

# **SALT LAKE COUNTY**

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## **Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday, March 10, 2026**

**1:30 PM**

**Council Chambers, Room N1-110**

## **County Council**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Invocation - Reading or Thought - Pledge of Allegiance

**1.1 Quorum Call—Roll Call Vote**

Roll was called, showing the attendance to be as follows:

**Present:** Council Member Laurie Stringham  
Council Member Natalie Pinkney  
Council Member Jiro Johnson  
Council Member Carlos Moreno  
Council Member Aimee Winder Newton  
Council Member Ross Romero  
Council Member Dea Theodore

**Excused:** Council Member Suzanne Harrison  
Council Member Sheldon Stewart

Invocation - Reading or Thought - Pledge of Allegiance

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

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

**Council Member Stringham** stated the International Women's Day Market was held at the Government Center on Saturday. It was a fun event. Additionally, the 2026 U.S. Synchronized Skating Championships were held March 4 through 7, 2026, at the Maverik Center in West Valley City.

**3.2 County Mayor**

**Mayor Jennifer Wilson** made the following announcements:

- The last hour of the legislative session was very dramatic, with the County being heavily featured. The bill regarding County succession was contemplated, but ultimately, the president of the Senate determined that it did not make the calendar.

- Salt Lake County Employee Day for 2026 will be held on June 3 from 11:00 AM through 3:00 PM at the Viridian Event Center.
- The Library Service Division has had several reels go viral on its Instagram account, #thecountylibrary.
- Laura Renshaw, Manager, Millcreek Library, has been named by Millcreek City as a 2026 Community Champion.
- The Library Service Division was recognized by the American Red Cross of Utah for holding blood drives and contributing to the regional supply.
- Mayor Wilson was able to reveal a mural on the exterior of the Suazo Business Center earlier today.

### **3.3 Other Elected County Officials**

## **4. CONSENT ITEMS**

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

### **4.1 Adoption of the 2026 Mid-Year Budget Calendar**

26-222

Attachments:

1. 2026 JuneBudgetCalendar 20260202 - Council version

The vote on this consent item was approved.

## **5. ACCEPTANCE OF ETHICS DISCLOSURES**

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

**5.1 Acceptance of Ethics Disclosures: District Attorney's Office** 26-223

Attachments:

1. District Attorney's Office Disclosure Forms 2026

These ethics disclosures were received and filed.

**6. APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**6.1 Approval of February 24, 2026, County Council Minutes** 26-243

Attachments:

1. 02-24-2026 Council Minutes

A motion was made by Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Stringham, 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** 26-238

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

Informational

Attachments:

1. Proposed Hire Report - 3-4-2026
2. Incentive Plans - \$3,000 and Under 3-4-2026
3. Weekly Reclassification Report 3-4-26

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

**7.2 Incentive Plan over \$3000 Threshold** 26-237

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

Discussion - Vote Needed

Attachments:

1. Incentive Plan over \$3,000 3-4-2026

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

**Council Member Stringham** asked if anyone knew how long it would take to implement the Torus project completely.

**Mr. Tony Jolley**, Associate Division Director, Information Technology Division, stated it would likely take three to five years. This incentive plan was important to the Division to ensure that the risks during the transition would be minimized. The Division was asking for an incentive plan to be approved because it viewed this as a temporary need that could be handled by a manager once the transition was complete.

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

**7.3 Budget Adjustment: Facilities Requests to Shift \$150,164 from Operations to Personnel to Fund a Time-Limited Senior-Level Position to Provide Strategic Oversight of the County's Workplace and Campus Portfolio, Centralizing Space Planning, Optimizing Operations, and Maximizing Public Value While Reducing Inefficiencies and Costs** 26-251

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

Discussion - Vote Needed

Attachments:

1. 38272 - Senior Workplace Operations & Space Planning Leader - TL

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

**Council Member Stringham** asked if specific metrics had been established for this position.

**Ms. Megan Hillyard**, Director, Administrative Services Department, stated metrics had

been established in a broader sense, but not specifically because it was too early to do so. She would be happy to share more specific metrics once it was closer to that point.

**Council Member Stringham** stated she wanted the person assuming the role to understand the importance of meeting the customer-faced concept of the service center.

**Council Member Johnson** asked why this was being presented as a time-limited position instead of a permanent one. He felt strongly that the need for a senior level employee in this role would be ongoing.

**Council Member Moreno** asked if a current employee could assume these responsibilities.

**Ms. Hillyard** stated there was nobody available on existing staff who had the unique skill set that would be necessary.

**Council Member Theodore** stated she did not normally like creating new positions, but in this case, it seemed warranted and necessary.

**Council Member Pinkney** stated she also felt it was necessary.

A motion was made by Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Pinkney, to approve the budget adjustment as presented.

**Mayor Jennifer Wilson** stated if it was the sense of the Council that this position be permanent, it would be better for Ms. Hillyard to begin recruitment efforts knowing that. More qualified applicants would be likely to join the pool if the position was advertised as being ongoing.

An amended motion was made by Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Pinkney, to approve the request as presented without the time-limited restriction and to direct the Mayor to make a permanent hire.

**Council Member Winder Newton** stated she appreciated the sentiment, but she was not comfortable approving the request if it was not time-limited.

**Council Member Pinkney** stated she had learned, in her background of talent acquisition, that the cost of a hire is more expensive than retention. She felt strongly that the County should not deliberately start out working with a weaker hiring pool.

**Ms Hillyard** stated for clarification that she has a clear set of criteria for the move, as well as long-term metrics. She only meant that the metrics would change throughout the

transition.

**Council Member Moreno** stated he could not support the amended motion.

**Council Member Johnson** withdrew his motion.

A motion was made by Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Pinkney, to table the issue for the next two weeks and have Ms. Hillyard return to the Council with specific metrics so it would have more information to make the decision. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

#### **7.4 Presentation of the Performance Audit of the Salt Lake County Office of Regional Development**

26-229

Presenter: Chris Harding, Salt Lake County Auditor  
(20 minutes)

Informational

Attachments:

1. ORD\_ERA+Assets\_Presentation to Council\_Final

**Mr. Chris Harding**, Auditor, delivered a PowerPoint presentation entitled A Performance Audit of the Salt Lake County Office of Regional Development. He reviewed the agenda and the audit team and management.

**Ms. Audra Bylund**, Audit Manager, Auditor's Office, reviewed the scope and objectives of the audit report; opportunities for improvement; Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA) findings regarding the Division of Workforce Services invoices and ERA data.

**Mr. Pete Busche**, Senior Internal Auditor, Auditor's Office, reviewed opportunities to improve oversight of not-for-profit contracted services, including recordkeeping and reconciliation to ERA recipient data. He then reviewed opportunities to strengthen controls over controlled asset management and accountability. Finally, he reviewed recommendations for improvement on ERA and achieving asset accountability.

**Mr. Harding** stated the full audit report could be viewed on the Auditor's website.

**7.5 2026 Legislative Session Update** 26-239  
**The Council May Vote to Take Positions Concerning 2026  
Legislation and Other Related Actions**

Presenter: Kara Trevino, Council Intergovernmental Relations Manager  
(15 minutes)

Discussion - Vote Needed

Attachments: None

**Ms. Kara Trevino**, Intergovernmental Relations Manager, Council Office, reviewed the legislative updates.

- HB 41 Construction and Fire Codes Amendments – Rep. Thomas Peterson

**Ms. Trevino** stated this bill updated the Wildland-Urban Interface (WUI) code so it is up to 2024. This bill delays the fee that the County will collect for the state.

- HB 44 School Security Personnel Standards – Rep. Ryan D. Wilcox

**Ms. Trevino** stated this bill was supported by the Sheriff's Office and it passed.

- HB 87 Animal Care Victim Amendments – Rep. Verona Mauga

**Ms. Trevino** stated this bill, nicknamed the "Biscuits Bill," helped animals in the middle of an animal cruelty case get to a rescue organization instead of the shelter. It passed.

- HB 88 Public Assistance Amendments – Rep. Trevor Lee

**Ms. Trevino** stated this bill, which had several versions, did not pass.

- HB 147 Government Form Submission Amendments – Rep. Jordan Teuscher

**Ms. Trevino** stated this bill got to a place that was workable for the County and it passed.

- HB 161 Property Tax Modifications – Rep. Jill Koford

**Ms. Trevino** stated this bill would have increased the exemption on residential homes. It did not make it to committee and did not pass.

- HB 184 Small Lots and Starter Homes Amendments – Rep. Raymond Ward

**Ms. Trevino** stated this bill would have preempted local zoning and allowed smaller lots for starter homes. It did not pass.

- HB 193 Transgender Medical Procedures Amendments – Rep. Nicholeen Peck

**Ms. Trevino** stated this did not pass.

- HB 212 County Formation Amendments – Rep. Jordan Teuscher

**Ms. Trevino** stated this passed at midnight after it had failed. Ultimately, the president of the Senate decided it did not meet the timeframe. The County had taken a position of neutrality on the bill. Ms. Trevino suspected there might be a special session to come. She thought the County should look at the language in the feasibility study because there were some things that needed to be tightened up.

- HB 215 Landscaping Restrictions Amendments – Rep. Thomas Peterson

**Ms. Trevino** stated the County worked with the sponsor and supported this bill, which had to do with WUI. It passed.

- HB 231 Restaurant Tax Repeal Amendments – Rep. Norman Thurston

**Ms. Trevino** stated this bill failed. The sponsor was pretty unhappy about that. She suspected the bill would return.

- HB 239 Local Land Use Amendments – Rep. Jordan Teuscher

**Ms. Trevino** stated this bill would require the County to staff a committee to decide how the unincorporated area on the west end of the valley would be planned. The bill failed. It might be discussed over the interim.

- HB 258 Insurance Coverage Amendments – Rep. Nicholeen Peck

**Ms. Trevino** stated this bill requires insurance plans that cover gender transitioning to also cover "detransitioning." It passed.

- HB 332 School District Project Financing Amendments – Rep. Tiara Auxier

**Ms. Trevino** stated there were several versions of this bill. It did not pass. She suspected something similar would return.

- HB 337 Nicotine Product Tax Amendments – Rep. Tyler Clancy

**Ms. Trevino** stated this bill passed. It would implement a 50 cent tax increase for a pack of cigarettes.

**Mayor Jennifer Wilson** asked how this would affect homelessness and housing. She asked Ms. Trevino to provide a bit of clarity at next week's retreat.

- HB 415 Building Code Amendments – Rep. Jordan Teuscher

**Ms. Trevino** stated this bill was opposed by the County early on. It did not make it to a committee and it failed.

- HB 427 Tax Increment Financing Modifications – Rep. Neil Walter

**Ms. Trevino** stated this bill got incorporated into SB 206.

- HB 429 Special Districts Amendments – Rep. Candice Pierucci

**Ms. Trevino** stated this bill contained language that only dealt with sanitation districts. The County wanted language that would let it out of the Salt Lake Valley Law Enforcement Service Area (SLVLESA). That language ended up being incorporated into SB 306. It put the County on equal footing with cities.

- HB 441 Property Transaction Amendments – Rep. Jill Koford

**Ms. Trevino** stated this bill would have required additional commercial disclosure pertaining to the fair market value on commercial properties. It died earlier in the session.

- HB 445 County Government Land Purchasing – Rep. Mark Strong

**Ms. Trevino** stated this bill passed. It provided that a county could not acquire real property that is located in another county without getting permission from that county through an interlocal agreement.

**Council Member Winder Newton** stated the County tried hard to kill this bill, but it was unsuccessful.

- HB 449 Utah Taxpayer Oversight of Governmental Spending Amendments – Rep. Tiara Auxier

**Ms. Trevino** stated this bill would have required voter approval for a tax increase. It

would have adversely affected the County's bond rating. The bill failed without even making it to a committee.

- HB 470 Building Inspection Amendments – Rep. Raymond Ward

**Ms. Trevino** stated this bill would have broadened the types of inspections that could be had. It was opposed by the Utah Association of Counties (UAC) and the County. It did not get any traction. There have been different versions of this bill over the last few years.

- HB 475 Development Planning and Coordination Amendments – Rep. Calvin Roberts

**Ms. Trevino** stated this bill, which passed, will restructure the Governor's Office of Economic Opportunity (GOEO) and rename it the Governor's Office of Economic Development (GOED). It will also create an economic coordinating council, which will have local representation.

- HB 477 Land Use Regulation Revisions – Rep. Jill Koford

**Ms. Trevino** stated this was incorporated into SB 284, Local Land Use Modifications, which was sponsored by Sen. Lincoln Fillmore.

- HB 479 Election Code Modifications – Rep. Jefferson Burton

**Ms. Trevino** stated this bill did not pass. It would have dramatically changed voting by mail.

- HB 484 Property Tax Changes – Rep. Kay Christofferson

**Ms. Trevino** stated this bill, which failed, would have required voter approval for Truth in Taxation.

- HB 485 Property Tax Revenue Increase Amendments – Rep. Tiara Auxier

**Ms. Trevino** stated this bill failed. It was opposed by the County.

- HB 492 Transportation Infrastructure and Housing Amendments – Rep. Calvin Roberts

**Ms. Trevino** stated this bill passed. It sets up a revolving loan fund, and it also has added language that helps the County with its convention center.

**Mayor Jennifer Wilson** stated the County was not able to realize what it thought it

would on revenue through the various tax lines. It had to go to the Legislature and explain the shortfall. The Smith Entertainment Group (SEG) and Salt Lake City made some concessions. The County will withhold the entirety of its fourth quarter funds. It has also found some wiggle room in its bonding capacity for the Salt Palace Convention Center.

- HB 507 State Coordination of Regional and Local Economic Development Projects Amendments – Rep. Calvin Roberts

**Ms. Trevino** stated this bill passed on the last day of the legislative session. It restructures the state tax increment financing (TIF) and creates "regionally significant development zones." It should be a high priority to the County in the interim.

- HB 544 County Land Use Authority Amendments – Rep. Kristen Chevrier

**Ms. Trevino** stated this bill, which was opposed by the County, did not pass. Utah County will have to pass its own ordinance to deal with the situation.

- HB 551 Government Records Access Amendments – Rep. Lisa Shepherd

**Ms. Trevino** stated this bill was opposed by the County. It failed without making it to a committee.

- HB 565 City Library Property Tax Amendments – Rep. Andrew Stoddard

**Ms. Trevino** stated this bill passed.

- HB 576 Child Welfare Timeline Compliance Amendments – Rep. Candice Pierucci

**Ms. Trevino** stated this bill failed before making it to a committee. The County had been concerned over how it would affect its indigent defense budget.

- HB 593 Bail Amendments – Rep. Matt MacPherson

**Ms. Trevino** stated this bill would have affected the jail population. It passed quickly through the house, but ultimately failed. The Criminal Justice Advisory Council (CJAC) will probably work on it in the interim.

- HB 596 Homelessness Amendments – Rep. Steve Eliason

**Ms. Trevino** stated this bill did not pass, but other versions did. She will have more information next week.

- HJR 7 Proposal to Amend Utah Constitution Property Tax Modifications – Rep. Lisa Shepherd

- HJR 20 Proposal to Amend Utah Constitution Utah Taxpayer Oversight of Government Spending – Rep. Tiara Auxier

**Ms. Trevino** stated neither of these passed.

- SB 78 Property Tax Relief Amendments – Sen. Daniel McCay

**Ms. Trevino** stated this would have repealed the Circuit Breaker tax relief program, but it failed late Friday night.

- SB 218 Constable Modifications – Sen. Kirk Cullimore

**Ms. Trevino** stated this passed.

## **7.6 TIME CERTAIN 3:00 PM**

26-230

### **Discussion Related to Salt County's Pre-File Diversion Efforts**

Presenter: Jiro Johnson, Salt Lake County Council Member; Suzanne Harrison, Salt Lake County Council Member

Rosie Rivera, Salt Lake County Sheriff; Matt Dumont, Chief Deputy; Kelly Colopy, Human Services Department Director; Kele Griffone, Criminal Justice Services Division Director; Sim Gill, Salt Lake County District Attorney; Rich Mauro, Executive Director of the Salt Lake County Legal Defender Association; Erin Bigler, Director of Forensic Social Work at the Salt Lake County Legal Defender Association  
(90 minutes)

Informational

Attachments: None

**Council Member Johnson** stated he had asked for some time to discuss a few important parts of the project with the Leifman Group, specifically, the implementation of the Leifman Group's recommendations, the sequential intercept model, opioid settlement funds, and pre-file diversion. He wanted the public to be able to hear an open discussion without any of today's speakers being held to the fire regarding specifics.

**Ms. Kelly Colopy**, Director, Human Services Department, delivered a PowerPoint presentation entitled Pre-File Diversion Overview | Maximizing intervention opportunities before criminal justice escalation | March 10, 2026. She reviewed why this project is being taken on; jail utilization; criminal justice system utilization; utilization of the Salt Lake City Public Safety Initiative; utilization of criminal justice services; outcomes in Miami-Dade County where the Leifman Group originated; the cost savings of diversion; the Leifman Group work plan; roles and partnerships; how all the parts of the system connect; what accountability would look like; successes to date; and the sequential intercept model.

**Ms. Anndrea Wild**, Senior Policy Advisor and Salt Lake County Criminal Justice Advisory Council (CJAC) Director, Mayor's Office, continued the presentation, reviewing opportunities for intervention; the first interaction: 911 dispatch; and the second interaction: law enforcement.

**Ms. Alexandra Allen**, Associate Director CJAC, Mayor's Office, continued the presentation, reviewing the third interaction: jail booking.

**Ms. Colopy** concluded the presentation, reviewing community based needs, including timely and accessible treatment, housing across the continuum; and case management/peer support across the system; what is needed next for implementation; and additional opportunities for diversion.

## **8. PENDING LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS**

### **8.1 First Reading of an Ordinance of the Legislative Body of Salt Lake County, Utah, Amending Chapter 2.04 of the Salt Lake County Code of Ordinances, 2001, by Amending Sections 2.04.050(D) and 2.04.150(D), and Adding New Sections 2.04.075 and 2.04.185 Relating to the Regulation of Public Comment and the Preservation of Order and Decorum in Council Meetings** 26-221

Presenter: Aimee Winder Newton, Salt Lake County Council Chair  
(10 minutes)

Discussion - Vote Needed

Attachments:

1. Public Comment and Decorum Ordinance (RAFL)

**Council Member Winder Newton** stated this ordinance would enable the Council to decide items related to public comment. It would codify what is already being

done. Additionally, it would enable the Council to overrule a decision made by the Chair through a majority vote.

**Council Member Johnson** stated he did not see anything wrong with the legal language of the ordinance, but he did not feel the ordinance was necessary either. It was a signal he did not want to be sent. As a proponent of free speech, he did not mind being criticized or even sworn at by members of the public.

**Council Member Pinkney** stated she was confused because she thought these rules were already in place. She was afraid the public perception would be that the Council was trying to restrict free speech.

**Mr. Mitchell Park**, Legal Counsel, Council Office, stated there are provisions in County ordinance about the conduct of public hearings, and these typically refer back to the authority of the Chair to set the rules of a public hearing. Robert's Rules of Order empower a chair to remove a disruptive person from a meeting. Both state law and County ordinance have a provision that allows the Council to vote to remove disruptive individuals. Apart from that, County ordinance does not have a detailed list of procedures regarding the public comment period itself or the behavior of individuals participating in the meeting. In drafting this ordinance, he drew on a few rules from the State Legislature because those rules have been shown to stand up to legal scrutiny. It would not be permissible for the Council to enact regulations that would discriminate based on viewpoints.

**Council Member Moreno** stated he would not support this ordinance because of his beliefs regarding free speech.

**Council Member Stringham** stated she was struggling to understand the concern because there was not anything in the ordinance that contradicted what was currently being done.

A motion was made by Council Member Winder Newton, seconded by Council Member Theodore, that this agenda item be approved. The motion failed by the following roll call vote:

Aye: Council Member Stringham, Council Member Theodore, Council Member Winder Newton.

Nay: Council Member Johnson, Council Member Moreno, Council Member Pinkney, Council Member Romero.

**8.2 First Reading of an Ordinance of the Legislative Body of Salt Lake County, Utah, Repealing Title 10 of the Salt Lake County Code of Ordinances, 2001, Entitled "Public Peace, Morals, and Welfare," in its Entirety** 26-231

Presenter: Aimee Winder Newton, Salt Lake County Council Chair; Jiro Johnson, Salt Lake County Council Member  
Mitchell F. Park, Salt Lake County Council Legal Counsel  
(5 minutes)

Discussion - Vote Needed

Attachments:

1. Title 10 Ordinance Repeal

**Council Member Johnson** stated soon the County will no longer have a justice court and it will no longer be in the municipality business in the way that it has been in past years. For that reason, Title 10 of the Salt Lake County Code of Ordinances is no longer necessary.

**Council Member Stringham** added that Title 10 had not been updated in a long time.

A motion was made by Council Member Pinkney, seconded by Council Member Johnson, that this agenda item be forwarded to the March 24, 2026, Council meeting for final consideration. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

**8.3 Consideration of a Resolution of the Salt Lake County Council Providing Additional Policy Guidance and Legislative Intent Related to the Repeal of Title 10 of the Salt Lake County Code of Ordinances** 26-232

Presenter: Aimee Winder Newton, Salt Lake County Council Chair; Jiro Johnson, Salt Lake County Council Member  
Mitchell F. Park, Salt Lake County Council Legal Counsel  
(5 minutes)

Discussion - Vote Needed

Attachments:

1. Title 10 Ordinance Repeal Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. 6361

A RESOLUTION OF THE SALT LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL PROVIDING  
ADDITIONAL POLICY GUIDANCE AND LEGISLATIVE INTENT RELATED TO  
THE REPEAL OF TITLE 10 OF THE SALT LAKE COUNTY CODE OF  
ORDINANCES

WHEREAS, the Salt Lake County Council has adopted Ordinance No. 1948, repealing Title 10 of the Salt Lake County Code of Ordinances, 2001, entitled “Public Peace, Morals and Welfare,” in its entirety (the “Repeal Ordinance”); and

WHEREAS, in conjunction with the Repeal Ordinance the Council finds it expedient to set forth, for the benefit of the public and any enforcement authority, the Council’s rationale for the Repeal Ordinance, related policy guidance and legislative intent, and the more specific affirmation that applicable state and federal law provides comprehensive legal authority within the unincorporated areas of Salt Lake County; and

WHEREAS, Title 10 of the Salt Lake County Code of Ordinances, 2001, entitled "Public Peace, Morals and Welfare," contains provisions establishing criminal offenses, civil rights protections, and regulatory requirements applicable only within the unincorporated areas of Salt Lake County; and

WHEREAS, the provisions of Title 10 were originally adopted at a time when the unincorporated areas of the County contained a substantially larger population and when the County exercised broader police power authority over those areas; and

WHEREAS, the unincorporated area of Salt Lake County has diminished significantly through municipal incorporation and annexations and, effective July 1, 2027, pursuant to state law, the unincorporated population of Salt Lake County will be reduced to a few thousand residents; and

WHEREAS, the criminal offenses codified in Title 10 substantively duplicate, and in many instances have been superseded by, the Utah Criminal Code, Utah Code Title 76, and other provisions of state law, which are applicable and enforceable throughout the unincorporated areas of the County without regard to whether parallel provisions exist in County ordinance; and

WHEREAS, county ordinances are limited to Class B misdemeanor penalties, and law enforcement officers and the Salt Lake County District Attorney’s Office cite to and charge criminal offenses under Utah statute rather than county ordinance in the ordinary course of their duties; and

WHEREAS, the repeal of Title 10 is intended solely to eliminate outdated, duplicative,

and largely unenforceable county ordinance provisions and is not intended to diminish, limit, or otherwise affect the enforceability of any criminal law of the State of Utah; and

WHEREAS, the County Council has consulted with the Salt Lake County District Attorney's Office regarding this repeal and has determined that no provision of Title 10 provides an enforcement tool that is not otherwise available under state or federal law; and

WHEREAS, the repeal of Title 10 does not decriminalize any conduct; all criminal laws of the State of Utah, including without limitation the Utah Criminal Code, remain fully applicable and enforceable within the unincorporated areas of Salt Lake County; and

WHEREAS, the Council affirms that law enforcement officers with jurisdiction in the unincorporated areas of the County are authorized and expected, in the exercise of their independent statutory authority and discretion, to enforce the criminal laws of the State of Utah, and that the Salt Lake County District Attorney's Office is authorized and expected, in the exercise of its independent prosecutorial discretion, to prosecute violations thereof in accordance with applicable law; and

WHEREAS, Salt Lake County Health Department Regulations duly adopted by the Board of Health often have criminal application and, in accordance with Utah Code, have legal effect in both the unincorporated areas of the county and within municipal boundaries, and are unaffected by the repeal of Title 10; and

WHEREAS, certain chapters of former Title 10 — specifically Chapter 10.12 (Civil Rights), Chapter 10.13 (Employment Discrimination), and Chapter 10.14 (Housing Discrimination) — also reflected the County's historic commitment to the protection of civil rights and to the elimination of unlawful discrimination; and

WHEREAS, the more specific provisions of Chapters 10.13 and 10.14, enacted in 2010, extended protections against discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity in employment and housing within the unincorporated County at a time when such protections were not provided under state law; and

WHEREAS, the Utah Legislature subsequently enacted Senate Bill 296 (2015), amending the Utah Antidiscrimination Act and the Utah Fair Housing Act to expand protections against discrimination in employment and housing statewide, thereby superseding the substantive protections of Chapters 10.13 and 10.14; and

WHEREAS, the repeal of Title 10 does not diminish any civil rights protection; the Council affirms that the following federal and state civil rights laws, among others, are applicable and enforceable within the unincorporated areas of Salt Lake County and provide comprehensive protections against unlawful discrimination:

Public Accommodations: Title II of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 42 U.S.C. § 2000a et seq., and the Utah Civil Rights Act, Utah Code § 13-7-1 et seq., which prohibit discrimination in places of public accommodation;

Employment: Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 42 U.S.C. § 2000e et seq.; the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, 42 U.S.C. § 12101 et seq.; and the Utah Antidiscrimination Act, Utah Code § 34A-5-101 et seq., which prohibit discrimination in employment;

Housing: The Fair Housing Act, 42 U.S.C. § 3601 et seq., and the Utah Fair Housing Act, Utah Code § 57-21-1 et seq., which prohibit discrimination in housing; and

WHEREAS, Title 10 also contained certain water conservation provisions, located at Chapter 10.70, adopted in 2003, which established voluntary and mandatory water conservation practices for the unincorporated areas of the County; and

WHEREAS, these water conservation provisions have not been revisited by the Council in many years, have a limited jurisdictional reach, and appear to have limited practical utility in the current regulatory environment; and

WHEREAS, the Council recognizes the continued importance water conservation policy in Salt Lake County and intends to evaluate the County's water conservation regulatory framework for potential recodification in connection with the Council's review of Title 9 of the Salt Lake County Code of Ordinances; and

WHEREAS, the Council has consulted with the Salt Lake County District Attorney's Office regarding the repeal and has determined that no provision of Title 10 provided an enforcement tool that is not otherwise available under state or federal law; and

WHEREAS, the enumeration of specific federal and state laws in this resolution is intended to be illustrative and not exhaustive, and nothing in this resolution shall be construed to limit, diminish, or otherwise affect any right, remedy, obligation, or enforcement authority provided by any federal or state law, whether or not specifically identified herein; and

WHEREAS, this resolution does not have the force or effect of law and does not create any right, obligation, or cause of action not otherwise provided by applicable federal or state law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Salt Lake County Council, acting as county legislative body that:

- (1) The Council affirms its commitment to the enforcement of the criminal laws of the State of Utah and to the protection of civil rights within the unincorporated areas of Salt Lake County, and that the repeal of Title 10 is intended solely to eliminate outdated, duplicative, and largely unenforceable county ordinance provisions;
- (2) The Council affirms that all criminal laws of the State of Utah remain fully applicable and enforceable within the unincorporated areas of Salt Lake County, and that law enforcement officers and the Salt Lake County District Attorney's Office are authorized and expected, in the exercise of their independent statutory authority and prosecutorial discretion, to enforce and prosecute violations of such laws;
- (3) The Council affirms its commitment to the protection of civil rights and to the elimination of unlawful discrimination, and recognizes that federal and state law provides comprehensive protections against discrimination in public accommodations, employment, and housing within the unincorporated areas of Salt Lake County, and the Council encourages any person who believes that their rights have been violated to pursue the remedies available under applicable federal and state law;
- (4) The Council intends to evaluate the County's water conservation regulatory framework for potential recodification in connection with the Council's review of Title 9 of the Salt Lake County Code of Ordinances.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 10th day of March, 2026.

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

**8.4 First Reading of an Ordinance of the Legislative Body of  
Salt Lake County, Utah, Enacting Chapter 2.89 of the Salt  
Lake County Code of Ordinances, 2001, Entitled  
"Regional Events Advisory Committee," to Establish an**

26-235

**Advisory Committee Concerning Events of Regional Significance**

Presenter: Laurie Stringham, Salt Lake County Council Member; Natalie Pinkney, Salt Lake County Council Member  
(10 minutes)

Discussion - Vote Needed

Attachments:

1. Regional Events Advisory Committee Ordinance 02.27.26(RAFL)

**Council Member Theodore** stated this item was pulled from the agenda.

**9. OTHER ITEMS REQUIRING COUNCIL APPROVAL****9.1 Cancellation of March 17, 2026, County Council Meeting**

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

**10. OTHER BUSINESS****ADJOURN**

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS to come before the Council at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 PM until Tuesday, March 24, 2026.

LANNIE CHAPMAN, COUNTY CLERK

By \_\_\_\_\_  
DEPUTY CLERK

By \_\_\_\_\_  
CHAIR, SALT LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL