

DATE TUESDAY JANUARY 23, 2024

THE EMIGRATION CANYON METRO TOWNSHIP COUNCIL, STATE OF UTAH, MET ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 23, 2024, PURSUANT TO ADJOURNMENT ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2023, AT THE HOUR OF 7:00 P.M., AT THE EMIGRATION CANYON FIRE STATION 119, 5025 E EMIGRATION CANYON ROAD, SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: ROBERT PINON  
DAVID BREMS  
CATHERINE HARRIS  
JENNIFER HAWKES, Deputy Mayor  
JOE SMOLKA, Mayor

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: CAMERON PLATT, LEGAL COUNSEL  
NICHOLE WATT, DEPUTY CLERK

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**Mayor Smolka**, Chair, presided.

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Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was recited.

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Council Member Swearing-In Ceremony

**Nichole Watt**, Metro Township Clerk, administered the Oath of Office to re-elected Council Members David Brems, Jennifer Hawkes, and Catherine Harris.

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Election of Leadership

**Council Member Harris** nominated Mayor Smolka to serve another term as Mayor of Emigration Canyon Metro Township.

**Deputy Mayor Hawkes** nominated Council Member Brems to serve as Mayor of Emigration Canyon Metro Township.

Council Member Pinon, Council Member Harris, and Mayor Smolka voted to appoint Mayor Smolka to serve another term.

Council Member Brems and Deputy Mayor Hawkes voted to appoint Council Member Brems to serve as Mayor.

Mayor Smolka was reappointed to serve as Mayor.

**Council Member Brems** nominated Deputy Mayor Hawkes to serve another term as Deputy Mayor of Emigration Canyon Metro Township.

The Council unanimously voted to reappoint Deputy Mayor Hawkes to serve as Deputy Mayor.



Citizen Public Input

**Janet Haskins** recommended including a link to the agenda on the Emigration Canyon Metro Township website.

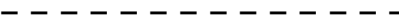
**Deputy Mayor Hawkes** stated the agenda is posted on the Utah Public Notice website. She will also include a link to the agenda on the website.



Council Business

*Re-established Law Enforcement Bureau*

**Chief Deputy Jason Ackerman**, Law Enforcement Bureau, delivered a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Re-established Law Enforcement Bureau model contract for the Salt Lake Valley Law Enforcement Service Area (SLVLESA). He reviewed transition goals, general observations about the budget and organizational chart, SLVLESA model contract budget, proposed organizational chart, and partnership in contracting philosophy.



*H.B. 35 – Metro Township Modifications*

**Cameron Platt** stated the H.B. 35 – Metro Township Modifications bill had its first and second reading at the Legislature. The bill has had positive recommendations and is moving forward. If the bill is passed, May 1, 2024, would be the day that the metro townships would convert to a city or town.

**Council Member Pinon** stated the bill tracker indicates there is no fiscal impact.

**Mr. Platt** stated there are no fiscal impacts for the state itself; however, the sponsors were asked about some type of funding. He will look into where that ended up.

**Council Member Brems** asked how much it costs to brand the city.

**Deputy Mayor Hawkes** stated it was \$5,000 to brand the metro township and create a website.

**Mayor Smolka** stated the bill does not include the costs of having an attorney amend resolutions and ordinances to reflect Emigration Canyon as a city.

**Mr. Platt** stated he does not know how much work needs to be done; however, reviewing title sections every year and updating those should only take between 10–15 hours. If the entire code needs to be rewritten it could take 50-100 hours and that should be done by a law clerk. The urgency of amending the code is low.

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*Emigration Canyon Name and Logo Conversion*

**Mayor Smolka** stated with the conversion to a city, the Council will need to choose a new name and redo the logo. Does the Council want to determine the new name and logo, or should a survey be given to the residents?

**Deputy Mayor Hawkes** stated she liked the idea of the community having a buy-in. She can put a survey on the website.

**Council Member Brems** stated a lot of information needs to be disseminated to the community regarding the conversion of Emigration Canyon into a city, including reasons for the conversion and what needs to be changed. Once the bill is passed, a mailer or email blast should be prepared and distributed. Suggestions for a city name should be considered at that stage.

**Deputy Mayor Hawkes** stated there will need to be an election held.

**Mr. Platt** stated after the conversion there will be a five-member council with an elected mayor. At the next municipal election, the mayor seat and a vacant council member seat will need to be voted on.

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*Board Appointments*

The Council discussed various board appointments and decided that all Council Members would retain their current positions on the boards they serve.

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*Legal Issues*

There were no legal issues to discuss.

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*Budget Items*

**Mayor Smolka** stated invoices for clerk and legal services, as well as for the phone had been received. Currently, the metro townships operate on a calendar year budget, but this would transition to a fiscal year once it becomes a city. The Council will need to adopt a budget for the period of July 2024 to June 2025 in the upcoming months. The Council has the option to either adopt the current budget or create a new one to present.

