

SALT LAKE COUNTY

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Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, August 12, 2025

1:30 PM

Council Chambers, Room N1-110

County Council

1. CALL TO ORDER

Invocation - Reading or Thought - Pledge of Allegiance

Present:

Council Member Laurie Stringham
Council Member Suzanne Harrison
Council Member Natalie Pinkney
Council Member Jiro Johnson
Council Member Carlos Moreno
Council Member Ross Romero
Council Member Aimee Winder Newton
Council Chair Dea Theodore

Excused:

Council Member Sheldon Stewart

Council Member Romero led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT**3. REPORT OF ELECTED OFFICIALS:****3.1 County Council Members**

Council Member Stringham passed around a certificate Alofa Fa'aSamoa had given the Council and the Mayor for their support of the event Alofa Fa'aSamoa held on a County site.

Council Member Stringham stated she attended the Junior Livestock auction last week and had a great time. Every dollar the County spent went to the purchase of animals, which were then donated to the Utah Food Bank. The program is an opportunity for kids to learn about raising animals and turning them into a profit, and understanding where food comes from. Some of the kids were sad saying goodbye to their animal. Some gave out cards. She read one of the cards from a participant thanking the County for purchasing her animal.

Council Member Romero stated he attended the Junior Livestock auction on Saturday and thought it was interesting. He had never seen a livestock auction before. He talked to

a mom of one of the 4H participants who expressed pride in what her daughter learned throughout the process. It was great to see that investment.

Council Member Romero stated he also went to the Third District Veterans Court graduation ceremony, where individuals who went through the court program after having had a conflict told their stories and how hard it had been for them to go through the program. It was great to see the pride they felt and watch them celebrate with their families.

Council Member Theodore stated she attended the Third District Veterans Court graduation ceremony. There were eight graduates who relayed their experiences, and how they were now recovering and thriving. It was great to hear their stories and see the support they got from their families. This program will also help to reduce recidivism in the community.

Council Member Theodore stated she also attended the Junior Livestock auction, at which she got to interact with participants. The kids talked about their animals and what they had done, and they handed out cards. She read what one participant wrote about raising a lamb and asking the Council to bid on it so she could purchase an animal again next year. A lot went into this program, but it gave these kids a strong work ethic. Some of the kids were sad about selling their animal, but the auction overall was good.

Council Member Theodore reminded everyone that it was the last day to turn in a ballot for the Municipal Primary Election. Voters had to either vote in person or turn their ballot in at a drop box; they could no longer take it to a post office.

3.2 County Mayor

Mayor Jennifer Wilson made the following announcements:

- The Dimple Dell pool will be closed August 18th through the 24th. The website for more information is slco.to/dimple-dell. The Holiday Lions pool will be closed August 21st through September 25th. Sections of the parking lot will also be closed throughout the month. During closures, passes will be honored at other facilities.
- The Contracts and Procurement Division has been working through contracts for the Salt Palace Convention Center rebuild. Some time ago, the County retained Construction Control Corporation (CCC), a local consulting firm, and RLB, a national consulting firm. RLB is the owner's representative, but it will work to protect all the parties, convening with them to keep the train running on time and to finish the project under budget. RLB would convene with the County at a later stage. RLB did some initial

designs that were necessary for a budget analysis, and those renderings were incredibly helpful.

Last week, the County selected MHTN Architects and Populous as its architects. MHTN is a local firm and Populous is a national firm, based out of Kansas City. Populous has designed convention facilities, sports arenas, and big builds. MHTN and Populous are entering into contracts now, so the County will sign with them soon.

The County's contract with the current operator of the Salt Palace Convention Center ended. The current operator is amazing, but the County is required by law to go out to bid. The County is going through that process now.

The construction firm contract bid went out last week. Mayor Wilson anticipated there would be a lot of interest from local and national contractors.

Mayor Wilson stated a lot of her senior members served on these RFP committees. It was a lot of work and very time-consuming. She was not involved in the selection process, but she was happy with the results to date.

