

DATE TUESDAY FEBRUARY 27, 2024

THE EMIGRATION CANYON METRO TOWNSHIP COUNCIL, STATE OF UTAH, MET ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2024, PURSUANT TO ADJOURNMENT ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2024, 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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Citizen Public Input

None.

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Council Business

Unified Police Department Presentation

Chief Jason Mazuran delivered a PowerPoint presentation reviewing the UPD vision and mission statement, a draft organizational chart, how UPD would provide local control and expertise, FY 2025 proposed member assessment, Salt Lake Valley Law Enforcement Service Area (SLVLESA) tax revenue for 2023, and reasons for working together.

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Reports from other Municipal Providers

Emigration Canyon Community Council (ECCC)

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Bill Tobey stated the ECCC drafting migration process to reorganize the ECCC under the metro township council.

Unified Police Department (UPD)

Detective Dawn Larsen stated there were 27 calls for service in January, with 15 initial reports. SportsAM is holding its race on April 6, 2024, for 200 racers. The duel radar has been installed in her vehicle.

Unified Fire Authority (UFA)

Chief Bryan Case stated January had a low call volume. UFA is tracking several legislative bills. Recruit camp 57 started with 34 recruits, and camp is now down to 27 recruits. The 2024-2026 strategic plan was recently adopted. Over 90 meetings were held with various communities and stakeholders to get the plan where it is today. He reviewed recent retirements and promotions. The safety message for the month reminds residents to keep things away from furnaces and use portable heaters responsibly.

Salt Lake County Animal Services Advisory Board

Gary Bowen, Emigration Canyon Metro Township Council Representative, stated the Advisory Board elected its leadership.

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Council Business

Water Efficient Landscaping

Mayor Smolka stated the legislature is working on water-efficient landscaping. This item will be put on next month's agenda.

Emigration Canyon Community Council

Mayor Smolka stated Cameron Platt and Bill Tobey are working on reorganization recommendations. This item will be put on next month's agenda.

Emigration Canyon Name and Logo/Legislation Converting Townships to Cities and Towns

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Cameron Platt stated H.B. 35 – Metro Township Modifications, has passed. Emigration Canyon will officially convert to a city on May 1, 2024. All ordinances and resolutions will convert and business will continue as usual.

Deputy Mayor Hawkes asked what would happen to the clerk services.

Mr. Platt stated the city will need to hire a clerk/recorder.

Mayor Smolka stated there is a short amount of time to come up with a new city logo and name. Does the Council have any suggestions?

Council Member Harris recommended sending a survey out to residents to get their input on city names. A postcard will be sent to residents explaining the conversion to a city, it would be good if it could include name options.

Deputy Mayor Hawkes suggested upgrading the logo to make it more modern. It can be tweaked a little bit but does not need to be redone.

H.B. 374 – County Sheriff Amendments

Cameron Platt stated separation of the Unified Police Department (UPD) and the Sheriff's Office is scheduled to take place on July 1, 2024. The Council should decide which law enforcement agency it will go with in March or April.

Legal Issues

There were no legal issues to discuss.

Budget Items

Mayor Smolka stated an invoice for clerk services was received and the water bill for the township's property.

Minutes

None.

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Council Member Reports

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

Council Member Brems stated there are no further updates.

Emigration Canyon Metro Township Planning Commission

No report was given.

Community Renewable Energy Program

Council Member Brems stated there is nothing significant to report. The program continues to move forward.

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

Council Member Harris stated the yearly budget process has begun. The Benefits and Compensation Committee will be meeting to determine the cost of living.

Watershed Plan

No report was given.

Wasatch Front Waste and Recycling District (WFWRD)

Council Member Pinon stated WFWRD is addressing how sick leave is paid out for employees who were employed by Salt Lake County before WFWRD's creation. A garbage truck caught on fire likely due to the disposal of a battery. The food waste program is in the early pilot stage but is expanding to the southeast corner of the district.

Utah Broadband

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Council Member Pinon stated Utah Broadband is waiting to see if they can get grant money before proceeding.

High-Density Development

Council Member Pinon stated Salt Lake City is still waiting for the traffic study.

Website

Deputy Mayor Hawkes stated email addresses and the website domain will need to be changed to a .gov soon. The current website will be redirected to the new website domain.

Utah League of Cities and Towns (ULCT)

Deputy Mayor Hawkes stated she will continue to forward information regarding legislation that is sent by ULCT.

CodeRED

No report was given.

Restrooms

No report was given.

Association of Municipal Councils

No report was given.

Greater Salt Lake Municipal Services District (MSD)

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Mayor Smolka stated Keith Zuspan, Town of Brighton, was elected as chair of the MSD Board.

Landfill Council

Mayor Smolka stated a meeting will be held tomorrow. The budget is looking good.

Wasatch Front Regional Council (WFRC)

Mayor Smolka stated a couple of alternate members were changed. The air quality standards for Utah are changing and if it does not come into compliance, funding will temporarily stop. Most of the pollution in Utah is carried in by jet stream. Various projects were approved.

Council of Governments (COG)

No report was given.

Legislative Update

Mayor Smolka stated H.B. 330 – Unincorporated Areas Amendments is moving forward. If it is passed, there will be an impact on the Unified Police Department (UPD), the Sheriff's Office, and the Greater Salt Lake Municipal Services District (MSD).

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Closed Session

Council Member Pinon, seconded by Council Member Harris, moved to close the meeting to discuss the deployment of security personnel, devices, or systems, and the character, professional competence, or physical and mental health of an individual. The motion passed unanimously.

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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: Nichole Watt
Deputy Clerk

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