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*Minutes*

Deputy Mayor Hawkes, seconded by Council Member Brems, moved to approve the minutes of the Emigration Canyon Metro Township Council meeting held on October 24, 2023. The motion passed unanimously.



Reports from other Municipal Providers

*Emigration Canyon Community Council (ECCC)*

**Bill Tobey** stated the annual recertification for Firewise membership was approved in December. To qualify, a minimum of \$18,569 in wildfire risk reduction needs to be met, and it was exceeded with a combined total of \$163,044. The turnover on the community council has become a critical issue. The vice-chair seat has been vacant for a while and current members are reluctant to rebuild the community council.

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*Unified Police Department (UPD)*

**Detective Dawn Larsen** stated there were 25 calls for service in December, with 11 reports written and 5 citations issued. A grant was received for a dual radar to be installed in her vehicle. Veterans at the University of Utah want to hold a cycling race sometime in August. She received speed stats; however, because of the bikers, the statistics are off for traffic going eastbound.

**Chief April Morse** stated she is exploring grant options for decibel cameras for the canyon.

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*Unified Fire Authority (UFA)*

**Chief Bryan Case** stated UFA will offer CPR training in the community. Training can be reserved by going to UFA's website. The budget is ongoing and the final adoption is expected to be in June. He reviewed various promotions and the promotional ceremony will be held on February 5, 2024, at 6:00 pm. The safety message for the month reminds residents to check carbon monoxide and fire alarms to make sure they are working. Snow can cover vents

and create problems with carbon monoxide, make sure vents are clear of snow. There were five calls for service.

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*Salt Lake County Animal Services*

**Gary Bowen**, Emigration Canyon Metro Township Council Representative, stated he continues to forward pertinent information to the Council as he receives it.



Council Member Reports

*Unified Police Department (UPD) & Salt Lake Valley Law Enforcement Service Area (SLVLESA)*

**Council Member Brems** stated the UPD Board is working on an interlocal agreement for the municipalities to review. UPD will be making presentations to the municipalities.

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*Emigration Canyon Metro Township Planning Commission*

**Council Member Brems** stated the Council should think about what it wants to do with the property it recently purchased and rezone it accordingly.

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*Community Renewable Energy Program*

**Council Member Brems** stated the Board would like Rocky Mountain Power to go out for a request for proposal for the renewal energy buy; however, it has asked to put it on hold. Parent company Pacific Corp is facing lawsuits over fires that may have been caused by their equipment.

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*Watershed Plan*

No report was given.

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*Unified Fire Authority (UFA) & Unified Fire Service Area (UFSA)*

No report was given.

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*Wasatch Front Waste and Recycling District (WFWRD)*

**Council Member Pinon** stated a flier was sent to residents notifying them that trash pickup would change from Fridays to Wednesdays.

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*Utah Broadband*

**Council Member Pinon** stated Utah Broadband is waiting to see if it has been selected for Utah’s Broadband, Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) grant. If it is awarded the grant, funding will be allocated to areas that do not have infrastructure.

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*CodeRED*

**Deputy Mayor Hawkes** stated the Council does not have access to account holders’ information. If a resident needs to modify information on their account, they will need to do it themselves.

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*Restrooms*

**Deputy Mayor Hawkes** stated the final bill for the restroom has been sent and a plaque is being worked on.

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*Association of Municipal Councils*

**Deputy Mayor Hawkes** stated there were discussions on homeless and housing, and community governments.

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*Utah League of Cities and Towns (ULCT)*

**Deputy Mayor Hawkes** stated the Legislative Policy Committee will begin meeting. ULCT is tracking 138 bills and will send updates as she receives them. ULCT has funding that it provides for administrative support for small cities and towns. It has reached out to Emigration Canyon to see if it is interested. This service is free to Emigration Canyon.

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*Website*

No report was given.

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*Greater Salt Lake Municipal Services District (MSD)*

**Mayor Smolka** stated the MSD is tracking a number of bills at the legislature. They are looking for a new building for the MSD. Eric Barney, Magna Metro Township, is the newest member of the board. Elections for leadership positions will be held during the next meeting.

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*Landfill Council*

**Mayor Smolka** stated the next meeting is tomorrow night.

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*Wasatch Front Regional Council (WFRC)*

**Mayor Smolka** stated the WFRC is meeting on Thursday.

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*Council of Governments (COG)*

**Mayor Smolka** stated COG will meet in February.

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*Legislative Update*

No further updates.



Other Announcements

**Steven Kuhlmeier**, Project Manager, Salt Lake County Engineering and Flood Control, stated the Council allocated funds to update the Emigration Creek floodplain FEMA mapping project.

**Kameron Ballentine**, Bowen Collins and Associates, delivered a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Emigration Creek floodplain FEMA mapping update. He reviewed the FEMA process and schedule and floodplain designation.

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THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS to come before the Council at this time,  
the meeting was adjourned.

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MAYOR, EMIGRATION CANYON METRO TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

LANNIE CHAPMAN, METRO TOWNSHIP CLERK

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk

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