- The County's Human Services, Homelessness, and Criminal Justice Action Plan is being retooled. The Mayor's Office is looking at what it accomplished and what has changed. It is continuing to meet through its systemic coordination team. There are a lot of immediate needs, but also long-term goals, which the County is continuing to adjust. The County is making progress in all areas.

- The County just retained the firm and expertise of Judge Steve Leifman, a consultant from Miami-Dade County, Florida. Judge Leifman created the Miami-Dade County Mental Health Project, a systemic reform system that helps people spend less time in jail. Judge Leifman is getting to know the County – he went through the County's systemic plan and complimented the County on its work to date. The Human Services Department and Criminal Justice Services Division are starting to frame out Phase I, which will include some engagement with the Council and other stakeholders. Engagements are scheduled in September, October and November. It would be helpful to get Judge Leifman in front of legislators then. Many of them have heard of Judge Leifman and the challenges in Miami-Dade, as well as his successes. People will be standing in line for his time.

- Michelle Hicks, Executive Operations Manager, Mayor's Office, is leaving the County. Today is her last Council meeting. Ms. Hicks is the only staff member from the McAdams administration who is still with her. It was bittersweet to lose a critical staff member, but Mayor Wilson knew working in her office was not the "end-all, be-all." Ms. Hicks had several promotions while working for the Mayor's Office. She was the

“catch-all,” relied on by Chiefs of Staff and willing to pick up extra projects, saving taxpayer money. Mayor Wilson was excited for Ms. Hicks, as she would be running Davis County’s Animal Care Division, but she would miss her a lot.

3.3 Other Elected County Officials

Mayor Natalie Hall, Bluffdale City, thanked the County for a \$2.7 million allocation from the Tourism, Recreation, Cultural and Convention (TRCC) Fund for the Bluffdale Rodeo Arena. The purpose in requesting the funding was to become compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and for safety purposes. The funding was used to replace worn bleachers, put in asphalt and a new courtyard, and update the solar lighting to reduce theft. Bluffdale City held its Old West Days celebration at the Rodeo Arena on July 17th, and the rodeo on July 18th and 19th. The events were sold out every night, and people from all over the state and the country attended. She relayed a story of how a gentleman using a wheelchair thanked her for making the arena ADA compliant so he could attend events, and stories of tourists’ experiences at the events. She displayed a picture of the arena, asking the Council and Mayor’s Office to sign it for their support of the funding. The picture would be hung in Bluffdale City Hall.

Mr. Chris Harding, County Auditor, expressed his appreciation for Michelle Hicks. He relayed a recent experience he had with Ms. Hicks, demonstrating she was not kicking back because she was leaving the County. Ms. Hicks is an excellent employee.

Mr. Harding also announced a new online program in the Auditor’s Office, an appeal status lookup. This program will allow people who have filed a property tax appeal to see where their appeal is in the process. The program will also free up staff resources. His office came up with the idea, and then Information Technology made it happen. The program is live and can be found on the Auditor’s website.

4. CONSENT ITEMS

A motion was made by Council Member Harrison, seconded by Council Member Johnson, that the Consent Agenda be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote. Council Member Romero was absent for the vote.

4.1 Acceptance of Cash Donations Above the \$5,000 Threshold for 2nd Quarter 2025 to Animal Services

25-395

Attachments:

1. Bjorns Brew - \$10,000.00 - Signed
2. Jean Burns - \$15,000.00 - Signed

3. Mark Miller Subaru - \$85,500.00 - Signed
4. Willard Eccles Foundation - \$20,000.00 - Signed

The vote on this consent item was approved.

4.2 Acceptance of the Treasurer's Report of Deposits and Investments as of July 31, 2025 25-400

Attachments:

1. Letter to Council Deposit and Investment Report
2. D&I Submitted Report

The vote on this consent item was approved.

4.3 Acceptance of Cash Donations in the Amount of \$35,000 from Salt Lake County Foundation to Salt Lake County Intern Program 25-404

Attachments:

1. County Declaration of Donation form - intern program 2025 signed

The vote on this consent item was approved.

4.4 Acceptance of Cash Donations in the Amount of \$10,000 from Salt Lake County Foundation to Salt Lake County Arts and Culture for the Westside CultureFest and the Mariachi Festival 25-405

Attachments:

1. County Declaration of Donation form - Westside Culture Fest and Mariachi Festival 2025 signed

The vote on this consent item was approved.

5. APPROVAL OF TAX LETTERS

A motion was made by Council Member Harrison, seconded by Council Member Johnson, that the Tax Letters be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote. Council Member Romero was absent for the vote.

5.1 Assessor's Tax Letter 25-392

Attachments:

1. 15-16-100-014

The vote on this tax letter was approved.

5.2 2025 Centrally Assessed Property Tax Appeals

25-396

Attachments:

1. 2025 Appeals Coverletter
2. Resolution in 2025 Appeals

The vote on this consent item was approved.

6. WORK SESSION

6.1 Informational Update on the Proposed Hire Report, Incentive Plans - \$3,000 and Under, and the Weekly Reclassification Report

25-406

Presenter: Hoa Nguyen, Council Budget and Policy Analyst
(Approx. 1:45 PM, Less than 5 minutes)

Informational

Attachments:

1. Weekly Reclassification Report 8-6-2025
2. Incentive Plans - \$3,000 and Under 8-6-2025
3. Proposed Hire Report 8-6-2025

Ms. Hoa Nguyen, Budget & Policy Analyst, Council Office, reviewed the new hires and reclassifications. There were no incentive plans.

6.2 Budget Adjustment: Facilities Management Requests to Utilize \$75,000 in Underspent Budget from Various Projects in the Capital Improvements Fund to Complete Programming, Design, and Construction Estimating for Agencies That Will Not Be Moving to the New Government Center

25-407

Presenter: Hoa Nguyen, Council Budget and Policy Analyst
(Approx. 1:50 PM, Less than 5 minutes)

Discussion - Vote Needed

Attachments:

1. 36826 - New Building Programming

Ms. Hoa Nguyen, Budget & Policy Analyst, Council Office, reviewed the budget adjustment.

A motion was made by Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Romero, that this agenda item be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

6.3 Budget Adjustment: Flood Control Requests to Use \$55,379 in Underspent Budget from Two Other Projects for the Construction of a New Grate and Access to Mill Creek 25-409

Presenter: Hoa Nguyen, Council Budget and Policy Analyst
(Approx. 1:50 PM, Less than 5 minutes)

Discussion - Vote Needed

Attachments:

1. 36915 - EFCFP240004 3300 S 700 E Access Redesign

Ms. Hoa Nguyen, Budget & Policy Analyst, Council Office, reviewed the budget adjustment.

A motion was made by Council Member Harrison, seconded by Council Member Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

6.4 Budget Adjustment: Flood Control Requests to Use \$500,000 from Two Canceled Projects to Support a New Project to Rehabilitate the Turner Dam and Joint Diversion Structure in Partnership with the Utah Lake Water Users Association—the Project Will Rehabilitate the Utah Lake Outlet Gate, Which the County Relies on to Maintain Safe Water Levels in the Jordan River 25-410

Presenter: Hoa Nguyen, Council Budget and Policy Analyst
(Approx. 1:50 PM, Less than 5 minutes)

Discussion - Vote Needed

Attachments:

1. 36916 - EFCFP250003 Turner Dam Joint Diversion Rehab

Ms. Hoa Nguyen, Budget & Policy Analyst, Council Office, reviewed the budget adjustment.

Council Member Romero asked if the canceled projects were being canceled indefinitely or if they were just being postponed.

Mr. Kade Moncur, Director, Flood Control Division, stated the projects were being postponed for two to three years.

Mayor Wilson asked Mr. Moncur how the Flood Control Division received revenue.

Mr. Moncur stated the County has a Capital Improvement Fund, which is funded from property tax. There is about \$3.2 million available, and every year the Flood Control Division applies for that funding and programs it into its budget. Sometimes, the Flood Control Division partners with cities to make that funding go further. The two canceled projects were being done with Salt Lake City, but the City had struggles getting those through some of the community engagement groups because of some impacts happening. Salt Lake City needed time to focus on getting those projects further down the road. Those funds would instead be used for a project on the Jordan River – the Turner Dam and Joint Diversion Structure, both of which were flood control structures for controlling water levels on the Jordan River, and they served an emergency function through high runoff.

A motion was made by Council Member Pinkney, seconded by Council Member Harrison, that this agenda item be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

**6.5 Budget Adjustment: The Office of Regional Development
Requests to Recognize a \$2 Million Healthy Homes
Production Grant from HUD for the 2025-2028 Period to
Continue Implementation of the Healthy Homes Salt
Lake County Program (HHP), A Grant the County Has
Successfully Managed in Previous Cycles**

25-412

Presenter: Hoa Nguyen, Council Budget and Policy Analyst
(Approx. 1:50 PM, Less than 5 minutes)

Discussion - Vote Needed

Attachments:

1. 36736 - HH Production Grant 25-28

Ms. Hoa Nguyen, Budget & Policy Analyst, Council Office, reviewed the budget adjustment.

A motion was made by Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Stringham, that this agenda item be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

6.6 Consideration of a Scope Change for the Oxbow Jail Laundry Equipment Upgrade and Replacement Project 25-411

Presenter: Tyson Kyhl, Facilities Management Director
(Approx. 1:55 PM, Less than 5 minutes)

Discussion - Vote Needed

Attachments: None

Mr. Tyson Kyhl, Director, Facilities Management Division, stated this request is for a scope change for the Oxbow Jail laundry project. The original request was to replace four washers and four dryers, but due to the increased capacity at the Adult Detention Center and Oxbow Jail, another washer is needed. He was seeking approval to change the scope of that project. Facilities Management had sufficient budget left over to cover that additional scope.

A motion was made by Council Member Stringham, seconded by Council Member Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

6.7 Report of the Central Utah Water Conservancy District Concerning the District's Proposed Property Tax Increase, and Opportunity for Comment by the Salt Lake County Council as Required by Utah Code Section 17B-1-1003 25-309

Presenter: Mike Whimpey, Central Utah Water Conservancy District Assistant General Manager
(Approx. 2:00 PM, 15 minutes)

Informational

Attachments:

1. Salt Lake County Presentation 8-7-25

Mr. Bart Leeftang, Assistant General Manager, Central Utah Water Conservancy District, delivered a PowerPoint presentation entitled Truth in Taxation County Report Fiscal Year 2025-2026. He reviewed Central Utah Water Conservancy District's (CUWCD) boundaries; the Central Utah Project (CUP) Bonneville unit features; and community conservation.

Mr. Mike Whimpey, Assistant General Manager, Central Utah Water Conservancy District, continued the presentation, reviewing current projects – the Alpine Aqueduct Relocation; maps of CUWCD facilities, the area served by the Alpine Aqueduct pipeline, and a fault line by the Alpine Aqueduct; photographs of the pipeline; current projects – Central Water Project (CWP) Groundwater Polishing Plant, with photographs; the Deer Creek Intake Project, with photographs; an FY 2025-2026 expenditures budget overview; an FY 2025-2026 revenues budget overview; the certified tax rate versus the authorized rate tax revenue; water treatment plant (WTP) reserve revenue versus capital replacement expenditures; CUP reserve revenue versus capital replacement expenditures; what the tax increase would cost the average household; and meeting and hearing dates.

Council Member Harrison stated roughly a third of Central Utah Water Conservancy District's budget came from property taxes rather than fees, which seemed unfair because property tax for each property was the same regardless of how much water a property owner used. She would like to see the Central Utah Water Conservancy District shift to a tiered, per gallon, usage fee system. That type of system would be fair to all users, while still allowing the Central Utah Water Conservancy District to invest in these essential infrastructure projects.

Council Member Romero asked how often the Central Utah Water Conservancy District asked for this increase.

Mr. Whimpey stated the Central Utah Water Conservancy District is operating in a deficit on many of these replacement projects. A lot of the infrastructure was constructed in the 1960s and 1970s, and it was funded by the Federal Government. The Federal Government was not funding the replacement project costs, so without the tax increase, the Central Utah Water Conservancy District would have to take on more debt to fund these critical projects. The maximum certified rate is limited by State law. The Central Utah Water Conservancy District cannot go higher than what it is proposing with the 0.0004 increase.

Council Member Stringham stated a lot of water districts go up to the 0.0004 certified rate every year, including the Central Utah Water Conservancy District. The Central Utah Water Conservancy District could manage projects differently rather than going to the 0.0004 certified rate every year. She understood the need to use property tax for some of the larger infrastructure projects, but she would like to see fees used for some infrastructure, so that the people using the water were the ones paying for it.

Mr. Whimpey stated the Central Utah Water Conservancy District is moving in that direction and it has increased its rates.

Mayor Jennifer Wilson stated she also supported shifting to a user-based system. In this era where Utah is desperate to save the Great Salt Lake, each household needed to have the appropriate motivation to save water, and many water users, such as non-profit agencies, are not property taxpayers. As the Central Utah Water Conservancy District engages in modernizing its facilities, she would like it to modernize its policies and plans to encourage residents to save water.

Mr. Whimpey stated as a wholesaler, the Central Utah Water Conservancy District does not have influence on the use of tiered rate systems. The retailers were the entities that would influence the direct costs to the customer. However, the Central Utah Water Conservancy District would support that, and it does have conservation programs for wise water use and landscape modifications.

**6.8 Informational Update on the Inclusion of Utah 211
Information on Upcoming Tax Notices**

25-408

Presenter: Sheila Srivastava, Salt Lake County Treasurer; Jenny Wilson, Salt Lake County Mayor
(Approx. 2:15 PM, 10 minutes)

Informational

Attachments:

1. thumbnail_211 Utah-Tax Receipt2 BLUE

Ms. Shiela Srivastava, County Treasurer, stated the United Way of Salt Lake would like the County to insert a flyer with the tax notice that has information about the Utah 211 program. The 211 program was created by the State Legislature. It offers services to people who are struggling with basic needs, such as food, housing, and utilities. The Treasurer's Office simplified its tax notice by eliminating duplicate information and making it more reader-friendly. Doing that created more space, so the Treasurer's Office could provide other information to taxpayers. This flyer would be sent using resources the Treasurer's Office already had, so there would be no additional cost to the County or taxpayers. She hoped to get the Council's approval on this concept.

Mr. Bill Crim, President and CEO, United Way of Salt Lake, stated United Way of Salt Lake's goal was for every Utahn to know about this single portal that could help them access all the basic need services in the community. Sending the flyer in the tax notice would provide the information to more than 300,000 households in Salt Lake County. The United Way of Salt Lake could not do all of this on its own. However, this request was not about budget savings; it was about helping people. The 211 program has thousands of programs and people to assist with basic needs, such as healthcare,

economic issues, and housing. It is incredibly difficult for someone to find that help when they are in a crisis. Calling 211 or visiting the United Way's website is an easy, smart way to get connected to a caring person who will help.

Council Member Stringham asked if there would be phone numbers on the front of the flyer for the tax relief programs.

Ms. Srivastava stated the Treasurer's Office's phone number is at the top of that page, and there is a QR code on the back of the flyer. That QR code would direct the user to the Treasurer's website, which would guide them to the tax relief programs.

Council Member Theodore asked whether information on the 211 program was publicized in any other County literature.

Mayor Jennifer Wilson stated the Human Services Department shares that phone number with the public. A lot of the programs were mental health driven. She had been in National Association of Counties' discussions on how to make 211 known throughout the community. Helping someone in need could be lifesaving. She suggested clarifying on the tax notice that 211 was not the number to call for property tax questions.

Council Member Romero asked whether United Way would track phone call volume after the flyer went out.

Mr. Crim stated United Way would be able to report back whether its call volume and website traffic went up by zip code. He expected there would be a spike. Another important feature about 211 was that it could tell what happened after people were connected to resources, and where bottlenecks were, i.e., where someone tried to get help, but the help was not available. United Way's website also provides information in other languages.

6.9 Mayor's Finance and Administration Overview Presentation

25-401

Presenter: Suzanne Harrison, Salt Lake County Council Member; Dea Theodore, Salt Lake County Council Chair
Darrin Casper, Deputy Mayor of Finance & Administration
(Approx. 2:25 PM, 60 minutes)

Informational

Attachments:

1. 2025 FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION v3.0

Mr. Darrin Casper, Deputy Mayor of Finance and Administration, delivered a PowerPoint presentation entitled Finance & Administration Operational and Budget Challenges. He reviewed the organizational chart for Finance and Administration; Mayor Finance's responsibilities, its General Fund budget, and the number of employees; and Mayor Finance operational challenges, budget challenges, major concerns, and successes.

Ms. Sharon Roux, Director, Human Resources Division, continued the presentation, reviewing Human Resource Division's responsibilities, its General Fund budget, and the number of employees; and Human Resource's operational challenges, budget challenges, major concerns, and successes.

Ms. Megan Hillyard, Director, Administrative Services Department, continued the presentation, reviewing an overview of the Administrative Services Department, divisions funded from the General Fund, and those funded from the Internal Service Fund; an organizational chart of Administrative Services; and the responsibilities, budget, number of employees for the divisions of Informational Technology, Telecommunication, Facilities Services, Government Center Operations, Facilities Management (Energy Management), Contracts and Procurement, Data and Innovation, Records Management and Archives, Addressing, and Real Estate, as well as operational challenges, budget challenges, major concerns, and successes for each of the divisions.

7. PENDING LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

- 7.1 First Reading of an Ordinance of the Legislative Body of Salt Lake County, Utah, Enacting Section 2.97.100 of the Salt Lake County Code of Ordinances, 2001, Entitled "Criteria and Procedures for the County's Public Approval of Certain Bond Issuances as Required by 26 U.S. Code § 147(f); Fees," in Order to Establish Criteria and Procedures and to Assess Fees Related to the County's Public Approval of Certain Bonds Issued by Non-County Entities** 25-334

Presenter: Dea Theodore, Salt Lake County Council Chair; Mitchell F. Park, Salt Lake County Council Legal Counsel
(Approx. 3:25 PM, 10 minutes)

Discussion - Vote Needed

Attachments:

1. TEFRA Hearing Ordinance8.8.25

Mr. Mitchell Park, Legal Counsel, Council Office, reviewed the ordinance, explaining that non-profit entities who were not affiliated with the County would occasionally request the Council hold a public hearing as the requisite public approval process for them to receive certain tax-exempt financing for projects they were undertaking. Many of these projects were meritorious and had a public purpose behind them; however, they were not projects directly affiliated with the County, nor were they financed or approved by the County. The County was just an entity in the jurisdiction where one of these projects was proposed to be built. The hearings themselves did not take longer than the period of time necessary to explain them; however, County elected officials and staff spent time assessing and preparing documents for these hearings. In light of this fact, the Debt Review Committee recommended the ordinance, which would impose a reasonable fee for the cost of the County's time. The ordinance also required sign-off from the Debt Review Committee prior to a request coming to the Council. Additionally, these entities would be asked to certify to the County that it was not feasible for them to obtain approval from the municipality, and in some cases multiple municipalities, where the projects were being developed.

Council Member Johnson asked if the \$5,000 fee would be a barrier to these entities proceeding.

Mr. Park stated the fee undershot the actual cost of the County providing the service. He would be surprised if the fee would prevent any projects from being accomplished. These entities were asking for hundreds of millions of dollars in financing for major construction and related projects, and at the stage they came to the County for the public approval process, their bond counsel would have also charged a reasonable, though not inexpensive, fee to prepare these matters.

Council Member Theodore, seconded by Council Member Johnson, moved to forward the ordinance to the August 19, 2025, Council meeting for final consideration. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

8. OTHER ITEMS REQUIRING COUNCIL APPROVAL

9. OTHER BUSINESS

ADJOURN

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS to come before the Council at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 4:00 PM until Tuesday, August 19, 2025.

LANNIE CHAPMAN, COUNTY CLERK

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DEPUTY CLERK

By _____
CHAIR, SALT LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL