

# **SALT LAKE COUNTY**

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## **Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday, November 18, 2025**

**10:00 AM**

**Council Chambers, Room N1-110**

## **County Council**

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## 1. CALL TO ORDER

Invocation - Reading or Thought - Pledge of Allegiance

**Present:** Council Member Stringham  
Council Member Harrison  
Council Member Pinkney  
Council Member Johnson  
Council Member Moreno  
Council Member Winder Newton  
Council Member Romero  
Council Member Stewart  
Council Member Theodore

**Mr. Chris Harding**, Assessor, led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

### 1.1 Quorum Call—Roll Call Vote

Roll was called by the Council Clerk, showing that all Council members were present.

## 2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment will be limited to one hour

**Ms. Susan Sandack** spoke in opposition to the closure of the four County-operated childcare centers and the Tenth East Senior Center. She felt diminishing the importance of 271 families was shameful and dehumanizing. She would rather see the Council brag about the services the County provides than cut them. Eliminating the senior center would increase isolation among seniors. Ms. Sandack felt the Mayor was being micromanaged by the Council.

**Ms. Sabrina Hill** spoke in support of the continued funding of the Karen Mayne Pre-Apprenticeship Program. She hoped Salt Lake County would continue to partner with the program because it solved a critical workforce challenge in Salt Lake County by bridging a gap that no other organization was positioned to fill. Without the program, individuals would be stuck in the cycle of relying on government aid. She argued the return on investment was undeniable, allowing graduates to become long-term economic contributors.

**Mr. Robert Hopkins** spoke in opposition to the closure of the Tenth East Senior Center. He was outraged that the Council would make such a decision after patrons

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were promised the center would reopen. He called it a bait and switch and stated those Council members who voted to close the center would be strongly opposed when they ran for reelection.

**Ms. Keiko Jones** spoke in opposition to the closure of the Tenth East Senior Center because the Council previously closed the Sunday Anderson Senior Center, and the Rivers Bend Senior Center was already overcrowded. She argued that although the Council was trying to save money, people needed more senior centers. She also spoke in opposition to the closure of the four County-operated childcare centers. She encouraged Republicans to consider siding with Democrats because doing so meant they were capable of empathy.

**Mr. David Oman** spoke in opposition to the closure of the Tenth East Senior Center. He hoped one Republican could be convinced to keep the center open. He encouraged all Council members to tour the center and ask themselves if it should be abandoned. He argued that the center is a historically registered building and tearing it down would require the removal of hardwood floors, which have asbestos underneath them.

**Ms. Whitney Surfass** spoke in support of continued funding of the Karen Mayne Pre-Apprenticeship Program. She stated she was an example of what happens when people invest strategically in the community's talent. Not long ago, she struggled to maintain stability for her family. Today, she works as a foreman at Stadler Rail. Before she joined the program, she was consistently working minimum wage jobs and struggling to survive. The program is not just a training course. It is an essential infrastructure for workforce development. The program's commitment to excellence has allowed her to move quickly into a leadership role.

**Ms. Tammi Diaz** spoke in opposition to Salt Lake County employees receiving a cost-of-living pay increase and the proposed tax increase of nearly 20 percent. She argued healthcare and homelessness are out of control. She also spoke in opposition to the closure of the four County-operated childcare centers and the Tenth East Senior Center. She asked the Council Democrats and Republicans to work together and do what is best for the County.

**Mr. Brian Vermouth** spoke in support of continued funding of the Karen Mayne Pre-Apprenticeship Program. As the training director of the Utah Electrical Training Alliance, he felt Utah did not have enough apprenticeship programs. His organization employs many graduates from the program, and they are all doing very well in their positions. Apprenticeship programs create a pathway to self-reliance and benefit the industry, and the program fills a critical gap.

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**Mr. Arthur Frank Sandack** spoke in opposition to the closure of the Tenth East Senior Center. The center was very dear to him for many reasons, and its closure would preclude him from participating in services vital to his well-being. He also objected to the underhanded manner the Council chose to make this decision, without prior disclosure or proper study. He felt it was an abuse of authority and a dereliction of the County's goals, and it was heartless and despicable.

**Ms. McKinzie Taylor** spoke in support of continued funding of the Karen Mayne Pre-Apprenticeship Program. Before entering the program, she struggled as a single mom and could not make ends meet, no matter how hard she tried. Traditional schooling was not a realistic option for her. After graduating, she moved into an electrical apprenticeship, and it was life-changing for her. Her son finally had a mother who was not constantly in crisis mode. The program opened a door she did not know existed. These programs support communities and help employers who need skilled workers.

**Ms. Kimberly Ivie** spoke in support of continued funding of the Karen Mayne Pre-Apprenticeship Program. Prior to entering the program, she was in treatment and recovery. She was rebuilding herself from the ground up. She did not know where to begin. The program changed everything for her. For the first time, it felt like someone saw potential in her. She is now working in a high-demand trade with a real career ahead of her. Most of all, it has helped her children. It has lifted stress she has carried for years.

**Ms. Alex Gero** spoke in opposition to the closure of the four County-operated childcare centers. She quoted Council Member Winder Newton who said residents would save one percent on their property tax bill. For her, this represented a savings of about \$4 for an entire year, which could be found in her couch cushions. However, these services meant the world to the families who use them. She urged the Council to remember what that means, not just in dollars, but in actual lives. She asked the Republican Council members to hold a question-and-answer session with the families who were not having their emails answered.

**Ms. Claire Jones** spoke in support of continued funding of the Karen Mayne Pre-Apprenticeship Program. The program has empowered her to build confidence in herself, and she now felt ready to enter the workforce. It also fills a gap that is being seen at a state level. It is a bridge, and she urged the Council to continue to fund it as the County grows.

**Ms. Judy Barnett** spoke in support of continued funding of the Karen Mayne Pre-Apprenticeship Program. She stated college is not for everyone, nor is it the only path to success. For many students of the program, it has been the only meaningful opportunity

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to break cycles of poverty, addiction, and instability. She thanked the Council and Mayor Jennifer Wilson for attending the past graduation ceremonies. She hoped the County would continue this important partnership for years to come.

**Mr. Joel Briscoe** spoke in opposition to the closure of the Tenth East Senior Center. He stated the center's programs have been transferred to the Liberty Senior Center, which is smaller and already overcrowded. As a "recovering" legislator, he understood budgets, but this felt like a disinvestment in the people of Salt Lake County.

**Ms. Nia Delgado** spoke in opposition to the closure of the four County-operated childcare centers. She stated she was a licensed psychotherapist who held a master's degree in clinical mental health counseling, and she felt the children who would be affected by the closure were in a very critical state of development during the formative years. Ripping them from the consistency of being with their friends and teachers would be devastating. Also, 70 to 80 percent of a child's happiness is dependent on their parent's happiness, so causing stress and exhaustion to the parents would also have a negative effect on the children. These statements were based on research and science.

**Mr. Mackenzie Miller** spoke in opposition to the closure of the four County-operated childcare centers. He stated Council Member Theodore was quoted as saying she was a representative who listens and engages, but he had not experienced that from her. He stated Council Member Winder Newton was described by Governor Spencer Cox as being a visionary thinker who strengthened families, but he did not find that to be the case. He stated Council Member Moreno claimed to be here to listen and serve and provide solutions, but every solution he had offered had been paper thin. He never followed up on his offer to review the budget with constituents and did not reply to emails. He stated Council Member Stringham did not listen before she acted. He quoted Council Member Stewart as saying it would not be significant "to nip a tiny fraction of a percent from the budget" while voting to keep his own policy advisor, Kim Coleman. Mr. Miller asked his representatives to listen to the data and focus on the largest expenditures from the General Fund, which involved public safety.

**Mr. Robert Lovell** spoke in opposition to the closure of the Tenth East Senior Center. He stated he did not appreciate these centers until he became a senior. When he started visiting the centers, he noticed that the Tenth East Senior Center is a delight that is light and airy and expansive. The center offers many exercise programs that Mr. Lovell and his wife enjoy. He was disappointed to learn about the remodel and even more disappointed to learn of the decision to permanently close the center.

**Ms. Pat Jones** spoke in opposition to the proposed property tax increase of nearly 20 percent. She quoted a saying: "One man's meat is another man's poison." She felt the Council members had a very difficult job but encouraged them to proceed with the cuts

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to the County-operated childcare centers and the Tenth East Senior Center to save constituents money. She wanted to see the Council focus on needs and not wants.

**Ms. Dena Long** spoke in opposition to the proposed property tax increase of nearly 20 percent. She stated the Council members were being hit hard, but she appreciated their efforts. She supported the Council's decision to no longer fund the Karen Mayne Pre-Apprenticeship Program, and the four County-operated childcare centers, as it was not the County's responsibility to fund these things. She added that the County has one of the best library systems around. She questioned whether the County was employing people who were not doing their jobs well, and she felt the Mayor's budget larger than it needed to be.

**Ms. Cindy Thompson** spoke in opposition to the proposed property tax increase of nearly 20 percent. She felt the Council should be doing a deep dive into the budget and trying to make more cuts. She wanted to know where the COVID relief funds went and she did not feel that the County still needed people who were hired using those funds. She supported the Council's decision to no longer fund the Karen Mayne Pre-Apprenticeship Program because those programs could be offered in schools. She expressed that the Mayor's budget was fatter than it needed to be with the Deputy Mayors.

**Ms. Marina Price** spoke in opposition to the closure of the four County-operated childcare centers and the Tenth East Senior Center. This was the straw that broke the camel's back for her. While she appreciated the need to make cuts from the budget, she wondered if the Council did not recognize the broader purpose of the County's senior centers. If people were forced to stay home and be caregivers for children and seniors rather than join the workforce and pay taxes, that would have a negative fiscal effect on the County. She felt senior centers and childcare centers were an investment in the community. She asked if the Council members wanted to see so many people who were struggling to make ends meet. She questioned the Council's decision to buy the building in Midvale City that would serve as the new Government Center when the County was already struggling.

**Ms. Yvonne Jenkin** spoke in opposition to the closure of the Tenth East Senior Center. The Council already spent \$3 million on the renovation and was throwing away taxpayer money. She argued that if the Council regretted the decision to close the Tenth East Senior Center in the future, it would cost too much to buy land to build a new building.

**Ms. Jen Colby** spoke in opposition to the closure of the four County-operated childcare centers and the Tenth East Senior Center. She felt the decision to close the senior center was a betrayal of the public trust and potentially a breach of contract. The closure of these programs adds to the long list of reasons why Utah has been the worst state for

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women for eleven years. The burden of caregiving at all stages of life falls mainly on unpaid women, and it undergirds the entire capitalist economic system. Ms. Colby was disappointed that three of the women on the Council would vote to undermine the wellbeing of fellow women and families in the community. She shared that she had circulated a petition on change.org. She felt this should not be a partisan issue.

**Ms. Monica Hilding** spoke in opposition to the closure of the Tenth East Senior Center. The senior center was a historic building that had been used for fifty years. She questioned the Council's population to put \$3 million into the center and then withdraw. The County's senior population is one of the highest in the state and is growing. Patrons like the center because it is walkable, and many do not own cars. Traveling by van to other centers was neither practical nor desired. Ms. Hilding had experienced a lot of frustration trying to contact Council members. She had left messages and had not heard back.

**Ms. Cristina Llamas** spoke in opposition to the closure of the four County-operated childcare centers. She was emotional because she was having trouble finding alternative options for childcare. The website shared by Council Member Winder Newton did not offer her any options that would work for her. She wanted to keep working. She stated equity is not about giving to everybody equally, but about giving people what they needed to succeed. People on the west end of the County had different needs than people on the east side.

**Ms. Megan Harthun** spoke in opposition to the closure of the four County-operated childcare centers. She stated Council Members Theodore and Moreno could not even pretend to listen. She stated the services cut were a pretty red line to show to their party, but the cuts would end up costing the community double in the next year. She stated the decisions to cut these programs were planned behind closed doors and were sneaky. She felt the Council members who voted for these cuts lacked compassion and empathy and did not think the middle class was important.

**Ms. Shelby Wilson** spoke in opposition to the closure of the four County-operated childcare centers. The decision to close these centers affected her family because her annual income was well below middle-class range in Utah. She would be forced to place her two children in separate childcare centers because of the closure, and her childcare bill was expected to increase by 63 percent. The suggestion that families can easily find other arrangements did not reflect reality. By cutting these programs, the Council had prioritized other initiatives over parents' ability to maintain stable employment, remain in their communities, and keep their children in consistent and affordable early education.

**Ms. Bailey Workman** spoke in opposition to the closure of the four County-operated

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childcare centers. She pointed out that Utah was already one of the worst states for childcare affordability and questioned why corporations would receive childcare subsidies over working families. She stated studies indicate economic gains tend to concentrate among the wealthy while lower-income residents face higher housing costs and reduced social funding. Additionally, the State issued a report showing that every dollar spent on subsidies will yield an economic benefit of \$1.70. Hence, this cut would result in a loss to the economy. She was surprised that Council Member Winder Newton would vote against the interests of other working mothers in her community. She stated that working families just want to get home to put dinner on the table and spend time with their families.

**Mr. Daniel Tuutau** spoke regarding the request for proposal (RFP) process for the audiovisual (AV) contract with the Calvin L. Rampton Salt Palace Convention Center and the Mountain America Exposition Center. The contract was being administered entirely by ASM Global and not through the County's procurement process. He felt this resulted in a lack of transparent scoring, no consistent oversight, and limited accessibility to records guaranteed by the Government Records Access and Management Act (GRAMA). For vendors, this created uncertainty and undermined confidence in the fairness of the process. He also spoke in opposition to the closure of the Tenth East Senior Center because of the ripple effect.

**Mr. Jonathan Ramras** spoke in opposition to the closure of the Tenth East Senior Center. He had spoken with fellow members of the East Central Community Council who also felt frustrated by this decision. He understood it was a difficult decision, but it was not just about the budget. It also involved social contracts. He urged the Council to come up with solutions because of the growing senior population.

**Mr. Shawn Taylor** spoke regarding the request for proposal (RFP) process for the audiovisual (AV) contract with the Calvin L. Rampton Salt Palace Convention Center and the Mountain America Exposition Center. He felt the current process lacked accountability and transparency and made it difficult to access records that would be guaranteed by GRAMA. The facilities were publicly owned, and Mr. Taylor felt the RFP process for the AV contract should be managed through the County the way that the catering contract is managed by the County.

**Mr. Jason Young** spoke regarding the request for proposal (RFP) process for the audiovisual (AV) contract with the Calvin L. Rampton Salt Palace Convention Center and the Mountain America Exposition Center. Mr. Young stated he owned a company called Legacy Productions and he hired a lot of local laborers. As a local rigger, he felt the rules of the contract were bastardized and illogical. Also, ASM Global is housed outside of Utah and the money does not stay in the local community. He urged the Council to look more closely at the contract.



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**Mr. Mark Gallegos** spoke regarding the request for proposal (RFP) process for the audiovisual (AV) contract with the Calvin L. Rampton Salt Palace Convention Center and the Mountain America Exposition Center. He felt “shaken down” by companies like ASM Global. He would rather see the accountability that comes with contracts that are managed by the County and have a fair shot.

**Ms. Eva Lopez Chavez** spoke in opposition to the closure of the Tenth East Senior Center. Saving the center would cost the average taxpayer six cents on their tax bill, and it would provide connection, nutrition, and community to seniors. Between 2010 and 2020, Utah’s senior population grew by 53 percent. Between 2020 and 2030, an increase of 44 percent is projected. She reminded the Council that the majority of homeowners over the age of 65 are asking for a continuation of programs that allow seniors to age in their homes.

**Mr. David Schutt** spoke in opposition to the closure of the four County-operated childcare centers and the Tenth East Senior Center. He sits on the East Central Community Council. He felt it was shameful that these programs were on the chopping block and it was not fiscally responsible to cut them. He also spoke regarding the Karen Mayne Pre-Apprenticeship Program. He agreed the trades should be brought back into schools, but this program functioned as a safety net, and it should not be cut until there was something available to replace it. He stated “our health is our wealth” and in the end, everybody should be in the same boat, which meant protecting the most vulnerable population.

### **3. REPORT OF ELECTED OFFICIALS:**

#### **3.1 County Council Members**

**Council Member Winder Newton** thanked all the citizens who attended the meeting to give comment. She stated the Council only has six weeks to go through the entire budget for the upcoming year. She apologized and stated she regretted that the Council did not do a better job on outreach regarding the closure of the childcare centers and the senior center.

**Council Member Harrison** stated she appreciated the time of all the commenters because it was important for the Council to hear from them. She pledged to continue to look for ways to keep these programs open that were being cut.

Council Member Harrison stated she attended a summit organized by the Mayor last week. The purpose was to work on real solutions for making treatment accessible for

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those experiencing issues with mental illness, which is a huge issue for people in Utah. People in need of treatment deserve the dignity of being able to get the help rather than being cycled in and out of jails and emergency rooms. She appreciated the bipartisan effort of the Council to work on real solutions.

**Council Member Johnson** thanked the members of the public who spoke. He stated he has spoken to many people in his district who will be affected by the decision to close the senior center and childcare centers. He stated everyone on the Council takes these issues seriously- even those who voted differently than he did. He asked constituents to continue to show up and speak out because being heard matters.

## 3.2 County Mayor

**Mayor Jennifer Wilson** stated she had been a part of County government since 2005. Since then, demographics have changed and needs have shifted. Amid all this, the County is a safety net in the community. Elected officials should be focused on the big picture and should empower employees to deal with those shifts. This last week, she visited all the childcare centers that are being closed. She witnessed the staff dealing with the momentary shifts. She attended the Council's November 10th meeting online. The programs being cut are commanding a lot of attention and are evidence of the depth of commitment the County makes every day to its residents. She was not asking the Council for a binding multi-year commitment to never make budget cuts, but she reminded the Council how the County has previously invested in the southwest section of the valley. Specifically, it invested millions of dollars in keeping a public pool open because so many constituents argued that closing it would create a hardship for them. She was asking that everyone take a deep breath and find a graceful path to doing things better for these four childcare centers. The County strives to be evidence-based, and these types of shifts should not be so abrupt. She understood concerns over the proposed tax increase, but there had not been an increase in a while, and the County, like everyone else, is affected by inflation.

Regarding the concern from the public surrounding Legends Global (previously known as ASM Global) and the request for proposal (RFP) process, Mayor Wilson stated she would look into the provisions of the contract. Because the County went through a public process to sign with Legends Global, Legends Global has some authority with the RFP process. The County will be renegotiating this contract soon, and she would like to continue to hear people's input.

## 3.3 Other Elected County Officials

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## 4. CONSENT ITEMS

A motion was made by Council Member Harrison, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

### 4.1 Consideration of Acceptance of Cash Donations Above the \$5,000 Threshold for 3rd Quarter 2025 to Animal Services 25-778

Attachments:

1. Cash - Subaru - 8k

The vote on this consent item was approved.

### 4.2 Consideration of Acceptance of Pillows for Prisoners Donation to Salt Lake County Sheriff's Office 25-802

Attachments:

1. Pillows for Prisoners Donation Gift Bags 2025

The vote on this consent item was approved.

### 4.3 Consideration of Approval of the Following Contribution from Council Member Jiro Johnson's Office: \$250 Contribution to the Utah Food Bank 25-809

Attachments:

1. 501c(3) Letter only
2. Jiro Johnson donation form for SLCo directed gift to Utah Food Bank 5Nov2025

The vote on this consent item was approved.

### 4.4 Consideration of a Resolution of the Salt Lake County Council Authorizing the Execution of an Easement Purchase Agreement and the Grant of a Water Line Easement to South Jordan City for the Purpose of Constructing An Arts Center 25-816

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## Attachments:

1. Resolution for Easement to South Jordan City - water line - Miller Arts Center - Final

## RESOLUTION NO. 6337

### A RESOLUTION OF THE SALT LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN EASEMENT PURCHASE AGREEMENT AND THE GRANT OF A WATER LINE EASEMENT TO SOUTH JORDAN CITY

#### RECITALS

WHEREAS, Salt Lake County ("County") owns two parcels of real property located at approximately 11342 Betz Wy in South Jordan, Utah, Parcel Nos.: 26-24-178-001 and 26-24-178-003, which were donated to the County by VP Daybreak Devco LLC, for the purpose of construction of an arts center in the City of South Jordan (the "County Property"); and

WHEREAS, in order to issue the building permit for the arts center, the City of South Jordan ("City") requires perpetual easements across the County Property to construct, operate, repair, and replace water pipelines; and

WHEREAS, as consideration for these easements, the City will pay ten dollars (\$10.00), abide by the terms and conditions of the Purchase Agreement, and provide water services to the arts center, which the Salt Lake County Real Estate Division has determined to constitute full and adequate consideration in exchange for the easements; and

WHEREAS, County and the City have prepared an Easement Purchase Agreement ("Purchase Agreement") attached as Exhibit 1 hereto and a related Water Line Easement (the "Easement," attached as Exhibit A to the Purchase Agreement); and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that the best interests of the County and the general public will be served by granting the Easements to the City. The terms and conditions of the Purchase Agreement and the Easement are in compliance with all applicable state statutes and County ordinances.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Salt Lake County Council that the Purchase Agreement, attached hereto as Exhibit 1, is hereby approved; and the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute said Purchase Agreement.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED by the Salt Lake County Council that the Mayor and

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County Clerk are hereby authorized consistent with the terms of the Purchase Agreement to execute the Easement, attached to the Purchase Agreement, and to deliver the fully executed document to the County Real Estate Division for delivery to the City upon receipt of payment as directed by the Purchase Agreement.

APPROVED and ADOPTED this 18th day of November, 2025.

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ATTEST (SEAL)

By /s/ DEA THEODORE  
Chair

By /s/ LANNIE CHAPMAN  
Salt Lake County Clerk

The vote on this consent item was approved.

## **4.5 Consideration of Acceptance of \$10,000 Donation from Intermountain Health to the SLCo Health Department Programs**

25-818

Attachments:

1. HLT25IHC DONATION DECLARATION - \$10000.00 signed
2. SEMICOMPLETE HLT25IHC DONATION IHC Project Donation 110425 - RALF DA signed

The vote on this consent item was approved.

## **4.6 Consideration of a Resolution of the Salt Lake County Council Authorizing Execution of 2025 Bandwango Agreement and Fee Reduction for Clark Planetarium Shows**

25-803

Attachments:

1. Clark Planetarium Visit Salt Lake Connect Pass 2025 Merchant Agreement Signed
2. Resolution Authorizing Execution of Bandwango Agreement

RESOLUTION NO. 6338

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## A RESOLUTION OF THE SALT LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF 2025 BANDWANGO AGREEMENT AND FEE REDUCTION FOR CLARK PLANETARIUM SHOWS

### RECITALS

A. Salt Lake County (the "County") on behalf of its Clark Planetarium ("Planetarium") wishes to enter into the attached "Bandwango Agreement" ("Bandwango Agreement") offered by Bandwango ("Bandwango").

B. The County and Bandwango desire to jointly market and offer discounted admission into the County's Northrop Grumman IMAX theater and Hansen Dome ("Theaters") for one-year.

C. For every ticket redeemed at the Planetarium, Bandwango will reimburse the County 70% of the County's regular fee as stated in the Agreement.

D. The Salt Lake County Council has the sole authority to set fees. Salt Lake County Code of Ordinances, 2001 3.42.040(5)(a).

E. County has determined that it is in the public interest to enter into the attached Bandwango Agreement for the consideration agreed upon and under the terms set forth in the attached Agreement.

F. The Bandwango Agreement has been prepared for approval and execution by County, which sets forth the purpose of the Agreement, the extent of the participation of the parties, and the rights, duties, and responsibilities of the parties. Said Agreement is attached to this Resolution as Exhibit "A".

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Salt Lake County Council; the Mayor is hereby authorized to and directed to execute the Bandwango Agreement attached as Exhibit "A" and by this reference made a part of this Resolution.

APPROVED and ADOPTED this 18th day of November, 2025.

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ATTEST (SEAL)

By /s/ DEA THEODORE  
Chair

By /s/ LANNIE CHAPMAN  
Salt Lake County Clerk

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The vote on this consent item was approved.

## 5. APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

### 5.1 Approval of October 21, 2025, County Council Minutes 25-801

Attachments:

1. 10-21-25 Council Minutes

A motion was made by Council Member Harrision, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to approve this agenda item. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

### 5.2 Approval of October 28, 2025, County Council Minutes 25-830

Attachments:

1. 102825 Council Minutes

A motion was made by Council Member Harrision, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to approve this agenda item. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

## 6. MORNING WORK SESSION

### 6.1 Informational update on the Proposed Hire Report / Incentive Plans - \$3000 and Under / Weekly Reclassification Report 25-819

Presenter: Hoa Nguyen, Council Budget and Policy Analyst  
(Approx. 10:45 AM, Less than 5 minutes)

Informational

Attachments:

1. Proposed Hire Report - 11-12-2025
2. Incentive Plans - \$3,000 and Under 11-12-2025
3. Weekly Reclassification Report 11-12-2025

**Ms. Hoa Nguyen**, Budge and Policy Analyst, Council Office, reviewed the new hires, reclassifications, and incentive plans.

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## 6.2 2026 Budget Workshop Under the Direction of David Delquadro, Council Fiscal Manager:

25-817

- 2026 Requests to Be Funded with the Opioid Settlement Fund: Kelly Colopy, Human Services Department Director
- Emergency Management: Catherine Kanter, Deputy Mayor of Regional Ops; Tara Behunin, Emergency Management Director; David Schuld, Director, Salt Lake County Internal Emergency Management

Presenter: David Delquadro, Salt Lake County Council Fiscal Manager  
(Approx 10:45 AM, 240 minutes total)

Discussion - Vote Needed

Attachments:

1. 2026 Emergency Services Budget Presentation
2. FINAL - HS 2026F Opioid Budget Presentation 11-18-25 ppt

A motion was made by Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Pinkney, to reconsider the decision to close the Tenth East Senior Center.

**Council Member Theodore** asked if there were legal grounds to do this.

**Mr. Mitchell Park**, Legal Counsel, Council Office, stated nothing in the budget had been finalized, and it was the prerogative of the Council to reopen the discussion.

**Council Member Johnson** stated there had been an overwhelming amount of feedback from the public regarding the closure of the center, which the Council had not previously heard. Specifically, the Council now knew that many seniors were unable to travel to the other senior centers. Additionally, the other centers were now operating above capacity. Council Member Johnson felt the County would regret closing this center ten years into the future, and he urged the Council not to be in such a hurry to act based on a tax savings alone.

**Council Member Stringham** stated a lot of the Covid funding went to cover deferred maintenance that was not being covered. When she first came to the Council, the County required over \$900 million of deferred maintenance. That amount has since decreased substantially.

**Council Member Winder Newton** stated many of the senior centers around the County



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are owned by the cities. One option would be to see if Salt Lake City would be willing to maintain the building and the County could continue to do the servicing. However, she was greatly concerned over the significant amount of deferred maintenance that the County needed to pay for.

**Council Member Pinkney** asked if there could be more internal discussions where the County would speak with Salt Lake City and the Aging and Adult Services Division.

**Council Member Winder Newton** stated she would absolutely agree to that.

**Mayor Jennifer Wilson** stated she had been communicating with several foundations about funding. She did think both the childcare programs and the senior center programs could sustain cuts that could be filled by community partners. The County just needed a little more time. She committed to doing her best to raise 25 percent of the funds necessary. The County has done this many times before.

**Council Member Johnson** withdrew his motion and asked that the item be placed on the November 25, 2025, agenda for further discussion.

**Mr. David Delquadro**, Chief Financial Manager, Council Office, reminded the Council that placing an item on the list required a vote.

A motion was made by Council Member Winder Newton, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to place the matter of the Tenth East Senior Center on the list to be discussed at the November 25, 2025, Council meeting. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Aye: Council Member Harrison, Council Member Johnson, Council Member Pinkney, Council Member Romero, Council Member Stringham, Council Member Winder Newton, Council Member Theodore.

Nay: Council Member Moreno, Council Member Stewart

## 2026 Requests to Be Funded with the Opioid Settlement Fund

**Ms. Kelly Colopy**, Director, Human Services Department, stated she had been asked to speak about what was time-sensitive pertaining to the opioid settlement funds. The rest would be brought back before the Council in January. She delivered a PowerPoint presentation entitled Opioid Settlement Fund Update and Proposals 11/17/2025. She reviewed the following: a snapshot; the memorandum of understanding and State alignment; Salt Lake County focus areas; how prevention improves outcomes and prevents future costs; Salt Lake County focus populations; a pie chart; the data;

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unintentional overdose deaths between 2020 and 2024; Naloxone distribution in 2024; risk and protective factors; a sequential intercept model; the State's expected outcomes and the County's expected impacts; proposals for prevention; proposals for reducing or ending misuse; proposals for recovery; proposals for overdose death prevention; proposals for administration and evaluation; proposals for future efforts; and Project Rio outcomes.

**Council Member Winder Newton** asked if she was correct in assuming that Project Rio was the most pressing issue and everything else could wait until January.

**Ms. Colopy** stated this was correct.

A motion was made by Council Member Winder Newton, seconded by Council Member Stringham, to add the recidivism reduction project (Project Rio) to the budget for 2026 using the opioid reduction funds and to discuss the rest of the budget in January.

**Council Member Johnson** made a declaration of an unrestricted conflict of interest, explaining that Project Rio is part of the Salt Lake Legal Defender Association where he is employed. However, his department does not deal with that, and his work and financial interests would not be affected by it.

**Mr. Delquadro** asked to clarify what the numbers would be.

**Ms. Colopy** stated it would be \$150,000 for year one (2026) and \$230,000 for year two (2027). There would be two case managers for 2026 and a third would be added for 2027.

**Mr. Mitchell Park**, Legal Counsel, Council Office, stated the Council could not approve anything for 2027.

A motion was made by Council Member Winder Newton, seconded by Council Member Stringham, to add the recidivism reduction project (Project Rio) in the amount of \$150,250 to the budget for 2026 using the opioid reduction funds. The estimated \$230,000 would be part of the 2027 base budget. The rest of the budget would be discussed in January. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Aye: Council Member Harrison, Council Member Johnson, Council Member Moreno, Council Member Pinkney, Council Member Romero, Council Member Stewart, Council Member Stringham, Council Member Winder Newton, Council Member Theodore.

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Later in the meeting, after the Council returned from a closed session (Agenda Item 7.1), the Council returned to item 6.2 to complete the discussion.

## Emergency Management

**Ms. Catherine Kanter**, Deputy Mayor of Regional Operations, delivered a PowerPoint presentation entitled 2026 Budget Presentation Regional Operations Portfolio Emergency Services. She reviewed the following: Emergency Services – General Programming; a comprehensive approach to Salt Lake County emergency services; a funding snapshot; and a general programming snapshot.

**Mr. David Schuld**, Director of Internal Emergency Management, Mayor's Office, continued the presentation, reviewing the internal Emergency Management administration.

**Ms. Kanter** continued the presentation, reviewing the contract with the Unified Fire Authority (UFA).

**Council Member Winder Newton** asked when the UFA last requested an inflationary increase and what the amount was for this year.

**Ms. Kanter** stated the UFA asked for an increase last year as well, and it was \$55,000.

**Council Member Winder Newton** asked why there was such a large request two years in a row.

**Ms. Tara Behunin**, Emergency Management Division Chief, Unified Fire Authority, stated Salt Lake County used to share a fire warden with Davis County. Salt Lake County eventually got its own fire warden, which resulted in a cost increase. The continued inflation was a result of increased demands on the fire warden, whose salary has been evaluated and right-sized due to a market comparison. She stated the County should not anticipate this large of an increase every year going forward.

**Council Member Winder Newton** asked where the money would be coming from.

**Ms. Kanter** stated it would come from the General Fund. She then continued the presentation, reviewing the Emergency Management fund balance summary.

**Council Member Winder Newton** stated it made no sense to her to have a set-aside in the General Fund for catastrophic events, and she would like to understand that more in the future. The Council would still need to grant permission to use those funds.

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**Mr. Darrin Casper**, Deputy Mayor of Finance and Administration, stated not too long ago, the County was pressing up against General Fund limits on what could be held in balance. This was a way to have money stashed away but off the balance sheet. The constraint no longer existed to the same extent.

A motion was made by Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Stringham, to fund the Red Bag Resupply for \$50,000; the Emergency Response Manual Printing for \$10,000; the ID Policy/Lanyards for \$20,000; the Expanded Comprehensive Security Threat Assessment for \$190,000 and the A/V Equipment Cabling in ECC for \$64,000 for a total of \$334,000. Everything else would go on the list. The motion carried by a unanimous vote. Council Members Romero and Stewart were absent for the vote.

**Ms. Kanter** concluded the presentation, reviewing the Unified Fire Authority Recreation Area Contribution. The recommendation was to stay flat this year. An active facilitation was underway with the Unified Fire Service Area (UFSA) and the Salt Lake Valley Law Enforcement Service Area (SLVLESA). Last year, the Council opposed a 20 percent reduction on the amount that was being asked, but it gave a six-month reprieve. So effectively, it was a 10 percent reduction annually. The UFSA Board has already incorporated this into the first half of its fiscal year. That said, the recommendation is conditioned on a proposed phase-down concept, which means the Mayor's Office is recommending a reduction of a certain percentage over the next few years. In 2027, it would be a 40 percent reduction and in 2028, it would be a 60 percent reduction, and by 2029, the contribution would go to zero.

A motion was made by Council Member Winder Newton, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to approve the recommendation for the Recreation Area contribution. The motion carried by a unanimous vote. Council Members Romero and Stewart were absent for the vote.

**Chief Jason Ackerman** stated weeks ago, he was asked to hold off on discussing the new Threat Management Unit requested by the Sheriff's Office. Since then, many threats had come in. The Sheriff was currently using secondary assignments to handle this need, but it was proposing reclassifications to support the new unit long-term.

- A tactical deputy position would be reclassified into a sergeant position. This would result in increased cost, but the office believed that cost could be absorbed in the 2026 budget.
- A second tactical deputy would be moved into this unit, which would have a budget-neutral effect.
- Two Public Safety Bureau (PSB) positions would be transferred to Law Enforcement Bureau (LEB) positions. This would result in an increased cost because of the

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certifications. The Sheriff's Office believed it could absorb those increases in the 2026 budget.

- A vacant office coordinator position would be reclassified to an analyst. Any increased cost could probably be absorbed in the 2026 budget.
- The Sheriff's Office was asking for a dedicated vehicle for this unit.

A motion was made by Council Member Harrison, seconded by Council Member Moreno, to put these reclassification requests, along with the vehicle request, on the list. The motion carried by a unanimous vote. Council Members Romero and Stewart were absent for the vote.

## 7. POTENTIAL CLOSED SESSION

### 7.1 Potential Closed Session for Purposes of Discussion Regarding Deployment of Security Personnel, Devices, or Systems

A motion was made by Council Member Stringham, seconded by Council Member Moreno, to move into closed session to discuss the deployment of security personnel, devices, or systems. The motion carried by a unanimous vote. Council Members Winder Newton and Stewart were absent for the vote.

While in closed session, the Council moved back into open session.

## BREAK FOR LUNCH— RECONVENE AT 1:00 PM

## 8. AFTERNOON WORK SESSION

### 8.1 Consideration of Mountainous Planning District Planning Commission Appointment (Represented Seat: West of I-15): Mark Hales 25-794

Presenter: Ryan Anderson, Regional Planning and Municipal Services Program Manager

(Approx. 1:00 PM, 5 minutes)

Discussion - Vote Needed

Attachments:

1. Hales\_Mark Packet

**Ms. Ryan Anderson**, Program Manager, Office of Regional Development, reviewed the appointment.

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**Mr. Mark Hales** stated he appreciated the opportunity to sit on the board.

A motion was made by Council Member Stewart, seconded by Council Member Winder Newton, to approve the appointment. The motion carried by a unanimous vote. Council Member Moreno was absent for the vote.

## **8.2 Continuation of 2026 Budget Workshop Under the Direction of David Delquadro, Council Fiscal Manager:**

25-766

- **Justice Courts: Judge Shauna Graves-Robertson**
- **Clerk's Office: Lannie Chapman, County Clerk**
- **Visit Salt Lake & Related: Kaitlin Eskelson,  
President/CEO**
- **Salt Palace Convention Ctr & Mtn America Expo  
Ctr: Josh Ambrose, Director of Finance-ASM  
Global**
- **Regional Operations**
  - o **Flood Control: Kade Moncur, Division Director**
  - o **Office of Regional Development: Catherine  
Kanter, Deputy Mayor of Regional Ops**
  - o **Solid Waste Management: Patrick Craig,  
Executive Director**
  - o **Public Works: Scott Baird, Department  
Director**
- **Other 2026 Budget-Related Items**

Presenter: David Delquadro, Salt Lake County Council Fiscal Manager  
(Approx. 1:05 PM, 240 minutes total)

Discussion - Vote Needed

Attachments:

1. 2026 Flood Control Engineering Budget Presentation
2. Housing Trust Fund One-Pager
3. Pre Apprenticeship Program Continuation Memo
4. 2026 Solid Waste Management Budget Presentation
5. 2026 PWMS Budget Presentation
6. Justice Court Updated PPT Slides 11.18.25
7. 2026 ORD Budget Presentation
8. Office of Regional Development Scope and Impact Memo

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## Justice Courts

**Judge Shauna Graves-Robertson** stated she would turn the time over to the individuals responsible for budgeting, but she would be present to answer any questions the Council might have.

**Ms. Lilibeth Iba**, Administrative and Fiscal Manager, Justice Courts, delivered a PowerPoint presentation entitled 2026 Budget Presentation. She reviewed the organization chart; the mission and core function; court operations and community accessibility; budget efficiency; revenue sources; and budget needs.

**Mr. Steven Calbert**, Temporary Administrative and Fiscal Manager, Justice Courts, continued the presentation, reviewing the proposed pay equity adjustment for Judge Graves-Robertson; cost allocations; and looking ahead

**Mr. David Delquadro**, stated salaries for elected officials, including the judge, would be determined at the November 25, 2025, Council meeting. The items in the Mayor's budget had not been fully vetted by the Greater Salt Lake Municipal Services District (MSD), nor had there been a signed memorandum of understanding with South Jordan City.

**Council Member Johnson** asked about the average salary for a Salt Lake City Justice Court judge.

**Mr. Calbert** stated he believed it was in the range of \$192,000 to \$199,000.

**Council Member Johnson** stated he understood the caseload was reduced, but the Justice Court conducts more jury trials than anywhere in the County, so he felt the proposed \$20,000 pay increase was appropriate.

A motion was made by Council Member Harrison to delay the conversation about the two FTEs and the \$14,000 until there was a memorandum of understanding with South Jordan City, but to approve the rest of the budget as proposed by the Mayor.

**Council Member Winder Newton** asked if the motion could be amended to cut the budget requests, since they could not be funded from the General Fund without a memorandum of understanding with South Jordan City. The salary discussion could be moved to the 11/25/2025 Council meeting.

A motion was made by Council Member Harrison, seconded by Council Member Winder Newton, to delay the conversation about the two FTEs and the \$14,000 until there was a memorandum of understanding with South Jordan City, and to cut the budget

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requests, but to approve the rest of the budget as proposed by the Mayor. The salary discussion would be moved to the November 25, 2025, Council meeting. The motion carried by a unanimous vote. Council Member Romero was absent for the vote.

## Clerk's Office

**Mr. Delquadro** stated the Clerk requested \$4.16 million for the upcoming midterm election. There was also a set-aside for money from the State to set up an equipment replacement fund. There was also a request for seven new FTEs.

**Ms. Lannie Chapman**, Clerk, offered to answer any questions the Council might have.

**Council Member Winder Newton** stated the majority of the Clerk's requests were because of unfunded mandates.

A motion was made by Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Winder Newton, to approve the budget requests in their entirety. The motion carried by a unanimous vote. Council Member Romero was absent for the vote.

## Visit Salt Lake & Related

**Mayor Jennifer Wilson** stated she was glad for cooperative work with Visit Salt Lake. Her office was deep in contracting, and had been convening with Visit Salt Lake on almost a daily basis regarding the opportunities available right now. The money the County invests in the tourism industry has decreased the average family's tax burden by \$1,700 per year. The County was being very strategic in looking at the effects of construction on the Calvin L. Rampton Salt Palace Convention Center (Salt Palace) and embracing the local population.

**Ms. Kaitlin Eskelson**, President, Visit Salt Lake (VSL) delivered a PowerPoint presentation entitled 2026 Visit Salt Lake Budget. She reviewed how Salt Lake's visitor economy benefits everyone; Salt Lake County's visitor economy; how VSL focuses in on being a Destination Sales and Experience Organization; Transient Tax Revenue (TRT) funding; Convention and Tourism Assessment Area (CTAA) funding; the partnership between VSL and the Salt Palace; VSL sales; and VSL marketing and communications.

**Mr. Bart Blaisdell**, Chief Financial Officer, Visit Salt Lake, continued the presentation, reviewing the Visit Salt Lake TRT projections and budget; the VSL visitor promotion contract; 2025 TRT collections; the forecast for 2025 – 2026 for Smith Travel Research (STR) and CBRE: Global Commercial Real Estate Services; 2025 TRT projections; 2026 TRT projections; headwinds and opportunities; 2026 TRT payroll budget; 2026



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TRT program budget; 2026 TRT outcomes and indicators; the 2025 CTAA budget; 2025 CTAA collections; 2025 CTAA projections; 2026 CTAA projections; 2026 CTAA budget; and 2026 CTAA outcomes and indicators.

**Mr. Darrin Casper**, Deputy Mayor of Finance and Administration, concluded the presentation, reviewing the Transient Room Tax (TRT) Visitor Promotion Fund Contributions.

## Salt Palace Convention Center and Mountain America Exposition Center

**Mr. Josh Ambrose**, Director of Finance, ASM Global, delivered a PowerPoint presentation entitled Salt Palace Convention Center 2026 Revenue and Expense Budgets. He reviewed three years of profitable operations; the 2026 revenue budget; Sodexo F&B- peak gross sales months in 2026; the 2026 expense budget; the 2026 SHERPA budget packet; 2026 personal expense changes; 2026 utility expense changes; general liability increase; Mountain America Exposition Center (MAEC) 2026 revenue and expense budgets; 2026 personal expense changes; 2026 utility expense changes; and general liability increase.

**Council Member Harrison** asked if it would make sense to consider self-insuring since the County's insurance costs had increased so drastically to \$.98 per person per day.

**Mr. Darrin Casper** stated that could be explored in detail with the District Attorney's Office. Something similar was done with the Eccles Theater.

**Ms. Erin Litvack**, Deputy Mayor of Regional Operations, stated this had been discussed.

**Council Member Winder Newton** asked for clarity on the comments made earlier that day regarding the request for proposal (RFP) process for the Salt Palace and the MAEC.

**Mayor Jennifer Wilson** stated the County awarded a multi-year contract to Legends Global years ago, which went through the RFP process. Legends Global has been managing the operations of the Salt Palace Convention Center since then. The contract did specify that Legends Global does not manage the food and beverage contract. However, it does manage the operational contracts, including the audiovisual (AV) contract. There is currently a window of opportunity to renegotiate the terms of the renewal that is about to be finalized by both parties. The County is looking to find a replacement for Dan Hayes and the new executive director before that happens. She is open to answering questions and providing support to people interested in the AV contract.

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**Mr. Blaisdell** stated he was surprised by the comments received earlier that morning and was disappointed that more people did not reach out to him personally. The more bidders there were, the better.

**Mr. Darrin Casper**, Deputy Mayor of Finance and Administration, stated he has been managing the fund transfers and subsidy transfers to the Salt Palace for some time. In 2024, the audited financial statements came out, and he just about fell out of his chair when he realized the Salt Palace had been turning a profit for 18 straight years and was not taking the \$3 million the County was providing every year. It was incredibly rare for a convention center to run on a profit, and he did not want to lose sight of that.

A motion was made by Council Member Winder Newton, seconded by Council Member Harrison, to approve the Salt Palace budget as recommended by the Mayor while lowering the Sports Commission contribution to \$50,000 from \$100,000.

**Council Member Romero** stated he had spoken with Jeff Robbins, President and CEO of the Utah Sports Commission, and the commission's budget ends in October. It would be problematic to have the budget cut at this point, because the funds have already been committed. In light of the strong partnership, he would hate to have them take less money.

**Council Member Winder Newton** stated the contribution to the commission varies from year to year. Sometimes it is \$50,000 and other times it's \$100,000. The commission has always been great at getting funds from multiple sources, including Visit Salt Lake.

A motion was made by Council Member Winder Newton, seconded by Council Member Harrison, to approve the Salt Palace budget as recommended by the Mayor while lowering the Sports Commission contribution to \$50,000 from \$100,000. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Aye: Council Member Harrison, Council Member Moreno, Council Member Pinkney, Council Member Stewart, Council Member Stringham, Council Member Winder Newton, Council Member Theodore.

Nay: Council Member Johnson, Council Member Romero

## Regional Operations

- Flood Control

**Mr. Kade Moncur**, Director, Engineering and Flood Control Division, delivered a

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PowerPoint presentation entitled Flood Control 2026 budget presentation. He reviewed the following: an overview; 2026 expenses versus revenues; Flood Control funding sources; Fund 250-4600: Flood Control Engineering; Fund 250-4610: Flood Control Projects; and why Flood Control is essential to public safety.

A motion was made by Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Harrison, to approve the Flood Control Division's budget as presented. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

- Office of Regional Development

**Ms. Lauren Littlefield**, Senior Policy Advisor/Special Projects Director, Office of Regional Development, delivered a PowerPoint presentation entitled 2026 Budget Presentation Office of Regional Development. She reviewed the following: the divisions of the Office of Regional Development; an Office of Regional Development snapshot; the proposed budget summary; technical true-ups which are General Fund-neutral; an additional technical adjustment; the status of prior regional project fund initiatives; and continuation of the Pre-Apprenticeship Program.

**Mayor Jennifer Wilson** stated the Pre-Apprenticeship Program was the single-most impactful program the County has expanded in her time with the County, even prior to being a Council member. However, she recognized the interest the Council had been showing in narrowing some of the work the County was doing. She would be hitting the phones trying to find a new place for the program to land, but if the program were to be cut immediately, it would create the same level of public concern that has resulted from other recent cuts. The program had been successful in helping people in very difficult circumstances and the County would be doing a bait and switch if it did not at least continue the program through the summer of 2026.

**Ms. Littlefield** continued the presentation, reviewing the Wasatch Front Regional Council (WFRC) membership increase.

**Ms. Catherine Kanter**, Deputy Mayor of Regional Operations, stated it would be okay to hold off on approving this expense. It had not been entered into the SHERPA software, and subsequently did not show up in the Mayor's recommended budget.

**Ms. Littlefield** concluded the presentation, reviewing the proposed projects for the Fourth Quarter Transportation Choice Fund.

**Council Member Winder Newton** stated the Council was asked to extend the Pre-Apprenticeship program for one more year last year during the deliberations for the 2025 budget. She was currently working with the Department of Workforce Services to see if

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it would be willing to pick up the program.

A motion was made by Council Member Winder Newton to approve the Office of Regional Development's budget, but to cut the following items: The Pre-Apprenticeship program at \$878,653, and the Contract Specialist FTE under Housing and Transportation at \$20,000. The following programs would be put on the list: the annual contribution to the Housing Trust Fund for \$711,000, the annual contribution to Housing Connect for \$450,000, and the annual contribution to the Weigand Center for \$100,000. The motion failed for lack of a second.

A motion was made by Council Member Harrison to approve the Office of Regional Development's budget, but to allocate underexpend from 2025 in the amount of \$597,134 to continue the Pre-Apprenticeship program, and to cut the Contract Specialist FTE under Housing and Transportation at \$20,000. The annual contribution to the Housing Trust Fund for \$711,000, the annual contribution to Housing Connect for \$450,000, and the annual contribution to the Weigand Center for \$100,000 would go on the list. The motion failed for lack of a second.

**Council Member Romero** stated he noticed there had not been an allocation for the \$15,000 annual contribution to 47G, and he asked if that could be added to the list.

A motion was made by Council Member Winder Newton, seconded by Council Member Romero, to put the following items on the list: \$15,000 to 47G, the annual contribution to the Housing Trust Fund for \$711,000, the annual contribution to Housing Connect for \$450,000, and the annual contribution to the Weigand Center for \$100,000. The Council would delay funding the WFRC membership increase of \$5,275 until June of 2026. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

**Council Member Theodore** asked Ms. Kanter to discuss, for the record, the rumor that the Office of Regional Development is overgrown and provides duplicate services. From what she had seen after examining the organizational chart in greater detail, this did not seem to be the case.

**Ms. Kanter** stated she did not know where the rumor came from that ORD was growing. She asked Ms. Littlefield how many FTEs had been cut last year.

**Ms. Littlefield** stated the FTEs went from 57.5 in 2024 to 45 in 2026.

**Ms. Kanter** stated many people wonder if the work the ORD does is redundant to the work done by the Greater Salt Lake Municipal Services District (MSD). This is a misunderstanding of what the MSD does as an unincorporated government. The MSD services used to be part of the County, but when those things were moved to the MSD,

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the governmental authority stayed with the Mayor and the Council. There are people at the MSD doing planning work and there is one position at the ORD doing planning work. That person at the ORD is responsible for directing the planners at the MSD. The MSD reimburses the County for 80 percent of the ORD employee's salary through an administrative budget request. The other 20 percent is paid by the County, because there will always be regional issues that pop up in a County of 1.1 million people. Policy-oriented work does not always translate to a return on investment, but that does not make it unimportant.

A motion was made by Council Member Winder Newton, seconded by Council Member Stringham, to put the Pre-Apprenticeship program for \$878,653 on the list, but to cut the Contract Specialist FTE under Housing and Transportation at \$20,000, and to approve the remainder of the ORD budget. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

## - Solid Waste Management

**Mr. Patrick Craig**, Director, Solid Waste Management Division, delivered a PowerPoint presentation entitled 2026 Budget Presentation Solid Waste Management. He reviewed the following: 2026 expenses versus revenues; department-wide funding sources; solid waste rate changes; and Fund 730-4750: Solid Waste Management (fee funded).

A motion was made by Council Member Moreno, seconded by Council Member Harrison, to approve the Solid Waste Management budget. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

## - Public Works

**Mr. Scott Baird**, Director, Public Works and Municipal Services Department, delivered a PowerPoint presentation entitled Public Works and Municipal Services 2026 Budget Presentation. He reviewed the following: 2026 expenses versus revenues; department-wide funding/revenue sources; Animal Services funded by the General Fund; the Animal Services mobile unit; Fund 735-4100: and Animal Services (contract funded)/ and rate changes.

A motion was made by Council Member Theodore, seconded by Council Member Harrison, to approve the Public Works budget. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

**Mr. Baird** continued the presentation, reviewing Fund 735-4400: Public Works Operations (contract funded).

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A motion was made by Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Harrison, to approve the Public Works Operations budget. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

**Mr. Baird** continued the presentation, reviewing Fund 720-6800: Fleet Management (internal services fund); and rate changes.

A motion was made by Council Member Harrison, seconded by Council Member Theodore, to approve the Fleet Management budget. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

## 8.3 Consideration of Legislative Intent Incorporating Performance Data Into the Budget Process

25-831

Presenter: Aimee Winder Newton, Salt Lake County Council Member; Dea Theodore, Salt Lake County Council Chair; Sheldon Stewart, Salt Lake County Council Member  
(Approx. 3:50 PM, 5 minutes)

Discussion - Vote Needed

Attachments:

1. Legislative Intent\_ Performance Data

**Council Member Winder Newton** stated the fiscal team had made this recommendation. She read the legislative intent:

*It is the intent of the Salt Lake County Council to enhance the County's budgeting process by incorporating measurable performance outcomes and increasing data transparency in agency budget requests. To accomplish that goal, the Council directs the Mayor's Finance Team, in coordination with the Office of Data and Innovation (ODI) and Council Fiscal Staff, to develop a hybrid budgeting model that incorporates performance-based budget requests.*

### *Phase 1: Pilot Implementation*

*Develop a performance-based dashboard for all projects financed with Opioid Settlement Funds. The Mayor's Finance team and ODI will report to the Council on implementation progress by March 2026. A complete dashboard covering all Opioid Settlement Fund requests is expected by June 2026.*

### *Phase 2: Policy Development for a Countywide Approach*

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*Develop a countywide policy and, if needed, propose county ordinance changes to implement a robust, countywide approach to performance-based budgeting. This approach is expected to be implemented in the 2027 budget process.*

## *Phase 3: Public-Facing Performance Dashboard*

*Develop a public-facing performance dashboard that enabling the Council and residents to review outcomes, performance data, and trends over time for all performance-based budget requests. This is expected to be completed by the end of 2027.*

*The Council reaffirms its commitment to data-informed decision-making, transparency, and continuous improvement in the allocation of public resources.*

A motion was made by Council Member Winder Newton, seconded by Council Member Theodore, to approve the legislative intent.

**Council Member Harrison** stated it was important to include the Mayor's Office, the Council fiscal team, and folks from the different agencies and programs in this to get quality metrics.

**Council Member Stringham** stated training was needed to learn to write good metrics.

**Council Member Johnson** stated he felt this was the right direction to go, but he was concerned because it seemed the Council would be asking for program analyses and not every department had a person who would be able to provide that. He would rather find individuals with that specific training who could give the Council guidance.

**Council Member Pinkney** stated she would be voting "nay" to this legislative intent because she felt more conversations needed to be had. The County was not a for-profit entity.

A motion was made by Council Member Winder Newton, seconded by Council Member Theodore, to adopt the legislative intent. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Aye: Council Member Harrison, Council Member Johnson, Council Member Moreno, Council Member Romero, Council Member Stringham, Council Member Winder Newton, Council Member Theodore.

Nay: Council Member Pinkney

Absent: Council Member Stewart

**8.4 Informational Presentation on Proposed Granting of a Perpetual Right-of-Way Easement to Rocky Mountain Power**

25-821

Presenter: Justin Hawes, Real Estate Director  
(Approx. 3:55 PM, 5 minutes)

Informational

Attachments:

1. Resolution for Right of Way Easement Rocky Mountain Power (RMP) - final
2. 8. RMP Easement - presentation for Council

**Mr. Justin Hawes**, Director, Real Estate Division, delivered a PowerPoint presentation entitled Perpetual Right-Of-Way Easement to Rocky Mountain Power. He reviewed the following: the easement request; and general easement details.

**Mr. Clinton Benson**, Operations Manager, Real Estate Section, concluded the presentation, reviewing the specific easement details and a map.

**9. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND ISSUANCE OF PUBLIC NOTICES**

**9.1 TIME CERTAIN 4:00 PM**

25-793

**Hold a Public Hearing to Receive Public Comment on Proposed Granting of a Perpetual Right-of-Way Easement to Rocky Mountain Power Across a Portion of Real Property Owned by Salt Lake County Located at Approximately 1300 West 300 North, Salt Lake City, UT, 84116 for a Purchase Price of \$306,000.00**

Attachments:

1. Resolution for Right of Way Easement RMP

A motion was made by Council Member Winder Newton, seconded by Council Member Harrison, to open the public hearing. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

**Mr. Steve Van Maren** stated he was surprised there was no waiver clause should Rocky Mountain Power decide to abandon the right-of-way.

A motion was made by Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member



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Stringham, to close the public hearing. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

## 10. PENDING LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

- 10. Consideration of a Resolution of the Salt Lake County** 25-814  
**1 Council Approving and Authorizing the Mayor to Grant a Perpetual Right-of-Way Easement to Rocky Mountain Power**

Presenter: Justin Hawes, Real Estate Director  
(Approx. 4:05 PM, Less than 5 Minutes)

Discussion - Vote Needed

Attachments:

1. Resolution for Right of Way Easement Rocky Mountain Power (RMP) - final

### RESOLUTION NO. 6339

#### A RESOLUTION OF THE SALT LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO GRANT A PERPETUAL RIGHT-OF-WAY EASEMENT TO ROCKY MOUNTAIN POWER

#### RECITALS

WHEREAS, Salt Lake County ("County") owns a parcel of real property located at approximately 1300 West 300 North, Salt Lake City, UT 84116 specifically identified as Parcel No. 08-35-301-014 (the "Property"); and

WHEREAS, Rocky Mountain Power ("RMP"), an unincorporated division of PacificCorp ("RMP") desires to acquire a perpetual right-of-way easement across a portion of the Property to construct, operate, maintain, repair, and replace electric power transmission lines and necessary accessories and appurtenances; and

WHEREAS, The purchase price for the ROW Easement is the sum of Three Hundred Six Thousand Dollars (\$306,000.00) ("Purchase Price"), which has been negotiated by the County's Real Estate Division, and constitutes , full, just, fair, and adequate compensation for the ROW Easement; and

WHEREAS, RMP will pay the Purchase Price at closing; and

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WHEREAS, County and RMP have prepared a Right-of-Way Easement Purchase Agreement ("Purchase Agreement") attached hereto as Exhibit 1, and a related Right of Way Easement ("Easement") attached to the Purchase Agreement as Exhibit A, wherein the County grants the right-of-way easement across the Property to RMP.

WHEREAS, it has been determined that the best interests of the County and the general public will be served by granting the right-of-way easement to RMP. The terms and conditions of the Purchase Agreement and the Easement are in compliance with all applicable state statutes and County ordinances.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Salt Lake County Council that the Purchase Agreement, attached hereto as Exhibit 1 and by this reference made a part of this Resolution, is hereby approved; and the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute said Purchase Agreement.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED by the Salt Lake County Council that the Mayor and County Clerk are hereby authorized consistent with the terms of the Purchase Agreement to execute the Right-Of-Way Easement, attached as Exhibit A to the Purchase Agreement, and to deliver the fully executed document to the County Real Estate Division for delivery to RMP as directed by the Purchase Agreement, upon receipt of the Purchase Price.

APPROVED and ADOPTED this 18th day of November, 2025.

SALT LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL

ATTEST (SEAL)

By /s/ DEA THEODORE  
Chair

By /s/ LANNIE CHAPMAN  
Salt Lake County Clerk

A motion was made by Council Member Harrison, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to approve the resolution. The motion carried by a unanimous vote. Council Member Stewart was absent for the vote.

10. Consideration of a Resolution of the Salt Lake County
- 2 Council Authorizing the Execution of a Land Purchase Agreement for the 60-acre Padre Bay Parcel

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Presenter: Robin Chalhoub, Community Services Director  
(Approx. 4:10 PM, 5 minutes)

Discussion - Vote Needed

Attachments:

1. Brief - Padre Bay Land Acquisition - 11.12.25 (002)
2. Purchase Agreement Padre Bay Open Space Property - RAFL (2) - (Rev.5 11.17.25)
3. Resolution Authorizing Purchase of Padre Bay Property from Padre Bay, L.C. - with exhibit - RAFL - (Rev.1 11.17.25)

**Ms. Julie Peck-Dabling**, Associate Director, Parks and Recreation Division, stated the County had received an offer to purchase a 60-acre parcel of land. This purchase would be consistent with a vital piece of the master plan for the Bonneville Shoreline Trail. The owner, who wanted the land to stay as open space, had offered to sell the land at a very good price.

**Mayor Jennifer Wilson** stated this work had been taking place since 2005. The land is one of the reasons people choose to relocate to Salt Lake County, and the purchase was an incredible opportunity for the County.

**Council Member Stringham** asked where the money to make this purchase would be coming from.

**Ms. Peck-Dabling** stated it would be coming from the Open Space Trust Fund.

## RESOLUTION NO. 6340

A RESOLUTION OF THE SALT LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF REAL PROPERTY FROM PADRE BAY, L.C., A UTAH LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY TO BE USED AS OPEN SPACE

## RECITALS

WHEREAS, Padre Bay, L.C., a Utah limited liability company, with its business address located at 3021 East Shakespeare Place, Salt Lake City, Utah 84108 ("PB"), is the owner of certain real property located at approximately 3085 E Sherwood Drive, Salt Lake City, Utah 84108, Parcel No. 16-11-426-001, consisting of approximately sixty (60) acres (the "Property"), and as more specifically described in the Real Estate Purchase and Sale Agreement, attached hereto as Exhibit A; and

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WHEREAS, PB has agreed to sell, convey and assign the Property to County, and County has agreed to buy and accept the Property from PB, for the purchase price of One Hundred Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$180,000.00) ("Purchase Price"), subject to Council's approval; and

WHEREAS, County and PB have negotiated a Real Estate Purchase and Sale Agreement for the purchase of the Property, subject to Council's approval; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that the best interests of County and the general public will be served by authorizing the purchase of the Property and the execution of the Real Estate Purchase and Sale Agreement attached to this Resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Salt Lake County Council that the purchase of the Property from PADRE BAY, L.C., a Utah limited liability company, for the Purchase Price of One Hundred Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$180,000.00) is hereby approved, and the Mayor is authorized and directed to execute the Real Estate Purchase and Sale Agreement attached to this Resolution.

APPROVED and ADOPTED this 18th day of November, 2025.

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ATTEST (SEAL)

By /s/ DEA THEODORE  
Chair

By /s/ LANNIE CHAPMAN  
Salt Lake County Clerk

A motion was made by Council Member Harrison, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to approve this agenda item. The motion carried by a unanimous vote. Council Member Stewart was absent for the vote.

## 11. OTHER ITEMS REQUIRING COUNCIL APPROVAL

## 12. OTHER BUSINESS

## ADJOURN

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS to come before the Council at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 6:15 PM until Tuesday, November 25, 2025.

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LANNIE CHAPMAN, COUNTY CLERK

By 

DEPUTY CLERK

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CHAIR, SALT LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL

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