

CITY OF OREM  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
56 North State Street Orem, Utah  
December 29 2023

**12:00 P.M. SPECIAL SESSION / COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

CONDUCTING

Mayor Pro Tem Debby Lauret

BOARD OF CANVASS

David Spencer, LaNae Millett, and Debby Lauret, Terry Peterson (Dave Young and Jeff Lambson by Zoom)

APPOINTED STAFF

Ryan Clark, Assistant City Manager/Development Services Director; Steve Earl, City Attorney; Peter Wolfley, Communications Manager, PIO; Melanie Varela, Communications Intern; Heather Cox, Management Analyst; Tess Jones, Deputy City Recorder

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**CALL TO ORDER**

**SCHEDULED ITEMS**

**ORDINANCE - Reauthorizing a Cultural Arts and Recreation Enrichment (CARE) Tax, settling an effective date for the tax, and authorizing the Mayor and/or City Manager to provide any notice and to sign any documents required to impose the tax** *Presenter: Steve Earl, City Attorney*

Mr. Earl explained that this meeting is to pass an ordinance to reauthorize the CARE tax that was voted on and approved by the Orem City voters in November 2023. This CARE tax will be extended 10 years. This ordinance is the final step in the process of extending the CARE tax. The City Council will need to pass this ordinance to enact the tax.

Ms. Lauret asked what the vote was for the CARE tax in 2023. Mr. Spencer and Mr. Earl confirmed it was about 65 % yes to 35% no.

Mt. Peterson does not like taxes but he does approve this tax. He likes that those from other cities help pay this tax when they shop in Orem. Personally, he appreciates that this money helps arts and recreation in Orem. This helps make Orem unique.

Ms. Lauret echoed her support for the CARE tax. She believes that the arts and recreation support Family City USA.

Mayor Young wanted to remind the citizens that in the last 2 years no new taxes were added by the City Council. This tax is a renewal of the current CARE tax. This tax is very effective and the funds are accountable.

Ms. Millett spoke of when she served on the CARE Commission, It was a great opportunity for her to see where these funds go. She is excited about what these funds will be used for going forward.

Mr. Lambson affirmed his support as well. It is a great blessing and benefit to our citizens.

Mr. Spencer believes that the CARE tax helps to make Orem a destination city. He knows how the CARE tax benefits the SCERA and he thinks it gives Orem a sense of community.

**Ms. Spencer moved** to adopt an ordinance reauthorizing a Cultural Arts and Recreation Enrichment (CARE) Tax, settling an effective date for the tax, and authorizing the Mayor and/or City Manager to provide any notice and to sign any documents required to impose the tax, **seconded** by Mr. Peterson. Those voting yes: Debby Lauret, Jeff Lambson, David Spencer, Terry Peterson, David Young and LaNae Millett. The motion **passed**.

**ADJOURN MEETING**

**Ms. Millett moved** to adjourn, **seconded** by Mr. Spencer. Those voting yes: David Spencer, Debby Lauret, Jeff Lambson, Terry Peterson, David Young, and LaNae Millett.. The motion **passed**.

**PASSED and APPROVED this 9<sup>th</sup> day of January 2024.**

  
David A. Young, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

  
Teresa McKittrick, City Recorder



**COUNCIL MEMBER**

**AYE NAY ABSTAIN**

**Mayor David A. Young**  
**Jeff Lambson**

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**Jenn Gale**  
**Tom Macdonald**  
**LaNae Millett**  
**Chris Killpack**  
**David Spencer**

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