

6:00 P.M.
Kamas City Hall
170 N. Main
Kamas, UT 84036

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1 The vote was unanimous. Councilors Larry Gines, Leslie Staples, David
2 Darcey and Monica Blazzard voted aye. Motion passed.
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5 **PUBLIC COMMENT – THIS IS THE PUBLIC’S OPPORTUNITY TO**
6 **COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA**
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8 There were no public comments.
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11 **INTRODUCTION OF THE 2024 KAMAS VALLEY FIESTA DAYS ROYALTY**
12 **AND RODEO ROYALTY**
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14 Paige Mitchell introduced the Kamas Valley Fiesta Days Royalty. Queen Charly
15 Peterson, 1st Attendant Adilee Woolstenhulme, 2nd Attendants Kambry Smith and Ellie
16 Marchant.

17 Shanna Fryer introduced the rodeo royalty. Queen Finley Faulkner, 1st Attendant Brielle
18 Smith, 2nd Attendant Anjali Leavitt. Princess Natasha Brown, 1st Attendant Lena Butler,
19 2nd Attendant Harlee Ferrin.
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22 **SUMMIT COUNTY TO DISCUSS EMERGENCY SERVICES TAX**
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24 Mayor McCormick welcomed Malena Stevens and Canice Harte to discuss the proposed
25 Emergency Services Sales Tax.

26 Malena Stevens explained Summit County is contemplating a sales tax in order to fund
27 emergency services. They are going to all the city councils in the county to help them
28 understand what they are trying to accomplish with this tax and also provide an
29 opportunity to ask questions.

30 Canice Harte stated this will be presented to the County Council on July 31. They will
31 then decide if it will be put on the ballot this year. Up until July 31st they can talk about
32 this freely. If the County Council votes to place this on the ballot they will not be able to
33 talk about it or advocate for it. They can have a factual conversation about the tax, but
34 cannot say why they support it or not. This is why they are here tonight.

35 Harte explained the State mandated EMS as an essential service. This started the process
36 of taking money out of the general fund. When you combine all three districts and the
37 ambulances the county is putting in \$4.5 million dollars. The county needs to replace this
38 money.

39 Stevens explained last year the county council came to that conclusion, as a council they
40 decided they would go through Truth in Taxation in order to pay for that. Because other
41 services had previously gone through the Truth in Taxation process or were going to last
42 year, the council decided to postpone going through the Truth in Taxation process. They
43 used fund balance to pay for the services this past budget cycle. This is for the service
44 they already put in to place.

45 Harte stated this proposed sales tax would cover existing impacts like EMS, law
46 enforcement, fire protection, landfill, etc. What they could do right now is go through

1 Truth in Taxation for the property taxes. They are not as excited about this option
2 because it impacts the residents of Summit County. The other option from the State this
3 year, 70% of transient room tax has to be used by state law to fund more advertisement to
4 get more tourism in. 30% can be used for things like a new trail head, a conventions
5 center. Something more along those lines. 100% of the tax is paid for by people outside
6 the area. They are working with the legislature on getting 3rd Class counties added with
7 the 4th, 5th, and 6th Class to be able to use this money.

8 The other option is through sales tax instead of property taxes. This would be half a
9 percent. You can only use money that you can directly tie to the impact of tourism. The
10 areas to use them in are defined in the statute. Summit County is interested in fire
11 protection, EMS, law enforcement and Search and Rescue. The county is focused on the
12 sales tax because currently 65% is paid for by people outside the county.
13 Stevens explained this gives people options and is paid incremental and not in one big
14 lump sum.

15 Harte stated what is not taxed is groceries, unprepared foods, medical prescriptions, and
16 gas. Going forward, on July 16 this will be presented at COG meeting. On July 17 the
17 attorney office will present the proposed language that would be on the ballot to the
18 County Council. On July 31 the County Council will vote whether or not to put this on
19 the ballot. On August 7 it will need to be given to the County Clerk to be on the ballot.
20 The County Council has to have a public comment period for questions 45 days before
21 the election. This will be good for 10 years. It would then have to be voted on again to
22 renew it. The county is looking at proposing half a percent. When they look at what's
23 being affected by tourism, it is approximately \$15 million. The half of percent will bring
24 this amount in.

25 Mayor McCormick stated it has been discussed that this tax will go to emergency medical
26 services, fire protection, law enforcement, and search and rescue. When we were dealing
27 with the EMS issue there was an agreement with the county for the \$4.5 million for
28 emergency medical service. Is our fire district going to see the benefits of this tax?

29 Harte explained the districts and law enforcement will request the funds and the county
30 council will allocate the funds.

31 Mayor McCormick stated Kamas has a police department and is impacted by tourism.
32 Can they request funds from this tax?

33 Stevens stated she doesn't know the answer to that right now. With it being from the
34 county sources, and having support that Summit County provides on the east side, this
35 benefit, even with your existing police force, the residents will see this benefit.

36 Harte stated the language says law enforcement but doesn't specify county or city, but
37 they will look into this.

38 Mayor McCormick feels our department is similar to the South Summit Fire District as
39 we are independent. If the fire district is eligible why wouldn't our police department be
40 eligible?

41 Harte will confirm the details of the language written and get a better answer.

42 Mayor McCormick stated Kamas, Coalville, and Park City are unique with the rest of the
43 municipalities in Summit County in that we do a lot of talk about supporting local
44 businesses. What this means is those of us that live in this community are going to pay a
45 little more than those that live in Henefer because they don't have anything to be taxed
46 necessarily. How do we tell people they're actually going to get something out of this.

1 From a sales tax revenue perspective Kamas has more than others around. If our local
2 residents are supporting our local business they will be paying a fair portion of this extra
3 tax.
4 Melina stated if the patrons in other cities are shopping in Kamas they are contributing as
5 well.
6 Councilor Darcey is in support of this tax. It's a better option than the property tax. How
7 bulletproof is this estimate of \$15 million? Is this just to make up the deficit in the county
8 budget or can the county really find \$15 million worth of costs that are contributable to
9 tourist impact.
10 Melina explained her understanding is they can find that amount in our current budget for
11 impacts of tourism. This would free up some other money to cover the short fall in other
12 areas. They will continue to monitor this amount because they have to be able to justify
13 anything they spend it on with a direct relation to tourism.
14 Harte explained we can't collect more and use it. They are trying to get the amount as
15 close as possible. If we can cover the impacts of tourism with this, we can help improve
16 the various districts and it will free up some money in the general fund.
17 Councilor Blazzard feels this is great. It needs to be presented as the people visiting are
18 paying for this and not just the residents.
19 Councilor Staples asked how Heber promoted this? If the County Council votes for this
20 and says we're going to do it, you can't really say anything, how do you get the people
21 the information they need?
22 Stevens is under the understanding there were private citizen groups that advocated for it.
23 This is part of the reason they are here today. If the council gets asked questions, they
24 will be able to answer them.
25 Stevens stated another decision the county council will have to make is if we go through
26 a dual process. If this fails as a ballot measure, they still have to cover those cost. The
27 county can't keep pulling from the fund balance. Do they go through the Truth in
28 Taxation process as a failsafe in case.
29 Harte explained last year Summit County advertised a Truth in Taxation, but didn't raise
30 the taxes. They could still advertise a Truth in Taxation in case it doesn't pass in the
31 election, but this is a concern. A lot of people don't follow up to see if there was a tax
32 increase after it's advertised. Once they put it out there most people just assume there is
33 an increase.
34 Councilor Darcey feels this could get miscommunicated and people will think there will
35 be two tax increases.
36 Harte stated this is their concern.
37 Stevens stated this will be discussed on July 31 if this will be a dual process or just a
38 single process of just trying to get the sales tax approved.
39 Harte stated it makes more sense to have 65% of this paid by people outside the county
40 instead of impacting the citizens of the county.

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43 **RESOLUTION 2024-06, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO**
44 **IMPOSE AN ORDER PROHIBITING THE USE OF FIREWORKS AND OTHER**
45 **FIRE IGNITION DEVICES WITHIN AREAS OF KAMAS CITY, AND**
46 **RELATED MATTERS**

1 Mayor McCormick asked the council if anyone has questions about this resolution.

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3 **MOTION:** Councilor Larry Gines moved to approve Resolution 2024-06, A Resolution
4 authorizing the mayor to impose an order prohibiting the use of fireworks and
5 other fire ignition devices within areas of Kamas City, and related matters.

6 Councilor Monica Blazzard seconded the motion.

7 Mayor McCormick asked for a roll call vote:

8 Councilor Blazzard voted “aye”

9 Councilor Darcey voted “aye”

10 Councilor Staples voted “aye”

11 Councilor Gines voted “aye”

12 The vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

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15 **ORDINANCE 2024-04, AN ORDINANCE REGARDING GENERAL**
16 **ENFORCEMENT PENALTIES UNDER 2.10, 7.06, AND 15.03 OF THE KAMAS**
17 **MUNICIPAL CODE**

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19 Amanda Curtis explained this has been talked about before and the council wanted to do
20 some more research. Councilor Staples, Chief Brad Smith, and herself met and talked
21 about the enforcement. They will get rid of the general enforcement and add 2.10.010,
22 and leave 15.03.070.

23 Mayor McCormick asked how we work with the last sentence, “Any Administration
24 Citation shall carry the penalty as indicated in section 2.10.010.” Is this administrative or
25 criminal. He doesn’t understand how this ties in with this part.

26 Amanda Curtis explained administrative citations weren’t outlined in any sections.

27 Mayor McCormick asked if these citations are being tied to water bills are they
28 administrative or criminal citations.

29 Amanda Curtis explained her understanding is we can tie anything to the water bill. It
30 doesn’t need to be land use. It can be as general as business license fee or penalty.

31 Mayor McCormick stated this section is code enforcement which is administrative
32 citations, so he’s trying to understand how it ties in to this part.

33 Councilor Staples asked if he’s saying we need to define what the administrative citation
34 would be for a violation?

35 Mayor McCormick is wanting clarification on what is an administrative citation and
36 what’s the value of that.

37 Councilor Staples told Mayor McCormick when they met with Chief Smith, he explained
38 the city can write a letter, then they can take action, then he can issue a citation. It is
39 much easier for him to issue a citation based on state code rather than city code. State will
40 code always prevail.

41 Councilor Staples stated Amanda Curtis is looking for a way to apply fines to a water
42 bill. They felt getting rid of the general penalty section made sense. The biggest part
43 Amanda was looking at was the billing procedures.

44 Councilor Blazzard feels we need to know the definition of Administrative Citation. It
45 should be the ability for staff to apply a fine.

1 Amanda Curtis stated it defines it within that section. The code states “The City may
2 issue an administrative citation for civil enforcement for any violation of the City Code
3 according to the process set forth in chapter 8.08.
4 Mayor McCormick asked if we should just take out the last sentence of this section.
5 Councilor Blazzard read the definition from state code. She would like to get the wording
6 right.
7 Mayor McCormick feels it would make more sense just to take the sentence out.

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9 **MOTION:** Councilor David Darcey moved to approve Ordinance 2024-04, An Ordinance
10 regarding general enforcement penalties under 2.10, 7.06, and 15.03 of the
11 Kamas Municipal Code as shown in Exhibit A with the addition of striking
12 the last sentence in section 2.10.010 starting with “Any Administrative
13 Citation shall carry the penalty as indicated in section 2.10.010.”
14 Councilor Monica Blazzard seconded the motion.
15 Mayor McCormick asked for a roll call vote:
16 Councilor Gines voted “aye”
17 Councilor Staples voted “aye”
18 Councilor Darcey voted “aye”
19 Councilor Blazzard voted “aye”
20 The vote was unanimous. Motion passed.
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23 **FIESTA DAYS UPDATE**

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25 Kerbee Leavitt updated a Hall of Famer Cowboy, Butch Knowles will be in attendance.
26 She will be giving out more sponsor tickets this year because of the different sponsor
27 levels.
28 Councilor Gines asked if we are giving the volunteers rodeo tickets.
29 Mayor McCormick feels each council member should have some rodeo tickets to give
30 out if needed. The council members can have a few for family members as well.
31 Councilor Gines asked if security has been hired.
32 Mayor McCormick hasn’t talked to Chief Brad Smith yet but will find out.
33 Councilor Gines stated the motorcycle ride will be on Saturday if anyone would like to
34 join.
35 Kerbee asked to have security behind the chutes for the Caleb Bennett Invitational.
36 Mayor McCormick stated on Sunday July 21 at 1:00 we will meet at the arena to pick up
37 the metal from the derby.
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40 **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

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42 Amanda Curtis reported she has been working on the new zone.
43 Amanda Curtis reported the RFP’s will be reviewed on Thursday for the MAG TAG
44 grant.

1 Amanda Curtis has talked to the Planning Commission regarding the variance process
2 and they were unanimous in not changing it and leaving it with the ALJ. Amanda feels
3 this is more of a legal process.

4 Councilor Gines doesn't feel we need to move forward with changing the code. He was
5 the one that was pushing it on Planning Commission and feels the current process is fine.
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7 Scott Kettle reported the roads will be stripped in the next couple of days. He has met
8 with the architect to talk about the police expansion. They recommended talking with the
9 police to see what the needs are. If we add on to the building we would have to bring the
10 whole building up to code. Another option would be to build a new building for them.
11 The council felt we need to have the needs assessment done because our police
12 department needs more room.
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14 Trevor Clegg reported they have been getting ready for Fiesta Days. They also had a
15 lagoons inspection last month and everything looked great.
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18 **ADJOURN**
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20 **MOTION:** Councilor David Darcey moved to adjourn at 7:20 p.m.

21 Councilor Leslie Staples seconded the motion.

22 The vote was unanimous. Councilors Larry Gines, Leslie Staples, David
23 Darcey and Monica Blazzard voted aye. Motion passed.
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26 ***The content of the minutes is not intended, nor are they submitted, as a verbatim***
27 ***transcription of the meeting. These minutes are a brief overview of what occurred at***
28 ***the meeting.***
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30 Approved on the 13th day of August, 2024.
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37 Matt McCormick
Mayor

Kim Peacock
City Recorder