



## Council Work Meeting Minutes

April 16, 2024

Tooele County Emergency Operations Center

05:30 PM

### 1. Call to Order

Chairman Jared Hamner called the Council Work Meeting to order at 05:30 PM. The time, place, and agenda of the meeting had been provided to the Tooele Transcript Bulletin and to each member of the governing body by posting the notice and agenda at least two days before on the Tooele County website and emailing them a link.

### 2. Roll Call

Council Member Roll call as follows:

Jared Hamner: Present

Kendall Thomas: Present

Scott Wardle: Present

Tye Hoffmann: Present

Erik Stromberg: Present

Also, present were Scott Broadhead-Attorney and Tracy Shaw-Clerk.

The staff in attendance were Nathan Harris-Deputy Attorney, Alison McCoy-Auditor, Rachelle Custer-Community Development Director, Paul Wimmer-Sheriff, Corey Bullock-Parks and Recreation Director, Beckie Boekweg-EOC, and Jerry Houghton-Recorder/Surveyor.

Guests in attendance were Dorothy & Al Bottema, Chris Sloan, Keith Bird, Clint Spindler, Dustin Frank, Glen Stevens and other various residents.

### 3. Presentations

#### A. Oquirrh Mountain Trails Master Plan Presentation, Corey Bullock, Corey Bullock

Through the RFP process, Sunrise Engineering has been selected to complete a Trails Master Plan for a significant portion of the Oquirrh Mountains. Following a thorough review by the Trails Committee, we are pleased to recommend the adoption of this plan to the Tooele County Council. The plan promises to offer substantial benefits to our community, aligning with our goals for trail development and outdoor recreation.

#### Agenda Attachments

1. Oquirrh Mountain Master plan.pdf

2. Oquirrh Mountains Trails Plan April 2024 - First Half.pdf

3. Oquirrh Mountains Trails Plan April 2024 - Second Half.pdf

Presented by Corey Bullock, Parks and Recreation Director. Director Bullock stated that funds were approved in 2023 to create a Trail Master Plan for the Oquirrh Mountains. The Plan has been completed and is being presented to the Council for adoption. Director Bullock advised that Sunrise Engineering was hired to create the Master Plan, and he introduced Daniel Jensen of Sunrise Engineering.

Mr. Jensen presented an onscreen presentation, stating that the Trails Plan establishes many things, including a guide for where the Trails Committee should focus their efforts to work

towards improving trails, including implementation processes and best practices. Mr. Jensen reviewed some of the chapters in the plan and advised that there was a lot of good feedback from the public during the survey period of the plan. That public feedback helped drive the vision and coordination of the plan. One issue that was encountered was marketing; the public did not know which trails were available or how to get to those trails. This plan will help with trail signage and establish which trails are public and which are private.

This item is moved to the Business Meeting.

#### **4. Line-Item Transfers**

##### **A. Line-Item Transfer, Alison McCoy**

**Auditor:** Moving funds to pay for the payroll audit; 25,000

Agenda Attachments

##### **1. 2024-0416 Line-item transfer Auditor.pdf**

Alison McCoy, Auditor, stated that these funds are being moved from the contingency line to the audit line to pay for the payroll audit that is currently underway.

This item is moved to the Business Meeting.

#### **5. Discussion Items**

##### **A. Funding for Museums and Historical Preservations, Tye Hoffmann**

Discussion of funding for museums and historical preservation for 2024.

Council Member Tye Hoffmann stated that this was brought up during the budget discussion. There are plenty of museums and historically important places in Tooele County, and they need to be preserved. He encouraged the Council to decide if this is a priority, and decide if the County will set aside some funds for these types of projects. He recommends a budget of \$25,000 with a cap of \$5,000 per project. He suggested working with the county grant writer to help secure more funds from other sources.

Council Member Tye Hoffmann stated that he has been working with Dustin Frank and Clint Thompson of the Historic Preservation Commission, but additional members are needed.

Council Member Kendall Thomas recognized the current members of the Historic Preservation Commission and encouraged the public to join them. He agrees that money should be set aside for museums and historical preservation.

Council Member Erik Stromberg stated he is in support of funding this, but asked what historical preservation looks like. He believes that needs to be defined, and it needs to be decided what funding source the money should come from.

Chairman Jared Hamner is also in full support and asked if municipalities would be matching funds. Council Member Tye Hoffmann stated that is something that can be determined. This is just the starting point.

Council Member Scott Wardle stated he is in full support, and he feels the monies should come from the general fund.

Museum volunteers and members of the public discussed projects and the importance of these funds.

The consensus is to bring this back to a future meeting.

##### **B. Review of HB36 - Open and Public Meetings Act Amendments, Scott Broadhead**

Council Member Scott Wardle made a motion to move item 5D before 5B, seconded by Council Member Tye Hoffmann. All in favor. The motion passed.

Scott Broadhead, Attorney, stated that Deputy Attorney Nathan Harris will work with Boards

and Committees to update them on these amendments. Attorney Broadhead reviewed the handouts given to Council and explained the definitions and examples that apply to the Council.

**C. Council Approval of Sending Funds to UAC for Development of National Center for Public Lands, Alison McCoy, Alison McCoy**

The Utah Association of Counties board recently voted to release the funds earmarked for the creation of a National Center for Public Lands to the National Association of Counties, and they are now ready for the funds from Tooele County in the amount of \$32,924.98

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**1. UAC-NACO Disbursement.pdf**

Presented by Alison McCoy, Auditor. She explained that these funds were set aside while UAC (Utah Association of Counties) worked with NACO (National Association of Counties) to set up a Public Lands Institute. The funds are ready to be released.

This item is moved to the Business Meeting.

**D. Discussion about the vacation of Evans Road and a small portion of an unnamed public road located in Ophir -- Nathan Harris**

The Tooele County School District has been working with Community Development in the process to build a new building on land the District owns in Ophir. The location of the building is on a road that the County owns. This is to discuss the plans of the District and whether to vacate the road to the District.

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**1. Ophir plat 1-152.png**

**2. Ophir plat 1-153.png**

Nathan Harris, Deputy Attorney, explained the land issue in Ophir as described above.

Council Member Kendall Thomas acknowledged Tooele Education Foundation and Randy Hunt for their support.

Deputy Attorney Harris stated this item will be on tonight's Business Meeting agenda with a ten-day Public Hearing Notice to invite the public to comment.

**E. Discussion of Change in County Council Work Meeting, Kendall Thomas**

To facilitate this discussion effectively and ensure compliance with legal requirements, County Attorney Scott Broadhead will review the necessary legal considerations pertaining to meetings. This will aid in devising changes that accommodate everyone's needs efficiently.

Council Member Kendall Thomas expressed his frustration with meeting length and downtime between meetings. He displayed a spreadsheet onscreen, stating that Work Meetings average 45 minutes and then there is 40 minutes of downtime. He is proposing doing away with Work Meetings. He feels that the Council is efficient and productive enough to only need 1 meeting.

The Council Members discussed options and shared their feelings individually.

Council Member Tye Hoffmann stated he is indifferent to whether the work meeting is done away with. He stated he is in favor moving the start time to 6:00 pm rather than 5:30 pm.

Council Member Erik Stromberg feels the same. He is in favor of moving to a later time which allows the public to arrive in time for business.

Chairman Jared Hamner stated he is in favor of moving to a later time, but is unsure of combining the meetings into one.

Council Member Scott Wardle thanked Council Member Kendall Thomas for his work on this. He is favorable of moving the start time to a later time, but he feels that there is still a need for Work Meetings.

Council Member Kendall Thomas stated that items can always be tabled if they are not ready to vote on it.

This item will be brought back to a future meeting.

**6. Adjournment- Closed Session if needed**

Council Member Erik Stromberg motioned to adjourn at 6:40 pm. All in favor. The motion passed.

THE FOREGOING MINUTES ARE APPROVED:

  
Jared Hamner, County Council Chairman

  
Tracy Shaw, County Clerk



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