



WASATCH COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

“**DRAFT**” MINUTES FOR JULY 02, 2025

THE WASATCH COUNTY COUNCIL MET IN REGULAR SESSION LIVE AND BY ON-LINE WEDNESDAY, JULY 02, 2025, IN THE WASATCH COUNTY COUNCIL CHAMBERS LOCATED IN THE WASATCH COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING AT 25 NORTH MAIN, HEBER CITY, UTAH 84032

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CALL TO ORDER

(VIDEO TIME STAMP: 00:00:01)

- A. **SUMMARY:** The meeting was called to order at 4:00 P.M. by Councilmember McMillan with the following members in attendance:

| COUNCILMEMBER | PRESENT | ABSENT |
|--|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Karl McMillan (Council Chair & Seat F Councilmember) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Erik Rowland (Council Vice Chair and Seat C Councilmember) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Luke Searle (Seat A Councilmember) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Colleen Bonner (Seat B Councilmember) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Kendall Crittenden (Seat D Councilmember) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Mark Nelson (Seat E Councilmember) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Spencer Park (Seat G Councilmember) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

PRAYER/REMARKS

(VIDEO TIME STAMP: 00:00:25)

- A. **SUMMARY:** A prayer and remark was provided by Councilmember Searle.

- i. **ACTION TAKEN:** No official action was taken.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

(VIDEO TIME STAMP: 00:03:53)

A. **SUMMARY:** The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Park.

i. **ACTION TAKEN:** No official action was taken.

PUBLIC COMMENT

(VIDEO TIME STAMP: 00:04:27)

A. **SUMMARY:** Councilmember McMillan asked if there were any members of the public who wanted up-to 3 minutes to provide public comments to the Council on any item not on the agenda.

Pam Patrick: Expressed interest about the approval of minutes on May 21, 2025.

i. **ACTION TAKEN:** No official action was taken.

CALL FOR AGENDA ITEMS

(VIDEO TIME STAMP: 00:06:24)

A. **SUMMARY:** Councilmember McMillan asked if there were any topics to be added as a future agenda item. No requests were made.

i. **ACTION TAKEN:** No official action was taken.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

(VIDEO TIME STAMP: 00:08:25)

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – JUNE 11TH 2025, JUNE 12TH 2025, AND JUNE 18TH 2025

(VIDEO TIME STAMP: 00:08:25)

A. **SUMMARY:** Councilmember McMillan asked if there were any requested changes to the June 11th 2025, June 12th 2025, and June 18th 2025 , Draft Minutes. Councilmember Rowland requested the change be made to reflect his arrive after item 1 during the June 18th 2025 minutes.

i. **ACTION TAKEN:** Councilmember Rowland made a motion to **“approve the minutes for the June 11th, June 12th, and June 18th with an amendment to the June 18th minutes to reflect I was able to attend virtually starting 30 minutes into the meeting”** Councilmember Crittenden seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following vote:

| | McMillan | Rowland | Searle | Bonner | Crittenden | Nelson | Park |
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| AYE: | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| NAY: | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ABSTAIN/ ABSENT: | <input type="checkbox"/> |

COUNCIL ITEMS

(VIDEO TIME STAMP: 00:10:25)

1. DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF UPDATES TO THE WASATCH COUNTY TRAILS, ARTS, AND PARKS GRANT GUIDELINES AND SCORING CRITERIA – DUSTIN GRABAU (VIDEO TIME STAMP: 00:10:25)

A. **SUMMARY:** Since the original adoption of the documents the TAP Tax Board has successfully completed two grant cycles. The council recently requested the board review and suggest changes to the guidelines and scoring criteria with the goal of improving the grant process and opening larger grants to be reviewed by the council prior to the recommendation of funding. Dustin Grabau, Wasatch County Manager, explained that tier changes, more details on ineligible items, and other minor changes. Council discussed ineligible items and requested administrative fee maximums be added to the guidelines. Council also discussed wayfinding signage and requested it be removed from the ineligible item list.

i. **ACTION TAKEN:** Councilmember Nelson made a motion to “**approve this with striking the language about wayfinding signage outside of a project area and adding administrative fees in excess of \$250**” Councilmember Searle seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following vote:

| | McMillan | Rowland | Searle | Bonner | Crittenden | Nelson | Park |
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| AYE: | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| NAY: | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ABSTAIN/ ABSENT: | <input type="checkbox"/> |

2. CONSIDERATION OF A COUNTY-SPONSORED ANNUAL HERITAGE EVENT IN SEPTEMBER 2025 – DALLIN KOECHER & MARK NELSON (VIDEO TIME STAMP: 00:27:19)

A. **SUMMARY** Councilmember Nelson introduced the topic of Heritage event and how the council has discussed it over the past year. Dallin Koecher, Heber Valley Tourism and Economic Development Director, talked about their mission and how it ties into this event proposal. Dallin explained the community challenge of honoring the heritage without having Cowboy Poetry. Jessica Broadhead, Heber Valley Tourism and Economic Development Assistant Director presented the events that could be slated for the 2025 Heritage Event including train events, fireworks, history tours, tractor days at the Kohler Dairy, heritage photo event at the library, local storytelling, line dancing, heritage themed farmers market booth at the Midway Market and more. Jessica then presented what the Heritage Event could include in future years like community pancake breakfast, student art displays, mountain man traders camp, pioneer games, sheep herding/mutton bustin’, kids rodeo, and more. Councilmember Nelson expressed that the Daughters of the Utah Pioneers and the Library had representatives in the audience and how Midway City Mayor Johnson expressed moving the Volksmarch to align in

the same timeframe to promote honoring the community heritage. Councilmember Nelson also asked the council for their opinion on supporting and sponsoring the event. Council expressed overall support of applying for TAP funds to be used to help establish the event as well as applying to the Cowboy Poetry for additional funds. Councilmember Searle requested that this item come back to the council at a later date with an official resolution.

- i. **ACTION TAKEN:** No official action was taken

3. SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE #25-05 ADDING REGULATIONS OF OPERATIONS ON E-BIKES AND OTHER MOTORIZED VEHICLES – DOUG SMITH *(VIDEO TIME STAMP: 00:55:00)*

A. **SUMMARY:** Doug Smith, Wasatch County Planning Director, presented what the proposed codes does which adopts the definitions contained in state code, defines the difference classes of E-bikes, speed limit restrictions, helmet restrictions, and more. Doug Smith expressed that this ordinance aligns close with the same code that Heber City recently adopted. Also presented were findings as follows: Utah Code 41-6a-1115.5 provides that a local authority may adopt an ordinance to regulate the use of electric assisted bicycles on sidewalks, paths, or trails within the jurisdiction of the local authority, and State code and the proposed County code allows for the use of e-bikes to be treated similar to regular bicycles and would therefore be allowed on sidewalks and trails, and The Wasatch County General Plan has extensive support for multi modes of transportation as well as providing a safe non-motorized trail network throughout the County, and Wasatch County has a number of trails throughout the County including hard surface and back country trails, and Due to the advent of electric motorized vehicles of all sorts it is essential that the County adopts regulations regarding the use of said vehicles on public trails, and The safety of all trail/sidewalk users is affected by the misuse of these vehicles especially when considering that the speeds of these vehicles can be much greater than the trails may be built to accommodate, and Utah Code 41-6a-1115.5 further provides that when enacting ordinances related to the use of pathway or soft-surface trail, and during the planning or construction of a pathway or soft-surface trail, a local authority shall consider accommodations and increased trail access by a person with a motor disability. Council expressed the importance of community outreach and suggested working with local bike shops to spread information about the ordinance.

- i. **ACTION TAKEN:** Councilmember McMillan made a motion to “**adopted Ordinance 25-05 adding regulations of operations on E-Bikes and other motorized vehicles including the findings**” Councilmember Bonner seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following vote:

| | McMillan | Rowland | Searle | Bonner | Crittenden | Nelson | Park |
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| AYE: | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| NAY: | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ABSTAIN/ ABSENT: | <input type="checkbox"/> |

4. DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 25-06 AMENDING POLICY 165-002: MEMORIAL HILL – DUSTIN GRABAU (VIDEO TIME STAMP: 01:00:49)

A. **SUMMARY:** Dustin Grabau, Wasatch County Manager, explained that the changes in this policy update would go into effect next year. Dustin explained that as part of evaluating the 2025 inductees to memorial hill, items requiring clarification were identified in the existing policy. The attached policy addresses these areas of clarification in the following ways: Clarifies that an eligible veteran must have been honorably discharged from military service, Authorizes alternative documentation for establishing military service, and clarifies residential requirements. Councilmember Crittenden request the correction under section 2.3 that it states “facilitate input”.

i. **ACTION TAKEN:** Councilmember Park made a motion to “**approve this**” Councilmember Nelson seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following vote:

| | McMillan | Rowland | Searle | Bonner | Crittenden | Nelson | Park |
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| AYE: | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| NAY: | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ABSTAIN/ ABSENT: | <input type="checkbox"/> |

5. DISCUSSION AND PRESENTATION OF 2025 TRANSIENT ROOM TAX AND RESTAURANT TAX REGULATIONS – DUSTIN GRABAU (VIDEO TIME STAMP: 01:04:49)

A. **SUMMARY:** Dustin Grabau, Wasatch County Manager, expressed how the state adopted changes with the transient room tax and recently the county approved changes to the rate per direction from the state. During the approval the council requested a review of the restrictions on transient room tax per state code. Dustin continued to explain HB 456 amendments and spoke about key concepts related to transient room tax from his understanding. A brief overview of the restaurant tax was also given.

i. **ACTION TAKEN:** No official action was taken.

COUNCIL/BOARD REPORTS (VIDEO TIME STAMP: 01:19:25)

A. **SUMMARY:** Councilmember McMillan asked if there were any council/board report to be presented.

Councilmember Bonner provided the following report:

- Railroad North Pole Express ticket sales are already at 57% sold already.
- Jordanelle Listening Town Hall meeting update.

Councilmember Crittenden provided the following report:

- UAC Justice Summit convention update.
- Visited the Trans-Jordan Transfer Station.
- Received 35 applications for the parks and rec director with 21 qualifying.
- Health department passed the procurement policy similar to the county procurement code but with different amount limits.
- Wondered if we need to reappraise the old fire station and the admin building after the recent sale of the Wave building to the Heber City CRA.

Councilmember Searle provided the following report:

- Commented on doing listening town halls throughout the county.
- Concerts at the library.

i. **ACTION TAKEN:** No official action was taken.

MANAGER'S REPORT

(VIDEO TIME STAMP: 01:32:28)

A. **SUMMARY:** Councilmember McMillan asked if there were any manager's report to be presented. Dustin Grabau, Wasatch County Manager, indicated there was nothing to report.

i. **ACTION TAKEN:** No official action was taken.

CLOSED SESSION – AS NEEDED

(VIDEO TIME STAMP: 01:32:36)

A. **SUMMARY:** Councilmember McMillan indicated that there was a need for a closed session this evening regarding: (1) Pending reasonably and imminent litigation; and (2) The character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual.

i. **ACTION TAKEN:** Councilmember Rowland made a motion to "go into Closed Session to discuss (1) Pending reasonably and imminent litigation; and (2) The character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual."

Councilmember Bonner seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following vote:

| | McMillan | Rowland | Searle | Bonner | Crittenden | Nelson | Park |
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| AYE: | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| NAY: | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ABSTAIN/ ABSENT: | <input type="checkbox"/> |

ii. **ACTION TAKEN:** The County Council met in a Closed Session to discuss: Pending reasonably and imminent litigation. The individuals present for this portion of the Closed Session meeting were:

- **Council Members:** McMillan, Rowland, Searle, Bonner, Crittenden, Nelson, Park
- **Others:** Dustin Grabau, Wendy McKnight, Scott Sweat, Jon Woodard, Jon Stearmer, Eric Ristine.

- iii. **ACTION TAKEN:** The County Council met in a Closed Session to discuss: Pending reasonably and imminent litigation. The individuals present for this portion of the Closed Session meeting were:
 - **Council Members:** McMillan, Rowland, Searle, Bonner, Crittenden, Nelson, Park
 - **Others:** Dustin Grabau, Wendy McKnight, Scott Sweat, Jon Woodard, Doug Smith, and Eric Hales.
- iv. **ACTION TAKEN:** The County Council met in a Closed Session to discuss: The character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual. The individuals present for this portion of the Closed Session meeting were:
 - **Council Members:** McMillan, Rowland, Searle, Bonner, Crittenden, Nelson, Park
 - **Others:** Dustin Grabau.
- v. **ACTION TAKEN:** At 8:05PM, Councilmember Nelson made a motion to **“leave the Closed Session and adjourn the meeting.”** Councilmember Rowland seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following vote:

| | McMillan | Rowland | Searle | Bonner | Crittenden | Nelson | Park |
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| AYE: | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| NAY: | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ABSTAIN/ ABSENT: | <input type="checkbox"/> |

KARL MCMILLAN/CHAIRMAN

JOEY D. GRANGER/CLERK/AUDITOR