

SALT LAKE COUNTY

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Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 24, 2026

1:30 PM

Council Chambers, Room N1-110

County Council

1. CALL TO ORDER

Invocation - Reading or Thought - Pledge of Allegiance

1.1 Quorum Call—Roll Call Vote

Roll was called, showing the attendance to be as follows:

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

Excused: Council Member Sheldon Stewart

Invocation - Reading or Thought - Pledge of Allegiance

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

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Martha Whitaker, a retired school teacher and former professor at Utah State University, stated she recalled the pain that spread through Cache Valley when United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents, in cooperation with local law enforcement, raided the Swift & Company meat packing plant in 2006. Many children were traumatized when they were suddenly left without a parent. Families faced impossible choices that were heart-wrenching. She expressed dismay at the amount of federal money ICE was receiving and at the illegal practice of racial profiling and due process violations. Ms. Whitaker argued that the crime rate of non-citizens is lower than that of citizens and their economic contributions are a net gain for the United States. The neighbors being targeted were not the "worst of the worst." She begged the Council to cease and desist from aiding and abetting this illegal and immoral practice.

Ms. Tenille Taggart thanked the workers at the Library Services Division for helping her make a shirt from one that was left behind by another patron who had messed up on the embroidery while using one of the machines available at the library. She spoke against the Sheriff's Office assisting ICE agents as they detained immigrants attending their court hearings. She stated a whistle-blower recently reported that the Sheriff's

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Office was going above and beyond what was its legal duty in its efforts to assist ICE in detaining these individuals. She asked the County not to use its resources to aid and abet ICE. She argued that if this were actually about people not doing things "the right way," they would not be attending their hearings in the first place.

Ms. Janna Klein stated she frequently observes, records, and follows ICE agents as they go about their jobs. She has observed that they are not pursuing the "worst of the worst." These agents often sit at gas stations and pretend to be getting gas so they can racially profile people visiting the premises and pull them over under the pretense of a traffic stop. Ms. Klein stated the community deserves more transparency and not secrecy. She reminded the Council that 250 years ago, Utah was Mexican territory. She stated she learned yesterday that ICE is building a facility in Utah County. She vowed to continue to watch the agents and make sure they knew her face. She was angry that so many people were now afraid to attend their court hearings. ICE's presence makes the entire community fearful.

Mr. Luke Maynes stated he, like almost everyone else in the room, was a descendant of immigrants. He recalled hearing members of the Council affirm that the County would not cooperate with ICE in any capacity, and he was disappointed to learn that apparently this was not the case. He hoped the Council would recommit to protecting all members of the community and not just those who had the privilege of being documented. In particular, he hoped the Council would protect those who are trying to go through the legal process and do things the right way.

Ms. Karen Stagnaro stated she was concerned because ICE seemed to be "ramping up." She was trying to become more educated on the coordination between State and Federal authorities. She appealed to the Council to do whatever it could to protect immigrants.

Ms. Kathleen Anderson stated she was speaking on behalf of a constituent who was a victim of a violent crime. Since the crime occurred, this person has become a dedicated advocate for public safety and transparency. Ms. Anderson alleged that the Salt Lake County Jail is frequently charging and then releasing offenders back into the community. On February 10, 2026, the Sheriff's Office quietly removed critical identifying information, including the offender's age, race, and city of residence from the public jail roster. When this constituent reached out to the Sheriff's Office, they were told the reason for the redaction was due to privacy laws. However, when they asked which statute required the redaction, they did not receive an answer. Ms. Anderson stated the rate of individuals arrested and released almost immediately fluctuated between 42 percent and 66 percent. Ms. Anderson stated arrest records are public for a reason, and transparency and public safety are foundational to accountability and public trust. She asked the Council to exercise its oversight authority by requiring the Sheriff's

Office to justify its reasons for these redactions.

Mr. Bernic Hart stated he has worked for years with people in Salt Lake City who experience homelessness. Many of the programs intended to help people were initially untested due to lack of data, but they were alleged to be evidence-based best practices. However, ten to fifteen years have passed and there still does not seem to be any data that the programs are actually helping people. This was not right in his opinion, and he felt somebody needed to have the courage to deal with the problem in an evidence-based manner in a system that measured outcomes. To do otherwise would be a waste of taxpayer dollars.

Ms. Kacie O'Maley, a licensed educator, stated she was deeply troubled after learning that ICE agents have been detaining immigrants attending their scheduled hearings at the Third District Court. She understood that the court fell under the purview of the State, but regardless, what happens in the city affects all residents. When people are afraid to attend court, it undermines public safety and due process. Courts should be places where people can show up and trust the system. As a teacher and a mother and a family member of immigrants, this was personal to her. When fear spreads through families and students, it shows up in classrooms. Children and teachers carry the weight and it hurts everyone. She asked the Council to be courageous and to use its voice and leadership to seek transparency, communicate clearly with residents, and advocate for policies that protect trust in public institutions and treat immigrants with the respect they deserve.

Mr. Jefferson Curtis stated he was disappointed when he learned of the County's decision to close its Child Care program and he wished there had been a better transition. He was glad to learn of the upcoming legislative intent to utilize County facilities to privatize childcare, one in coordination with Granite School District, but he also felt concerned over the "low-income" aspect of the program. He hoped the County would not rely on the federal poverty line because this figure was out-of-date and did not take into account the cost of housing, transportation, medical care, etc. He hoped the Council would find a different standard that was more in line with reality.

Mr. Curtis also expressed frustration that any County law enforcement officer would assist ICE. He understood there were legal issues, but the idea that someone could show up at a court date because they were trying to do the right thing and then be thrown into an inhumane detention center was horrific to him. He argued that the people being detained have families and jobs and are simply living their lives. They are not the "worst of the worst," as has been alleged.

Ms. Jessica Ku stated after hearing so much rhetoric about cutting taxes and fiscal responsibility, she wondered why anyone would rather fund a Gestapo-like terrorist

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group than childcare for working families. Nothing was normal to her about being detained without due process or making families live in fear. Due process should not be optional and human rights should not be conditional. The United States is supposed to be a country governed by laws and constitutional protections. History has shown what happens when governments normalize dehumanization, and it was as if nobody had learned anything from the past. Local resources should not be used to support ICE.

Ms. Ku also stated the closure of the childcare centers has been a mess. The employees require retention bonuses not to leave their jobs before the closure is complete. The communication the parents have received has been reactive and not proactive. Utah is known for families. She asked the Council to say yes to keeping the centers open.

Mr. Mackenzie Miller spoke in opposition to ICE preying on immigrants attending their court hearings. He stated that nobody intent on breaking the law would be attending a court hearing. These people were being put in a position where if they showed up, they were detained and if they did not show up, they would be forced to become criminals. Immigrants contribute to many programs, such as Social Security and Medicare, that they do not benefit from. Hiring ICE agents and creating detention facilities costs a lot of money.

Council Member Winder Newton stated she wanted to make it clear that the County does not fund ICE. She asked the Sheriff to respond to some of the comments made.

Sheriff Rosie Rivera stated she had received multiple ICE-related complaints over the past two weeks. Her office does not participate in any Delegation of Immigration Authority Section 287(g) programs, which allow US Immigration and Customs Enforcement to delegate limited immigration enforcement authority to State and local law enforcement agencies. That said, the Sheriff's Office contracts with the Third District Court, and it is obligated to follow the Court's protocols. Her office has asked the Third District Court to take a second look at those protocols. Part of the problem is that ICE agents show up at court in plain clothing, masks, and no identifiers. Her deputies often do not know who these agents are. The Court has asked the Sheriff's Office to do its best to keep everybody safe. Sheriff deputies must escort ICE agents, as they would any other agency with a warrant, into the secure area. Sheriff Rivera affirmed that attorneys are allowed in certain portions of this area.

The Sheriff spoke of one situation where a deputy handcuffed an individual after being instructed to do so by the judge. This was because the judge felt it would be best for the individual's safety. The Sheriff's Office has since told the Court they would not be doing that anymore because it puts the deputies in a bad situation.

The Sheriff also received a complaint after a deputy heard a scuffle outside the

courtroom and thought someone was being assaulted. The deputy later found out it was an ICE agent trying to arrest an individual. The deputy and the ICE agent got into an altercation and the deputy used some profane language toward the ICE agent. After hearing his side of the story, Sheriff Rivera said she understood how her deputy came to that point of frustration.

The Sheriff stated her office is obligated by law to work with ICE when the agents are behaving lawfully, and her office does not have any legal authority to interfere with ICE actions. That said, her deputies are not there to do ICE's job. She would continue to work closely with the judges and the courts to try to resolve these issues. She has asked ICE, at a minimum, to let her office know when agents would be at the courthouse.

3. REPORT OF ELECTED OFFICIALS:

3.1 County Council Members

Council Member Johnson stated he had seen a lot of things transpire in his job as a public defender because he is in court two days a week. The past two weeks have been difficult. He agreed with those who spoke in favor of standing with immigrant families, and he stated his record on this has been clear. He promised to try to get to the bottom of why ICE agents were acting so boldly. However, he wanted to also tamp down expectations because as much as he does not want ICE in Salt Lake County, neither the County, nor the Sheriff's Office, nor the courts have the authority to tell the Federal Government to back off. What the County can do is ensure that it is not going above and beyond its duty in any way. He also wondered if ICE had proper authority in many situations considering it was often carrying out administrative warrants and not judicial warrants. He stated the distinction mattered a great deal. He saw no reason that the County should help ICE effectuate any administrative warrant, as these were not signed off by a judge.

Council Member Johnson also addressed the comments made by Kathleen Anderson, and stated the Sheriff's Office is not releasing violent offenders back into the public "willy-nilly." He understood that narrative exists, but it is not correct. The people being released have been charged with low-level misdemeanors. The jail has not experienced overcrowding in over a year now and people accused of felonies and violent crimes are not being released. The tracker on the Sheriff's website shows who is being released. Salt Lake County is a safe place to live largely because the Sheriff's Office is doing a good job keeping dangerous people off the streets. As a public defender, he assured the public that the majority of people who his office defends are currently being incarcerated.

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Council Member Harrison echoed the concerns over the potential constitutional violations being committed by ICE agents. She has voiced these concerns to all the members of Utah's federal congressional delegation. She asked these representatives to do their job as members of a coequal branch of government and serve as a check on potential constitutional violations and unlawful behavior.

Council Member Pinkney stated she had a lot of feelings about the current state of the country, and she was grateful for the activists who take to the streets to observe, report, protest, and speak out against the conduct of ICE. She stated she is a huge supporter of oversight when it comes to law enforcement. She stated this is an important time as it relates to human rights for the United States, and history will be reflective of how people respond. She did not believe any ICE facility should be in the County nor the State, and that this operation targets people based on their skin color and nationality. Her family did not come from immigrants, but it did come from enslaved people taken by another government. She stated that anyone who was not a proponent of human rights violations, slavery, torture, or sexual assault should not support this initiative, regardless of their employment.

3.2 County Mayor

Ms. Erin Litvack, Deputy Mayor of County Services, delivered the Mayor's weekly update.

- The Clark Planetarium was voted as the third-best planetarium in the United States by USA Today.
- The County partnered with Valley Behavioral Health on a groundbreaking for a 68-bed permanent supportive housing facility that will offer higher-level mental health services. This project, which is expected to be completed in late 2027, compliments systemic reform efforts.
- The behavioral health and justice reform recommendations made in partnership with Judge Steve Leifman and his team will be shared with key stakeholders during a webinar that will take place this Friday at noon. The Mayor's Office is thrilled about this rollout and appreciates the Council's cooperation. There will be a recording that can be shared for anyone not able to attend the meeting.
- The Parks and Recreation Division will temporarily close the Gene Fullmer Recreation Center in West Jordan City for maintenance. The pools will be closed from February 23 through March 8, and the entire center will be closed from March 2 through March 8.

- The Welcoming Salt Lake Strategic Plan survey will be open through March 6. Everyone is encouraged to participate.
- The new point of sale system for the Parks and Recreation Division launched yesterday. More improvements will be coming in later phases.
- The Health Department is encouraging people to get vaccinated as measles continues to spread in Salt Lake County.

3.3 Other Elected County Officials

Sheriff Rosie Rivera stated there was a major homicide in August 2024, in Mount Olympus. One of the individuals involved, a juvenile, was convicted in court yesterday. The individual will be sentenced for murder, aggravated assault, and felony discharge of a firearm.

There were multiple avalanches recently. Last Thursday, the Search and Rescue team (SAR) assisted the Unified Police Department on a back country avalanche where an 11-year-old child was killed. At another incident in Butler Fork in Big Cottonwood Canyon, two individuals were swept up. Fortunately, some skiers witnessed this and were able to dig the individuals out and save them. The Department of Public Safety (DPS) partners were able to bring in a helicopter and hoist them out of the area. One individual remains in critical condition. At a third incident, SAR was able to get the individual out safely. At a fourth incident in Grizzly Gulch, the SAR team was also able to save an individual who received a femur fracture.

4. CONSENT ITEMS

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

4.1 Consideration of a Revised Resolution of the Salt Lake County Council Authorizing Execution of Opera in the Planetarium Fulldome Ticket Fee Adoption for Two Clark Planetarium Fulldome Shows

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Attachments:

1. Memo - Dome Fest West Council Correction

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2. Revised Planetarium Resolution Authorizing Execution of Agreement

RESOLUTION NO. 6355

A RESOLUTION OF THE SALT LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL RATIFYING EXECUTION OF "OPERA IN THE PLANETARIUM" FULLDOME SCREENING LICENSE AGREEMENT AND "SECRETS FROM A FOREST" FULLDOME SCREENING LICENSE AGREEMENT, AND TICKET FEE ADOPTION FOR TWO CLARK PLANETARIUM FULLDOME SHOWS

RECITALS

A. Salt Lake County (the "County") on behalf of its Clark Planetarium ("Planetarium") executed two "License Agreements" offered by Dome Fest West ("Facilitator"), attached.

B. The Council having sole authority to set fees, approved execution of the License Agreements on December 9, 2025, Resolution No. 6342. Although the License Agreements were attached to Resolution 6342, the resolution did not accurately describe the Revenue Share of the Parties. We now wish to correct that description.

C. The Planetarium and Facilitator jointly marketed and offer admission to "Opera in the Planetarium" for the period of January 8 – January 23, 2026 ("Opera Term").

1. The agreed Revenue Share was 50% to the County of all ticket sales above \$7,500 during Opera Term. Resolution 6342 described an erroneous guaranteed payment to the County.

D. The Planetarium and Facilitator jointly marketed and offer admission to "Secrets from the Forest" for the period of January 24 – February 8, 2026 ("Forest Term").

1. The agreed Revenue Share was 50% to the County of all ticket sales above \$6,000 during Forest Term. Resolution 6342 described an erroneous guaranteed payment to the County.

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

F. The License Agreements have been executed by County. Said License Agreements are attached to this Resolution as Exhibit A and B, respectively.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Salt Lake County Council; the Agreements authorized by Resolution 6342, as described herein, executed by the Mayor or her Designee on or about December 14, 2025, are hereby authorized, ratified and affirmed and attached as Exhibit A & B and by this reference made a part of this Resolution.

APPROVED and ADOPTED this 24th day of February, 2026.

SALT LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL

ATTEST (SEAL)

By /s/ AIMEE WINDER NEWTON
Chair

By /s/ LANNIE CHAPMAN
Salt Lake County Clerk

The vote on this consent item was approved.

4.2 Consideration of a Resolution of the Salt Lake County Council Declaring Surplus Real Property and Approving the Sale and Conveyance of the Same by Quitclaim Deed to the Connie Strang Trust Dated 2/8/2013

26-155

Attachments:

1. Resolution - Connie Strang - 02.10.26

RESOLUTION NO. 6356

**A RESOLUTION OF THE SALT LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL
DECLARING SURPLUS REAL PROPERTY AND APPROVING THE
SALE AND CONVEYANCE OF THE SAME BY QUITCLAIM DEED TO
THE CONNIE STRANG TRUST DATED 2/8/2013**

RECITALS

WHEREAS, County is the owner of two parcels of real property located at approximately 5884 South Uone Eleven Hwy., Magna, Utah 84044, identified as Parcel Nos.: 20-16-400-004-0000, and 20-16-400-005-0000, and as more specifically described in the Purchase and Sale Agreement attached hereto as Exhibit 1, and incorporated herein by this reference (“County’s Property”); and

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WHEREAS, County has determined that the County's Property is not in public use; and

WHEREAS, County and the Connie Strang Trust dated 2/8/2013 have entered into a Purchase and Sale Agreement ("Agreement") attached hereto as Exhibit 1; and

WHEREAS, It has been determined that the best interest of the County and the general public will be served by the sale and conveyance of the County's Property to the Connie Strang Trust dated 2/8/2013; and

WHEREAS, The sale and conveyance will be in compliance with all applicable state statutes and County ordinances.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Salt Lake County Council that the County's Property, as described in the Quitclaim Deed attached as Exhibit B to the Agreement is hereby declared surplus property.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED by the Salt Lake County Council that the sale and conveyance of the County's Property by quitclaim deed to the Connie Strang Trust dated 2/8/2013, as provided in the Agreement for the agreed Purchase Price of One Hundred Fifty-Five Thousand Three Hundred Forty-Six and 10/100 Dollars (\$155,346.10) is hereby approved; and the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute the Agreement, and the Mayor and County Clerk are hereby authorized to execute the Quitclaim Deed, attached to the Agreement, and to deliver the fully executed documents to the County Real Estate Division for delivery to the Connie Strang Trust dated 2/8/2013, upon payment of the agreed upon Purchase Price.

APPROVED and ADOPTED this 24th day of February, 2026.

ATTEST (SEAL)

SALT LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL

By /s/ AIMEE WINDER NEWTON
Chair

By /s/ LANNIE CHAPMAN
Salt Lake County Clerk

The vote on this consent item was approved.

4.3 Consideration of a Resolution of the Salt Lake County Council Authorizing the Purchase of a Right of Way Easement from Orlando Quijano and Esperanza Arevalo

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Attachments:

1. Resolution - Quijano Arevalo - purchase - 02.10.26

RESOLUTION NO. 6357

A RESOLUTION OF THE SALT LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A RIGHT OF WAY EASEMENT FROM ORLANDO QUIJANO AND ESPERANZA AREVALO

RECITALS

1. Orlando Quijano and Esperanza Arevalo (“Sellers”) own a parcel of land located approximately at 6180 South 2200 West, Taylorsville, Utah 84129, identified as Parcel Nos. 21-16-479-025 (the “Property”).
2. County desires to purchase a right of way over the Property from Sellers (the “Right of Way”) for Nine Thousand Three Hundred Dollars (\$9,300.00, the “Purchase Price”), which amount has been approved by the Salt Lake County Real Estate Division as fair market value.
3. The purpose of purchasing the Right of Way is to obtain sufficient width along 6200 South to accommodate a section of the Utah & Salt Lake Canal Trail, Phase 6 in Taylorsville City. The trail is one of several north/south regional trails such as the Jordan River Trail.
4. County and Sellers have entered into a Right of Way Contract (“Agreement”) attached hereto as Exhibit 1.
5. It has been determined that the best interest of the County and the general public will be served by County purchasing the Right of Way from Sellers.
6. The purchase will be 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 by County of the Right of Way from Sellers, as provided in the Agreement for the agreed Purchase Price of Nine Thousand Three Hundred Dollars (\$9,300.00) is hereby approved; and the Mayor or designee is hereby authorized to

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execute the Agreement, and to deliver the fully executed documents to the County Real Estate Division.

APPROVED and ADOPTED this 24th day of February, 2026.

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ATTEST (SEAL)

By /s/ AIMEE WINDER NEWTON
Chair

By /s/ LANNIE CHAPMAN
Salt Lake County Clerk

The vote on this consent item was approved.

4.4 Consideration of Acceptance of Cash Donations Above the \$5,000 Threshold for 4th Quarter 2025 to Animal Services

26-139

Attachments:

1. Cash - Eric Langheinrich - \$6,750.00 - Signed
2. In-Kind Bradford Portraits \$5,500
3. In-Kind Deer Valley \$1065
4. In-Kind Jeff Kovnick \$3500
5. In-Kind Jennifer Mueller \$2,300
6. In-Kind JSX \$2000
7. In-Kind Kris Lamoreaux \$1700
8. In-Kind Liz Dranow \$1,200
9. In-Kind Mark Miller Subaru \$1300
10. In-Kind Sarah Lazic \$5700
11. In-Kind SEG CR \$1050
12. In-Kind Taylor Hadean \$3,500
13. In-Kind William Lewis \$2,000

The vote on this consent item was approved.

5. APPROVAL OF TAX LETTERS

A motion was made by Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Harrison, that the tax letters be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

5.1 2025 Tax Payment Shortages

26-164

Attachments:

1. 2025 Tax Payment Shortages

The vote on this tax letter was approved.

5.2 Partial Release of Lien

26-162

Attachments:

1. 15-22-330-014-0000
2. 21-14-305-010
3. 33-03-201-020
4. 27-33-477-015-0000
5. 33-17-400-021
6. 22-17-301-001-0000
7. 20-27-351-004
8. 20-28-476-001

The vote on this tax letter was approved.

6. ACCEPTANCE OF ETHICS DISCLOSURES

A motion was made by Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Harrison, that the ethics disclosures be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

6.1 Acceptance of Ethics Disclosures: Assessor's Office

26-151

Attachments:

1. Blake Jessop_disclosure
2. Christopher Betcher_disclosure
3. Cindy Beck_disclosure
4. Eve Bryant_Disclosure Statement
5. John Roberts_disclosure
6. Taylor Prowell_disclosure_statement
7. Thomas Anderson_disclosure
8. Weston Lemon_disclosure

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The vote on these ethics disclosures was received and filed.

6.2 Acceptance of Ethics Disclosures: Library Board 26-152

Attachments:

1. 01.28.2026 Library COI Forms

The vote on these ethics disclosures was received and filed.

6.3 Acceptance of Ethics Disclosures: Library Staff 26-154

Attachments:

1. 02.12.2026 COI Cover Letter and Forms

The vote on these ethics disclosures was received and filed.

7. APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

7.1 Approval of February 3, 2026, County Council Minutes 26-140

Attachments:

1. 02-03-2026 Council Minutes

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

7.2 Approval of February 10, 2026, County Council Minutes 26-173

Attachments:

1. 021026 Council Minutes

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

8. WORK SESSION

8.1 Informational Update on the Proposed Hire Report / Incentive Plans - \$3000 and Under / Weekly Reclassification Report 26-172

Presenter: Hoa Nguyen, Council Budget and Policy Analyst
(Less than 5 minutes)

Informational

Attachments:

1. Proposed Hire Report - 2-18-2026
2. Incentive Plans - \$3,000 and Under 2-18-2026
3. Weekly Reclassification Report 2-18-2026

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

8.2 Budget Adjustment: Library Services Requests to Establish \$59,146,000 in Anticipated Bond Funding for the Following Projects: 26-170

- **Balloon Payment for the Final New Market Tax Credit (NMTC) Kearns Library: \$9,300,000**
- **Library Ops Building Purchase and Improvement: \$15,900,000**
- **West Valley Library New Building: \$39,997,000 (Including \$10,051,000 Contributed by the Library Partner)**
- **Sandy Library Updates: \$4,000,000**

Presenter: Hoa Nguyen, Council Budget and Policy Analyst
(Less than 5 minutes)

Discussion - Vote Needed

Attachments:

1. 38241 38244 38246 - Library Bond Projects

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

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

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8.3 Budget Adjustment: Library Services Requests to Establish a New Market Tax Credit (NMTC) Project Budget of \$26,851,000 for the Design and Construction of a New Library in Midvale 26-171

Presenter: Hoa Nguyen, Council Budget and Policy Analyst
(Less than 5 minutes)

Discussion - Vote Needed

Attachments:

1. 38242 38247 - Midvale Library NMTC Project

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

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

8.4 Budget Adjustment: The Planetarium Requests to Recognize \$20,000 in Awarded Association of Science and Technology Centers (ASTC) Air We Share Grant Revenue and Allocate the Associated Anticipated Expenditures in Accordance with Grant Requirements 26-179

Presenter: Hoa Nguyen, Council Budget and Policy Analyst
(Less than 5 minutes)

Discussion - Vote Needed

Attachments:

1. 38254 - CP_ASTC Air We Share Grant
2. 35254 - Clark Planetarium MOA for The Air We Share - signed

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

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

8.5 Budget Adjustment: Parks and Recreation Requests 26-174
\$147,749 in One-Time Funding for Lump-sum Payments to Childcare Staff for Continued Operations of Childcare Centers Through May 31, 2026

Presenter: Robert Sampson, Community Services Associate Department Director; Sharon Roux, Human Resources Director
(5 minutes)

Discussion - Vote Needed

Attachments:

1. 38223 - PAR Child Care Staff Retention Payment

Mr. Robert Sampson, Associate Director, Community Services Department, reviewed the budget adjustment.

Council Member Winder Newton asked if any unspent funds would go back into the General Fund.

Mr. Sampson stated they would.

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

8.6 Consideration of Legislative Intent: Use of County-owned 26-169
Childcare Spaces Prioritizing Low-Income Families

Presenter: Aimee Winder Newton, Salt Lake County Council Chair; Laurie Stringham, Salt Lake County Council Member
(5 minutes)

Discussion - Vote Needed

Attachments:

1. Childcare Leg Intent

Council Member Winder Newton stated she and Council member Stringham brought this item forward because they did not want the County's facilities to go to waste after the Child Care program was cut at the end of last year. This legislative intent would direct the Mayor's Office to consider the different spaces and evaluate them for continued childcare use. Since closing the program, the County has been approached by different potential partners willing to take on the cause. The Council would want low-income families to be prioritized for receiving services. The facilities would need to be

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evaluated to see if they were suitable for housing childcare providers. Granite School District is considering using one of the spaces for the same purpose.

She read the legislative intent:

It is the legislative intent of the Council that the existing County-operated childcare spaces located in the Magna, Kearns and Northwest Recreation Centers be evaluated for continued operational use as childcare facilities. Potential operators could include nonprofit, educational and governmental, or commercial childcare providers.

As part of this evaluation, the County shall identify potential private sector, nonprofit, or educational operators interested in utilizing the spaces for licensed childcare services. Potential respondents should be asked to develop clear proposals for prioritizing vulnerable and low-income families who live in Salt Lake County. Potential respondents should also be required to demonstrate their ability to pay rent inclusive of fully loaded costs, including ongoing operational and maintenance expenses.

The Council further intends that the County coordinate with Granite School District to evaluate and develop plans for utilizing the existing County-operated childcare space located in Millcreek, with the additional goal of prioritizing childcare services to low-income families, per Granite School District criteria and requirements.

The County Council recognizes that there are varied childcare needs throughout the County, and supports new providers utilizing these existing spaces to help vulnerable families.

Council Member Winder Newton stated this would be a win for both taxpayers and working families because it would not be a burden on property taxpayers.

Council Member Stringham stated she was excited to move forward with this because the County does partnerships with private organizations very well.

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

8.7 Consideration of Legislative Intent: Expansion of County Childcare Licensure for Summer Programming Options

26-183

Presenter: Jiro Johnson, Salt Lake County Council Member; Suzanne Harrison, Salt Lake County Council Member
(5 minutes)

Discussion - Vote Needed

Attachments:

1. Child Care Leg Intent_Dem_Final

Council Member Johnson stated he wanted to examine the possibility of making summer programming available to all County residents. During the summer months, working parents desperately need a place for the kids to go where their minds can stay engaged until school resumes. The Mayor's Office would be directed to provide an analysis of the financial feasibility of such a program while ensuring that everything stayed revenue-neutral. This legislative intent represented a serious bipartisan effort to come to a good solution to the problems cause by the closure of the Child Care program.

He read the legislative intent:

It is the legislative intent of the Salt Lake County Council that the Division of Parks and Recreation evaluate the feasibility of utilizing the county's youth recreation programming and analyze expanded tuition-supported summer programming options. This analysis should also explore providing county-wide access to summer programming for county residents, including a full cost-recovery financial model that does not include property tax revenues or General Fund dollars to subsidize the program.

Many Salt Lake County families, including those affected by the recent decision to close county-operated childcare centers, struggle to find affordable childcare solutions during summer months when school is not in session. The Council seeks to explore if tuition-supported summertime programming could help fill this gap for families throughout the county.

The Division of Parks and Recreation should prepare this analysis and report back to the County Council by its scheduled meeting on March 24, 2026.

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

Ms. Erin Litvack, Deputy Mayor of County Services, asked that both final copies of the legislative intent be forwarded to the Mayor's Office.

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8.8 2026 Legislative Session Update

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The Council May Vote to Take Positions Concerning 2026 Legislation and Other Related Actions

Presenter: Kara Trevino, Council Intergovernmental Relations Manager
(60 minutes)

Discussion - Vote Needed

Attachments: None

Ms. Kara Trevino, Intergovernmental Relations Manager, Council Office, reviewed the legislative updates.

- HB 576 Child Welfare Timeline Compliance Amendments – Rep. Candice Pierucci

Mr. Neil Webster, Indigent Legal Services Manager, Human Services Division, reviewed the bill, which would affect the County's indigent defense costs. This bill would speed up the timeline for parental termination proceedings, which already happen quickly. Additionally, the timelines could not be extended even if both parties stipulated to it. If a legal defender could not meet the timeline, the County would have to provide an alternative defender to take over, sometimes with only a few days' notice. This could create not only budgetary issues, but capacity issues. As this type of law is highly specialized, finding an attorney knowledgeable enough to take on such a case with short notice could be quite difficult for the County. This bill seemed like bad policy to Mr. Webster because if both sides of a case are asking for an extension, there is usually a good reason for it. He noted that judges already have the authority to hold parties to timelines.

A motion was made by Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Harrison, to oppose HB 576. The motion carried by a 7 to 1 vote with Council Member Moreno voting "Nay."

- HB 544 County Land Use Authority Amendments – Rep. Kristen Chevrier

Ms. Trevino reviewed the bill, which was discussed at the Utah Association of Counties (UAC) and went through a policy steering committee, as well as a legislative committee. It would require a county to accept and process a plan review application for a single family dwelling on any parcel that is not part of a subdivision. The bill was intended to fix a problem in Utah County, but some are concerned that it is too broadly written and could have unintended consequences statewide. Her recommendation was to

oppose the bill and work on a solution in the interim.

Mr. Zach Shaw, Deputy District Attorney, stated he agreed with that summary and recommendation.

A motion was made by Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Harrison, to oppose HB 544. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

- HB 551 Government Records Access Amendments – Rep. Lisa Shepherd

Ms. Trevino reviewed the bill, which would prohibit any person who is the subject of a records request from classifying responsive records, participating in the entity's review or response, or taking part in any appeal related to the request. Ms. Trevino felt this was problematic because staff needs to be allowed to communicate with a person in order to get records from them. Her recommendation was to oppose the bill as written, but if it proceeds, work with UAC to make it more workable and practical.

Mr. Mitchell Park, Legal Counsel, Council Office, stated his interpretation of the bill was that it contained a couple of provisions that could make compliance and response to GRAMA practically difficult to achieve. The bill would also limit an appeals officer's ability to be the subject of a record and be involved in it. This bill could cause the County to need to radically change its policies on GRAMA compliance.

Council Member Johnson stated he understood what the bill's sponsor was trying to do, but not being able to communicate amicably could create more problems than it would solve.

A motion was made by Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Harrison, to oppose HB 551. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

- HB 565 City Library Property Tax Amendments – Rep. Andrew Stoddard

Ms. Trevino reviewed the bill, which would require counties of the first-class to itemize, on certain property owners notices, any levies for cities with their own library systems. She recommended supporting the bill, which had been placed on the consent agenda and was likely to pass.

A motion was made by Council Member Stringham, seconded by Council Member Harrison, to support HB 565. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

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- HB 596 Homelessness Amendments – Rep. Steve Eliason

Ms. Trevino asked Katherine Fife to review the bill, which would update Utah's homeless services framework by creating/expanding County support funding through a Homeless Services Restricted Account, including cigarette tax revenue deposits, and a matching-funds structure for participating counties. It would establish a "code red" extreme-heat alert system and allow shelters to temporarily increase capacity during a code-red event if compliant with building/fire code. It would shift shelter capacity and limit determinations to the Utah Office of Homeless Services.

Ms. Katherine Fife, Associate Deputy Mayor of County Services, stated this bill would create a funding mechanism at the state level. It would create a restricted account that would hold new funding that would be accessible to counties if they created their own restricted account. The bill would also create modifications to the County's code-blue efforts. It would create a "code red", which would affect southern counties more than Salt Lake County. It would affect municipalities by prohibiting them from imposing capacity limits at shelters. The bill's sponsor has been extremely open in wanting to hear feedback from all parties that would potentially be affected.

A motion was made by Council Member Winder Newton, seconded by Council Member Pinkney to support HB 596. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

- SB 284 Local Land Use Modifications – Sen. Lincoln Fillmore

Ms. Trevino reviewed the bill, which was on a substitution, though she was not sure which one. The original bill was problematic in many ways. Now, it has become somewhat of a land use task force bill. The cities and counties and property rights coalition are working through some things.

Mr. Shaw stated there were areas of consensus, but also things that needed to be worked through. Mainly, the burden of proof on appeals and reasonable diligence to keep plats from expiring needed to be resolved. He recommended monitoring the bill.

A motion was made by Council Member Pinkney, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to monitor SB 284. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

- SB 306 Special District Modifications – Sen. Kirk Cullimore

Ms. Trevino reviewed the bill. She stated it was characterized as allowing counties to

be on the same footing as a municipality to withdraw from first responder districts. It should not be confused with the Salt Lake Valley Law Enforcement Service Area (SLVLESA) withdrawal language. While there was no reason the County could not support the bill, it would not solve the County's issues.

Council Member Johnson asked if a bill like this would apply more to the Unified Fire Authority (UFA) than SLVLESA.

Ms. Bridget Romano stated a first responder district includes the fire service area and the law enforcement area. This is a bill that the County has been discussing with the Special District Association for years. Municipalities have always been able to withdraw from a service area, but a county has not. She agreed with Ms. Trevino that the bill did nothing to solve the issue with SLVLESA. It was better than nothing.

A motion was made by Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Pinkney, to support SB 306. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

- HB 193 Transgender Medical Procedures Amendments – Rep. Nicholeen Peck
- HB 258 Insurance Coverage Amendments – Rep. Nicholeen Peck

Ms. Trevino reviewed the bills. HB 193, which addresses the use of insurance for public employees for certain transgender medical treatments and procedures, failed in committee last Thursday, so she was unsure if it would be moving forward. HB 258, which amends provisions related to insurance coverage, was circled on the Senate floor.

Ms. Sharon Roux, Director, Human Resources Division, spoke on how the bill would affect the County's healthcare insurance costs. She had spoken with both the Public Employee's Health Plan (PEHP) and Select Health. PEHP is watching the bill closely and it did a financial analysis. Because the County provides this type of coverage under both plans, it would have to remove some coverage that it currently provides if HB 193 were to pass. Typically, when she contemplates benefits packages, she likes to ensure that the County is either at or above market rates so it can recruit and maintain talented staff. HB 258 states that if an entity provides coverage for transitioning, it must also provide coverage for de-transitioning. Both carriers said they had never been asked to cover detransitioning. PEHP's best guess, based on its financial analysis, was that de-transitioning coverage would cost less than one cent per member per month. If HB 193 were passed, it would probably save 34 cents per member per month. In a plan where the County spends millions, this would be insignificant.

Council Member Johnson stated it was important to him for transgender County

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employees to know that they are supported because transgender care is healthcare. He did not consider targeting the transgender community a good use of County time nor legislative resources.

A motion was made by Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Pinkney, to oppose both HB 193 and HB 258.

Council Member Stringham stated she would like to see how the language filtered out in these bills.

A substitute motion was made by Council Member Stringham, seconded by Council Member Moreno, to monitor the bills. The motion failed by the following roll call vote:

Aye: Council Member Moreno, Council Member Stringham, Council Member Theodore, Council Member Winder Newton.

Nay: Council Member Harrison, Council Member Johnson, Council Member Pinkney, Council Member Romero.

A motion was made by Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Pinkney, to oppose both HB 193 and HB 258. The motion failed by the following roll call vote:

Aye: Council Member Moreno, Council Member Stringham, Council Member Theodore, Council Member Winder Newton.

Nay: Council Member Harrison, Council Member Johnson, Council Member Pinkney, Council Member Romero.

Council Member Winder Newton stated the Council would continue to monitor the bills.

- SB 281 Senior Nutrition Private Donation Incentives – Sen. Keven Stratton

Ms. Trevino reviewed the bills, which would change the funding formula for Meals on Wheels. UAC would be voting on the bill on Thursday.

Mr. Paul Leggett, Director, Aging and Adult Services Division, stated the bill had been through a couple iterations. The funding formula to support Meals on Wheels statewide has been long-established for decades and is based on the percentage of seniors in a

population. This bill would change that to be based on the length of the waitlist for the program, as well as the ability of the agency to raise funds through a 501(c)(3). The County does not have a waiting list for Meals on Wheels because it has made sacrifices to prioritize this program. Mr. Leggett felt this legislation would incentivize counties to create a waitlist. Additionally, of all the counties in the State, only Utah County uses a 501(c)(3) to raise funds for Meals on Wheels. The majority of counties oppose this legislation.

A motion was made by Council Member Harrison, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to oppose SB 281.

Council Member Stringham stated it seemed to her like this would create more funding.

Mr. Leggett stated the concern was that the County already struggles to secure funding for Meals on Wheels. The formula that is in place works. Currently, the statewide deficit for nutrition programs is about \$4.1 million. The Governor's budget has a request of \$1.7 million in new funding this year. So if that is met, there will still be a \$2.4 million deficit statewide. Instead of that money being distributed the way it has for decades, it would go into a pot to be distributed differently.

Ms. Trevino stated she would recommend opposing this bill, as only Utah County currently supported it.

A motion was made by Council Member Harrison, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to oppose SB 281. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

- SB 115 Child and Animal Abuse Cross-Reporting Amendments– Sen. Jen Plumb

Mr. Robert Lewis, Special Operations Manager, Animal Services Division, stated this bill would strengthen communication between child welfare and animal control agencies by providing cross-reporting requirements. It would require courts to report certain types of animal abuse convictions to the Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS). It would allow animal control agencies, authorities, and DCFS to create a collaboration agreement; it clarifies that DCFS caseworkers may report suspected animal abuse or neglect; and it prohibits employers from preventing or retaliating against employees who make such reports. It would enhance both the safety of children and animals. It is widely supported by social services and public safety agencies. The Animal Services Division would like the Council to support this legislation.

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

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Johnson, to support this legislation. The motion carried by a 7 to 1 vote, with Council Member Pinkney voting "Nay."

- HB 429 Special Districts Amendments – Rep. Candice Pierucci

Ms. Trevino stated this bill was still being monitored as it moves forward. It is currently in the Senate.

- HB 445 County Government Land Purchasing – Rep. Mark Strong

Ms. Trevino stated the County needs to continue to oppose this bill as it works with Senator Strong.

- SB 97 Property Tax Rate Amendments – Sen. Daniel McCay

Ms. Trevino stated she is waiting to see where this lands.

- SB 78 Property Tax Relief Amendments – Sen. Daniel McCay

Ms. Trevino stated she is waiting to see the third substitution.

Council Member Winder Newton stated she spoke with Sen. McCay yesterday, and he is working on doing what the County has asked. This includes working on a deferral program that has a rate more generous than the County suggested. There will also be an abatement program that will require participants to have this listed on the property tax notice. All in all, she feels the bill could turn out pretty well.

- SB 218 Constable Modification – Sen. Kirk Cullimore

Ms. Trevino stated this bill was moving forward.

8.9 TIME CERTAIN: 3:30 PM

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Informational Presentation on Upcoming Library Construction Projects

Presenter: Robin B. Chalhoub, Director, Community Service Department; Joey McNamee, Division Director, County Library; Michael Scolamiero, Executive Director, Ballet West; Evelyn Cisneros-Legate, Director, Ballet West Academy; Jonathan Springmeyer, Economic Development Director, West Valley City
(20 minutes)

Informational

Attachments:

1. Library Construction Projects Feb2026 final

Ms. Robin Chalhoub, Director, Community Services Department, stated the County's libraries are well-loved and well-used by residents. These projects were a long time coming.

Ms. Joey McNamee, Director, Library Services Division, delivered a PowerPoint presentation entitled Library Construction Projects. She reviewed the following: 2025 Library Services Division highlights; upcoming projects; the West Valley City Branch rebuild; the Library Operations Center; the Sandy Library roof, HVAC, and limited remodel; the Midvale branch construction; a timeline; a funding overview; long-range planning; operations and maintenance; and next steps.

Council Member Winder Newton stated her understanding was that it was not a sure thing that the County would qualify for a New Markets Tax Credit. She asked Ms. McNamee to explain what would happen in the alternative.

Ms. McNamee stated it was not a sure thing, but the Division was feeling pretty good about it. The Division was also working with the New Markets Tax Credit partners to make sure everything is in place. In the alternative, the County can pivot to bond funding. The long-range plan can cover the cost if that becomes necessary.

Ms. Erin Litvack, Deputy Mayor of County Services, asked if the \$15 million figure listed in one of the slides was a mistake. She thought it should be around \$3 to \$5 million.

Ms. McNamee stated the County was expecting \$3 million to \$5 million in savings from the New Markets Tax Credit. The \$15 million figure was the New Markets Tax Credit allocation that would fund the project. Essentially, \$15 million of the \$28 million project would be funded through a New Markets Tax Credit.

Mr. Darrin Casper, Deputy Mayor of Finance and Administration, stated of the \$28 million project, \$3 million to \$5 million would be net-funded by the transaction.

Mr. Michael Scolamiero, Executive Director, Ballet West, spoke on the potential partnership between Ballet West and the Library Services Division. Ballet West Academy wishes to open a campus at the site of the West Valley Library. This partnership would serve the southwest portion of the County and enrich the lives of children and adults alike.

Ms. Evelyn Cisneros-Legate, Director, Ballet West Academy, spoke on the programming that would be accessible to County residents through the partnership between Salt Lake County and Ballet West Academy.

Mr. Jonathan Springmeyer, Economic Development Director, West Valley City, expressed support for the library on behalf of West Valley City Mayor Karen Lang, the City administration, and himself. He stated this investment represented a commitment to both learning and the arts in the community.

9. PENDING LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

- 9.1 Consideration of a Resolution of the County Council of Salt Lake County, Utah, Directing the Issuance and Sale by the Municipal Building Authority of Salt Lake County, Utah, of up to \$65,000,000 of Lease Revenue Bonds to Finance Certain Library Projects and Providing for Related Matters** 26-158

Presenter: Craig Wangsgard, Senior Civil Attorney
(5 minutes)

Discussion - Vote Needed

Attachments:

1. SL County Parameters Resolution v5 2.18.26

Mr. Craig Wangsgard, Deputy District Attorney, reviewed the resolution, which would direct the Municipal Building Authority (MBA) to issue up to \$65 million of lease revenue bonds for certain library projects. The parameters resolution would be contemplated by the board in the subsequent meeting.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 6358

PROCEEDINGS DIRECTING THE ISSUANCE AND THE SALE BY THE
MUNICIPAL BUILDING AUTHORITY OF SALT LAKE COUNTY, UTAH OF UP
TO \$65,000,000 OF THE AUTHORITY'S LEASE REVENUE BONDS, SERIES
2026 RECITALS

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF SALT LAKE COUNTY, UTAH (THE "COUNTY") DIRECTING THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING AUTHORITY OF SALT LAKE COUNTY, UTAH, TO UNDERTAKE CERTAIN PROJECTS THROUGH THE ISSUANCE AND SALE BY THE AUTHORITY OF ONE OR MORE SERIES OF ITS LEASE REVENUE BONDS AND PROVIDING FOR RELATED MATTERS.

WHEREAS, Salt Lake County, Utah (the "County"), has organized the Municipal Building Authority of Salt Lake County, Utah (the "Authority"), solely for the purpose of

(a) accomplishing the public purposes for which the County exists by acquiring, improving or extending any improvements, facilities or properties (whether real or personal) and appurtenances to them which the County is authorized or permitted by law to acquire, including, but not limited to, public buildings or other structures of every nature or any joint or partial interest in the same, and

(b) financing the costs of such projects on behalf of the County in accordance with the procedures and subject to the limitations of the Municipal Building Authority Act, Title 17D, Chapter 2 of the Utah Code Annotated 1953, as amended (the "Act");

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of the Act, the Authority has authority to accomplish the public purposes for which the County exists by acquiring, improving or extending any improvements, facilities or properties and appurtenances to them which the County is authorized or permitted by law to acquire, including, but not limited to, public buildings or other structures of every nature or any joint or partial interest in the same, and financing the costs of such projects on behalf of the County in accordance with the procedures and subject to the limitations of the Act;

WHEREAS, the County desires that the Authority, on behalf of the County, undertake the acquisition, construction and improvement of (a) the existing library located in the City of Kearns, Utah, from Kearns Library LLC, (b) a new library operations center, (c) a new library to be located in West Valley City, Utah and (d) certain renovations to the existing library located in Sandy City, Utah (collectively, the "Project");

WHEREAS, the County desires to lease from the Authority the Project pursuant to the terms and provisions of an annually renewable Master Lease Agreement dated as of December 1, 2009, as heretofore amended and supplemented (the "Master Lease"), by and between the Authority and the County, as amended and supplemented by one or more Amendments to Master Lease Agreement (the "Amendment" and together with the Master Lease, the "Lease"), by and between the Authority and the County;

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WHEREAS, pursuant to the Act, and Section 16-6a-302, Utah Code Annotated 1953, as amended, the Authority has authority to finance the Project for lease to the County and the County desires that the Authority issue not more than \$65,000,000 lease revenue bonds of the Authority, which may be issued in one or more series (the "Bonds"), that certain General Indenture of Trust, dated as of December 1, 2009, as heretofore amended and supplemented (the "General Indenture"), between the Authority and Zions Bancorporation, National Association, as successor trustee (the "Trustee"), as amended and supplemented by one or more Supplemental Indentures of Trust (the "Supplemental Indenture") between the Trustee and the Authority (the Supplemental Indenture and the General Indenture are sometimes collectively referred to herein as the "Indenture"), for the purpose of (a) financing certain costs of acquiring, constructing and improving the Project, (b) providing reserves, if necessary, (c) if desired, providing capitalized interest to pay the portion of the interest accruing on the Bonds during the acquisition, construction and improvement of the Project and (d) paying costs relating to the issuance and sale of the Bonds;

WHEREAS, the County has determined that it is in the best interests of the Authority and the County to lease the Project from the Authority in consideration of certain rentals to be paid (subject to annual appropriation) as provided in the Lease; and

WHEREAS, the Authority has estimated to the County that the cost of the Project to be financed will be approximately \$60,000,000, which, together with costs of issuance relating to the Bonds and capitalized interest, is to be financed from the proceeds of sale of the Bonds and the moneys of the County; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Salt Lake County, Utah, as follows:

Section 1. Terms defined in the recitals hereto shall have the same meanings when used herein.

Section 2. The County hereby directs the Authority to undertake the acquisition and construction of the Project for lease to the County and approves the issuance and sale by the Authority of the Bonds pursuant to one or more resolutions to be hereafter considered by the County Council of the County, provided that the Bonds (a) shall have terms acceptable to the County and (b) shall not constitute an indebtedness of the County, the Authority, the State of Utah (the "State") or any political subdivision of such State within the meaning of any State constitutional provision or limitation nor give rise to or be a general obligation or liability of nor a charge against the general credit or taxing powers of the County, the State or any political subdivision of the State. A copy of this Resolution shall be filed with the Authority to constitute the direction to the Authority to proceed with the issuance of the Bonds under the Indenture, which filing

shall evidence the Authority’s estimate of the amount of costs to be incurred for the purposes for which the Bonds are to be issued as provided in the Indenture.

Section 3. All resolutions, regulations, agreements, and orders, or parts hereof, in conflict with any of the provisions of this Resolution are, to the extent of such conflict, hereby repealed and rescinded.

Section 4. All proceedings, resolutions, and actions of the County, the Authority and their respective officers and agents taken in connection with the sale and issuance of the Bonds are hereby ratified, confirmed, and approved.

Section 5. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED by the County Council of Salt Lake County, Utah, this 24th day of February, 2026.

SALT LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL

ATTEST (SEAL)

By /s/ AIMEE WINDER NEWTON
Chair

By /s/ LANNIE CHAPMAN
Salt Lake County Clerk

9.2 Final Adoption of an Ordinance, Amending Chapters 2.46, Entitled “Geographic Information Systems Steering Committee,” of the Salt Lake County Code of Ordinances by Amending the Title From “Geographic Information Systems Steering Committee” to “Geographic Information Systems Advisory Committee”, by Amending Each Section to Recognize That Change; by Changing the Membership of the Committee; and Changing the Time of the Year in Which the Chair and Vice-Chair are Elected; and Other Changes Related to Grammar and Readability

26-113

Presenter: Bradley E. Park, Salt Lake County Surveyor; Jason Rose, Senior Civil Attorney
(Less than 5 minutes)

Discussion - Vote Needed

Attachments:

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1. Chapter 2.46 Legal Form Ordinance Amendment

Mr. Bradley Park, Surveyor, stated nothing had changed since the ordinance had its first reading two weeks ago.

ORDINANCE NO. 1947

COUNTY COUNCIL AMENDMENTS

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTERS 2.46, ENTITLED "GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS STEERING COMMITTEE," OF THE SALT LAKE COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES BY AMENDING THE TITLE FROM "GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS STEERING COMMITTEE" TO "GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS ADVISORY COMMITTEE"; BY AMENDING EACH SECTION TO RECOGNIZE THAT CHANGE; BY CHANGING THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE; AND CHANGING THE TIME OF YEAR IN WHICH THE CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR ARE ELECTED; AND OTHER CHANGES RELATED TO GRAMMAR AND READABILITY.

The Salt Lake County Council ordains as follows:

SECTION I. The amendments made herein are designated by underlining the new substituted words. Words being deleted are designated by brackets and interlineation.

SECTION II. The title and each section of chapter 2.46 is hereby amended as follows:

CHAPTER 2.46 – GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS [~~STEERING~~] ADVISORY COMMITTEE

2.46.010 - Geographic Information Systems (GIS) steering committee created.

Salt Lake County hereby establishes [~~a steering~~] an advisory committee to be known as the Geographic Information Systems [~~steering~~] advisory committee ("GIS [~~steering~~] advisory committee" or "committee"). The GIS [~~steering~~] advisory committee shall review and develop consistent geographic information systems ("GIS") policies and procedures for county departments and agencies, and make recommendations for adoption by the county council, through the county mayor.

2.46.020 - Membership.

A. The GIS [~~steering~~] advisory committee shall be comprised of one voting representative from each of the following [~~elected~~] offices and departments: Assessor,

auditor, clerk, district attorney, recorder, sheriff, surveyor, treasurer, and regional development; and ~~[the directors of]~~ the departments of human services, public works, administrative services, and community services. A member or representative of the county council shall serve as a non-voting member. The director of the county information services section shall serve as a non-voting member of and as staff to the committee, and provide such technical advice, assistance and input as the committee may request. Committee members who are appointed by the various county offices, divisions and departments must be persons who are authorized to make significant policy decisions as members of the GIS ~~[steering]~~ advisory committee.

B. The committee chair may, from time to time, request the attendance and assistance of representatives of other county offices, departments or divisions as may appear necessary to the conducting of current committee business.

2.46.030 - Chair.

The GIS ~~[steering]~~ advisory committee shall be chaired by an individual elected from among the voting members of the ~~[GIS steering]~~ committee. Each year, in ~~[June]~~ January or the first meeting of the new calendar year, a chair and vice chair shall be elected from the voting members of the ~~[GIS steering]~~ committee ~~[who shall succeed the chair in June of the year following the vice chair's election]~~.

2.46.040 - Meetings.

A. The GIS ~~[steering]~~ advisory committee shall meet regularly, as requested by any member or if convened by the chair as necessary to conduct~~[ing]~~ the committee's business.

B. The administrative staff to the ~~[GIS steering]~~ committee shall be provided by the office, division or department represented by the committee chair and shall be responsible for the preparation of agendas, notices and meeting minutes.

C. The ~~[GIS steering]~~ committee shall be responsible to adopt, by majority vote of the voting members ~~[of the steering committee]~~, internal operating procedures which govern the means and process by which committee business is conducted, including but not limited to, the responsibilities of chair and vice chair; the preparation and dissemination of committee notices, agendas and minutes; voting procedures, including proxy or absentee voting; and such other procedures as may be reasonably necessary to the appropriate conducting of committee business.

2.46.050 - Powers and duties.

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A. The GIS [steering] advisory committee shall recommend the adoption of county policies and ordinances by the county council, which affect more than one county department or agency, and on directions and priorities for GIS systems. Recommendations shall be made through the mayor's office.

B. The [~~GIS steering~~] committee shall make recommendations to county agencies, offices, and departments and to the county council regarding equipment and software issues as follows:

1. Prioritization of existing and future GIS development projects;
2. GIS equipment and software acquisitions and standards for such acquisitions through the county;
3. Maintenance and development of equipment and GIS program inventory to include the addition of new equipment and programs as well as the deletion of existing equipment and programs;
4. Research and analysis of such relevant data as may be necessary to provide recommendations to county agencies, offices, and departments and to the county council; And
5. Policies and procedures for the management of the county's GIS data and regarding information and systems which relate to GIS matters.

C. The [~~GIS steering~~] committee shall make recommendations to county agencies, offices, and departments and to the county council regarding GIS management and operations as follows:

1. Mapping and platting standards;
2. Collection of fees and distribution of funds; and
3. Research and analysis of such relevant data as may be necessary to provide recommendations to county agencies, offices, and departments and to the county council.

D. All GIS matters which affect more than one county department or agency shall be referred to the [~~GIS steering~~] committee for its consideration, recommendations and actions.

2.46.060 - Advisory subcommittees.

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A. The GIS [steering] advisory committee may establish advisory subcommittees or dissolve existing subcommittees as necessary.

B. Each subcommittee shall be chaired by such person as the [GIS steering] committee shall elect from among its voting members on an annual basis.

SECTION III. This ordinance shall become effective fifteen (15) days after its passage and upon at least one publication of the ordinance or a summary thereof in a newspaper published and having general circulation in Salt Lake County.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 24th day of February, 2026.

SALT LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL

ATTEST (SEAL)

By /s/ AIMEE WINDER NEWTON
Chair

By /s/ LANNIE CHAPMAN
Salt Lake County Clerk

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.

10. OTHER ITEMS REQUIRING COUNCIL APPROVAL

11. PROCLAMATIONS, MEMORIALS, AND OTHER CEREMONIAL OR COMMEMORATIVE MATTERS

- 11. Reading of a Joint Proclamation of the Salt Lake County Council and Salt Lake County Mayor Recognizing February as Black History Month in Salt Lake County 26-157

Presenter: Natalie Pinkney, Salt Lake County Council Member; Laurie Stringham, Salt Lake County Council Member; Jenny Wilson, Salt Lake County Mayor; Joseph Genda, New American and Refugee Lisason (20 minutes)

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Council Member Pinkney read the proclamation:

JOINT PROCLAMATION OF THE SALT LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL AND SALT LAKE COUNTY MAYOR

Celebrating Black History Month

February 2026

Whereas, during Black History Month, we honor the profound and enduring legacy of Black Americans, particularly the descendants of those who survived the institution of chattel slavery, whose resistance, labor, creativity, and vision built the foundations of this nation, and whose centuries-long struggle for full freedom and dignity continues to shape its future;

Whereas, Black History Month originates in the vision of Dr. Carter G. Woodson, himself the son of formerly enslaved people, who in 1926 established Negro History Week to ensure that the stories of African-ancestored people would not be erased or forgotten; and in 1976, President Gerald Ford formally recognized Black History Month, urging all Americans to honor the too-often overlooked contributions of Black Americans in every area of endeavor throughout history;

Whereas, the true history of Black people in this land must be told fully, honestly, and without erasure; that Black history in Utah and the Mountain West is not a footnote, but a living, documented legacy of survival, resistance, and community-building, and that unity can only emerge from historical truth;

Whereas, the history of Utah cannot be told honestly without confronting the presence of chattel slavery in the Utah Territory: Black enslaved people arrived in the Salt Lake Valley beginning in 1847, and on February 4, 1852, the territorial legislature passed an Act in Relation to Service that legally recognized the enslavement of Black people in the Great Basin, making Utah the only western territory where African American enslavement was protected by territorial statute, a legal framework that remained in place until Congress abolished slavery in all U.S. territories in 1862;

Whereas, we recognize that enslaved Black people in Utah Territory, men, women, and children brought here without their consent, were not abstractions of history but human beings whose names, stories, and suffering deserve to be known; that some, including enslaved women like Betsy Brown Fluellen and Nancy Lines, lived out their lives in

Utah's earliest communities; and that many are buried in unmarked graves that constitute a solemn, ongoing obligation of remembrance;

Whereas, we acknowledge the complex and contested history of slavery's legal form in Utah, including the documented debates within the 1852 territorial legislature, primary sources now available through the public database This Abominable Slavery developed by University of Utah historian Dr. Paul Reeve, and we affirm that regardless of legal distinctions between Southern chattel slavery and Utah territorial servitude, the humanity and suffering of enslaved Black people in this territory is beyond dispute and demands full acknowledgment;

Whereas, we honor Green Flake, Hark Wales, and Oscar Smith, three enslaved Black men who arrived in the Salt Lake Valley on July 22, 1847, two days before Brigham Young, who scouted the valley, broke the ground, planted the first crops, and prepared the settlement for the thousands who would follow; that Green Flake is believed to have driven the first wagon into Emigration Canyon; and that these men, long euphemistically listed as "colored servants" on the downtown Brigham Young monument, were in truth enslaved pioneers whose labor and courage are foundational to Utah history;

Whereas, the stories of Green Flake, Hark Wales, and Oscar Smith did not end with enslavement; after emancipation, Hark Wales eventually returned to Utah and invested in the mining business before his death; Oscar Smith went on to help found the first Los Angeles African Methodist Episcopal Church congregation; and Green Flake became a revered speaker at Pioneer Day celebrations for decades, farming land he owned near Union Fort until his death in 1903, when he was buried beside his wife Martha at Union Pioneer Memorial Cemetery in Cottonwood Heights;

Whereas, we honor Jane Elizabeth Manning James, a free Black woman born in Connecticut who walked much of the way from Nauvoo to the Salt Lake Valley after being denied boat passage because of her race, arriving in September 1847 with her family, and who remained a beloved and respected member of the Utah community until her death in 1908; and we celebrate the 2022 dedication of the Pioneers of 1847 Monument at This Is the Place Heritage Park, featuring life-size statues of Flake, Wales, Smith, and James, as an important and overdue act of recognition;

Whereas, we acknowledge that early religious settlers, including members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, were part of the founding of Utah, and that some individuals within that community both enslaved and advocated against the enslavement of Black people, a complicated history that requires honest telling rather than erasure; Whereas, the Buffalo Soldiers, the all-Black regiments of the United States Army established by Congress in 1866, drawing upon the Black soldiers who had fought to end the Civil War and preserve the Union, served with extraordinary distinction in Utah

Territory; that in 1886, members of the 24th Infantry were stationed at Fort Duchesne, and that at certain periods they were the only soldiers running that fort; that approximately a decade later, additional Buffalo Soldiers arrived at Fort Douglas, where some did not simply come and leave but put down roots and became part of Utah's Black community;

Whereas, researchers have documented that Buffalo Soldiers served across Utah with responsibilities including patrolling Nine Mile Canyon, maintaining telegraph lines, and guarding communities throughout the region; that their legacy is preserved at the Fort Douglas Military Museum on the University of Utah campus, the only museum in Utah with Buffalo Soldier artifacts, and that ongoing efforts to develop a Buffalo Soldier Heritage Trail would permanently honor their service in Utah's landscape;

Whereas, we honor all descendants of the Buffalo Soldiers and the generations of Black Utahns who have served in the Armed Forces from the Civil War to the present day, including soldiers buried at Fort Douglas Cemetery on the University of Utah campus, whose valor represents an ongoing commitment to this nation, even when that nation did not fully extend its promises to them in return;

Whereas, we honor Bettye Gillespie (1928-2021), a civil rights activist and daughter of a Union Pacific Railroad worker who moved her family to Utah, who graduated from Ogden High School at fifteen, earned degrees from the University of Utah and Howard University, served as Director of Equal Employment Opportunity at Hill Air Force Base for more than forty years, organized voter registration drives, and dedicated her life to dismantling racial, economic, and gender inequality in Utah; challenging discrimination from her student days when she confronted a store owner's policy of refusing to serve Black children, to her decades of NAACP leadership alongside her husband Jim, earning recognition including the NAACP Rosa Parks Award;

Whereas, while Utah did not codify formal Jim Crow laws, Black Utahns were denied access to swimming pools, restaurants, hotels, lunch counters, and public spaces throughout the state; that in Ogden, NAACP members including Bettye Gillespie challenged segregated swimming pool policies; that in 1939, a thousand Salt Lake City residents petitioned the government to create a segregated "negro district"; and that the KKK maintained an active presence in Utah, all realities of systematic exclusion that Black Utahns resisted, navigated, and survived with dignity and resolve;

Whereas, we honor Nettie Grimes Gregory (1890-1964), a teacher and musician from Tennessee who moved to Salt Lake City's Poplar Grove neighborhood after the Ku Klux Klan threatened her husband's family, and who, recognizing that redlining and discriminatory policies denied Black residents access to existing recreation facilities, spent more than fourteen years organizing bake sales, fish fries, bazaars, and community

fundraisers through the Nimble Thimble Club, Trinity AME, and Calvary Baptist Church to build a community center, with local Black families donating their labor evenings and weekends until the building was finally completed in 1964; that the Nettie Gregory enter at 742 West South Temple became the first civic building in Salt Lake City built entirely by its Black community, and served for decades as the home of the Salt Lake NAACP, a site of Juneteenth celebrations, voter drives, youth programming, jazz festivals, and community life;

Whereas, we recognize Salt Lake City's historic west side African American community, sustained through churches like Trinity AME (established 1891) and Calvary Baptist, fraternal lodges, women's clubs, and Black-owned newspapers including the Utah Plain Dealer and The Broad Ax, as a testament to the power of Black community-building in the face of exclusion, and we commit to honoring and preserving the physical and cultural landmarks of this history, including the Nettie Gregory Center, which has been recommended for inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places;

Whereas, Utah's Black and African American population has grown 55% since 2010, with 67,000 residents of whom 52% live in Salt Lake County, a testament to the continued vitality and resilience of Black life in this state, and we honor the full breadth of this community, including multiracial Black residents whose numbers have nearly doubled since 2010, representing Utah's fastest-growing racial group;

Whereas, Black Americans and Africans in the Diaspora enrich Salt Lake County through their art, scholarship, entrepreneurship, civic leadership, faith, and cultural expression; that generations of Black Utahns have served as first responders, educators, scientists, lawyers, judges, artists, and advocates; and that Salt Lake County is home to Black youth who will shape our collective future;

Whereas, in the late 1800s, Black Americans in Utah celebrated Emancipation Day each year, refusing to allow their family stories to disappear into folklore and mythology; and that this tradition of preserving Black history continues today through community historians, researchers, and advocates who document and share the truth of Black life in Utah, including the Community Remembrance Project's work documenting the lynchings of Thomas Coleman in 1866 and William Harvey in 1883 in Salt Lake City, and preservation efforts such as the first easement placed on a Utah property for its African American historic significance, the Paul Cephus Howell House;

Whereas, we acknowledge the generations of Black Utahns who overcame systemic barriers, including enslavement, redlining, Jim Crow-era discrimination, and the suppression of Black history, through extraordinary determination, forging paths of opportunity for their families and communities; and we commit to the ongoing work of

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preserving their history, amplifying their voices, and ensuring that the full story of Black life in Utah, in all its complexity, beauty, and truth, is told to every generation;

Whereas, together, we recognize the Black American and African Diaspora community of Salt Lake County, celebrate their achievements, and honor their proud legacy of resistance, resilience, service, and dedication to the promise of a more just and equitable society;

Whereas, February 1st through 28th, 2026 has been declared Black History Month in the State of Utah;

Now, therefore, We, the Salt Lake County Council and Salt Lake County Mayor, on this 24th day of February, 2026, do hereby declare our commitment to honoring Black History Month by recognizing the descendants of chattel slavery and all Black Americans and Africans in the Diaspora who reside in Salt Lake County, celebrating their enduring contributions, acknowledging the full and honest truth of their history, and pledging to be a community worthy of their legacy.

Ms. Afia Chin recited a poem entitled Magic.

Mr. Joseph Genda, New American Refugee Liaison, Mayor’s Office, stated he chose to live in Salt Lake County for the past 19 years because it is a welcoming community. He feels grateful to be a welcome voice for immigrants and new Americans. For him, this work is personal because when people lift one another, they strengthen the entire community. He quoted Martin Luther King Jr. who said: "Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that."

12. OTHER BUSINESS

ADJOURN

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS to come before the Council at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 4:20 PM until Tuesday, March 3, 2026.

LANNIE CHAPMAN, COUNTY CLERK

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By 
CHAIR, SALT LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL