With this type of structure, the County holds two of eight seats on the TEC and a two-thirds majority vote (six of eight votes) prevails. She explained the project, which was formed in 2007 and amended in 2011. The project was also extended in 2021 due to COVID. Taylorsville City was requesting an extension from 2028 to 2038, with no other changes made to the terms of the agreement. The project was formed initially to address blight, retail vacancy, and sewer infrastructure. Taylorsville City is now proposing a pivot to build 612 affordable units of multifamily housing, sewer upgrades, roadway improvements, property acquisition, and other redevelopment activities. Ms. Swinyard reviewed the breakdown of the budget. She then went over the omission of the County Library increment participation.

Council Member Theodore asked for a more detailed breakdown of the administrative fees.

Ms. Dena Blaes, Chief of Strategic Engagement, Taylorsville City, stated the blight that was occurring in 2007 has only gotten worse. She delivered a PowerPoint presentation entitled Redevelopment Agency (RDA) of Taylorsville 5400 South Bangerter Highway URA January 13, 2026. She reviewed what was being asked of the TEC, stressing that the City was only asking for additional time and was not asking for additional revenue. She reviewed the project area and details, current conditions of the northwest quadrant, current conditions of the southwest quadrant, current conditions of the East 54th Corridor; current conditions in general, the City's plans for the project area; and project area working budget estimates. In answer to Council Member Theodore's question about administrative fees, she explained the administrative costs would be approximately \$100,000 a year and there would also be studies necessary to facilitate the mixed-use development on the north part of the project site.

Council Member Stewart stated he felt the overpass on 5400 and Bangerter only contributed to the blight in the area. He would like to see performance metrics implemented if the extension were to be granted and he asked if the City would be open to this.

Ms. Blaes stated it would be.

Council Member Stringham stated this area was a problem for Kearns, which is just west of the project area. It had been an issue for a long time, and something needed to happen sooner rather than later, especially due to the 2034 Olympics and the location of the Olympic Oval. She had no problem with developing housing, but she would prefer an option that allowed for homeownership rather than renting. She also wanted to make sure there would be enough parking for residents.

Council Member Winder Newton asked David Delquadro, Chief Financial Manager, Council Office, if he had any questions or concerns, since he was one of the County's two voters on the TEC.

Mr. David Delquadro, Chief Financial Manager, Council Office, asked how much of the non-RDA money that had been collected was available to be spent on improving the sewage issues sooner.

Ms. Blaes stated it was all available. The City has funded its RDA through General Fund money since the beginning, and the money has been left untouched. The City also received a grant through the Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) as reimbursement.

Ms. Catherine Kanter, Deputy Mayor of Regional Operations, noted that Ms. Swinyard and Mr. Delquadro are the two voters on the TEC. She understood the TEC meeting was scheduled for this Friday. She asked if it would be best to proceed with that meeting or if more time should be taken to outline the performance measures Council Member Stewart requested and learn where the Granite School District stands on the Library being excluded. She thought a little more time might benefit all parties involved.

Ms. Blaes stated she believed the conversations that had taken place outside the formal TEC meeting were sufficient to reach a good arrangement by Friday. Additionally, State law did not allow a TEC to meet while the Legislature was in session, so any extension would push things until the end of March, which was not desirable.

A motion was made by Council Member Stewart, seconded by Council Member Stringham, to direct David Delquadro to vote in favor of the amendment to the Taylorsville Redevelopment Agency 5400 South and Bangerter Urban Renewal Area's

(URA) term, extending the collection period of the URA by ten years through the end of 2038, with the following conditions:

- The County's position of the Library being excluded from participating would be ensured.
- Certain performance metrics would be put into place, with annual check-ins with the Council, to ensure the metrics were working toward the goal of making the area visibly appealing by the 2034 Winter Olympics. Other performance metrics could be dictated by the TEC.
- Mr. Delquadro, in consultation with the Mayor's office, would be able to use his discretion whether to vote "no" if the Taxing Entity Committee did not agree with these terms.

The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND ISSUANCE OF PUBLIC NOTICES

8.1 Set a Public Hearing on January 27, 2026, for an Ordinance Amending The Salt Lake County Wasatch Canyons General Plan, West General Plan, and Sandy Hills General Plan to Add a Water Use and Preservation Element

26-8

Attachments:

1. OAM2025-001554 - SLCo Water Element Staff Report County Council
2. Ordinance Approving Amendment to General Plan - Water Element

Council Member Stringham asked if this would include the hearings for the High Country Estate group in Herriman City.

Ms. Ryan Anderson, Program Manager, Office of Regional Development, stated this would not include those discussions that were initiated two years ago. There would be a recommendation in the draft to readdress those conversations, and that draft would be sent to the Council in the next few days. However, the water element was a General Plan amendment, and it would be nonbinding. It would not be a regulatory document.

Council Member Stringham advised Ms. Anderson that there would likely be high attendance from members of that group because the group was previously told by the County that there would not be any recommendations before the hearings were over.

Ms. Anderson stated her consultant did some community engagement with the group in August, and she was not sure many members would attend.

Council Member Stringham asked about the status of the reports that had been requested.

Ms. Anderson stated she was not sure of the status of those reports because they were under the jurisdiction of the watershed team.

Council Member Stringham stated she would feel much more comfortable if the reports were received by the Council before any recommendation was made.

Ms. Anderson stated she would reach out to Bob Thompson, Watershed Section Manager, Engineering and Flood Control, and pass along that message.

Mr. Mitchell Park stated the hearing should be set for 1:30 PM, and the agenda, when published, might have a more specific time-certain for that hearing.

A motion was made by Council Member Pinkney, seconded by Council Member Harrison, that the public hearing be set. The motion carried by an 8 to 1 vote, with Council Member Stringham voting "Nay."

Council Member Stringham explained she was not comfortable setting the hearing without knowing for certain that the issues she raised had been taken care of.

9. OTHER ITEMS REQUIRING COUNCIL APPROVAL

10. OTHER BUSINESS

10. Tentative Notice of 2026 Council Meeting Cancellations for Holiday

1 Observances:

- **January 20th — Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**
- **February 17th — Presidents' Day**
- **May 26th — Memorial Day**
- **July 7th — Independence Day**
- **July 28th — Pioneer Day**
- **September 8th — Labor Day**
- **December 1st — Thanksgiving**
- **December 22nd — Christmas**
- **December 29th — New Years**

Mr. Mitchell Park, Legal Counsel, Council Office, stated there would likely need to be a Board of Canvassers meeting on July 7th, due to the date of the Primary election.

Council Member Winder Newton recommended removing July 7th from the tentative notice and adding it back later, if possible.

Council Member Stewart noted Council meetings would not be held for the last two weeks of December. He asked legal counsel if the Council would have to vote on each of these meetings as time got closer.

Mr. Mitchell Park, Legal Counsel, Council Office, stated he would not recommend voting to cancel all the meetings at once due to the contingencies that could arise throughout the year.

**10. Cancellation of the January 20, 2026, County Council Meeting in
2 Observation of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**

Mr. Mitchell Park, Legal Counsel, Council Office, stated the Council should vote on this matter.

A motion was made by Council Member Stewart, seconded by Council Member Stringham, that the January 20, 2026 meeting be cancelled. The motion carried by a unanimous vote. Council Member Moreno was absent for the vote.

ADJOURN

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS to come before the Council at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 3:32 PM until Tuesday, January 27, 2026.

LANNIE CHAPMAN, COUNTY CLERK

By _____
DEPUTY CLERK

By _____
CHAIR, SALT LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL