

SALT LAKE COUNTY

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Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, August 4, 2026

1:30 PM

Council Chambers, Room N1-110

County Council

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public housing. He also brought up flaws in the city's public transportation system, and he argued that a liberal area such as Salt Lake City should do better.

Ms. Janna Clyne read a poem she wrote which addressed air quality, the power billionaires hold, the war in Palestine, children and mothers who become casualties of war, President Donald J. Trump's sex crimes, the Epstein files, and Benjamin Netanyahu. She spoke in opposition to Northrop Grumman existing in the community and making money off war.

Ms. Amber Grace, Utah Anti-War Committee, asked the Council to use its eminent domain authority to remove the Raytheon Applied Signal Technology weapons facility in favor of more worthy causes. She let the Council know of a weekly "Picket for Palestine" event every Friday at the Wallace F. Bennett Federal Building in downtown Salt Lake City.

Mr. Bernie Hart stated there are many problems that could be addressed at the local level. The County Council could make improvements to mental health issues and bring common sense to servicing the homeless. He felt the Council was not asking the right questions of the departments and divisions it funds. Studies show that when individuals fail treatment, it results in them losing hope, blaming themselves, feeling anger and frustration toward the program's administrators, and giving up on receiving care. Fifty percent of people who enter treatment programs for severe depression end up taking their own lives.

3. REPORT OF ELECTED OFFICIALS:

3.1 County Council Members

Council Member Johnson thanked his constituents who showed up to speak about current events. He recognized that it can be difficult to speak on geopolitical issues when one holds a minority view. He told them he took his representation seriously and that he would have his policy advisor collect their names and contact information so the conversation could be continued. He also explained that while he was not trying to dodge responsibility, eminent domain was complicated. Even though the Council did have the authority to exercise it in certain circumstances, it could not be implemented for the purpose being described.

Council Member Theodore sent her condolences to the Midvale City Community regarding the apartment fire that displaced over 200 individuals. During the fire, a cat named Toast went missing. The Animal Services Division was able to find Toast and reunite him with his family.

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- The Mayor's Communications team has created a partnership with the Utah Transit Authority that will allow patrons attending ArtTix events in downtown Salt Lake City to ride public transit free of charge.
- The Salt Lake County Civic Museum, an Art in Public Places initiative, will open tomorrow at the Mid-Valley Performing Arts Center. This is an initiative that partners with local nonprofit organizations and government agencies to share the stories, traditions, art, and history that shape the community. The first partnership will be with the Consulate of Mexico.
- Mayor Wilson sent her condolences to those affected by the fire in Midvale City. She was impressed to learn that the football teams from Hillcrest High School and Union Middle School showed up to offer aid and support.
- Mayor Wilson was glad to hear the story of Toast, the cat who was reunited with his family after the Midvale fire.
- There will be a three-day convention for the Leifman Group on Tuesday, August 18, through Thursday, August 20.

3.3 Other Elected County Officials

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 Acceptance of Telescope Donation to Clark Planetarium

26-754

Attachments:

1. Telescope Donation Form 1006

The vote on this consent item was approved.

4.2 Consideration of a Resolution of the Salt Lake County Council Authorizing the Sale of a Perpetual Easement and the Granting of a Temporary Construction Easement to Utah Transit Authority (UTA)

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APPROVED and ADOPTED this 4th day of August, 2026

SALT LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL

ATTEST

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 Acceptance of Donations from the Salt Lake County Foundation 26-762

Attachments:

1. SS Signed Declaration of Donation 2026 Westside and Mariachi Festivals
2. SS signed Declaration of Donation 2026 Intern Program

The vote on this consent item was approved.

4.4 Consideration of a Resolution of the Salt Lake County Council Approving Two Interlocal Cooperation Agreements Between Salt Lake County and Utah State University Extension Services in Salt Lake County ("University") for the University's Helping Schools Create Resilient Students Program (CREST) and its Screening, Brief Intervention and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT) Program to be Funded with Opioid Settlement Funds. The CREST Agreement is for a Total of \$975,000 and the SBIRT Agreement is for a total of \$950,000 26-774

Attachments:

1. Interlocal Coop Resolution CREST and SBIRT Interlocal Agreements
2. USU2026OSFCREST Interlocal Agreement vFinal
3. USU2026OSFSBIRT Interlocal Agreement vFinal

Council Member Winder Newton stated a Council member requested to have this item postponed until next week.

Council Member Johnson asked if Kelly Colopy could speak to this item.

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WHEREAS, Salt Lake County and University agree that it would be in the best interest of the County and University to enter into two Interlocal Cooperation Agreements to provide services to prevent substance use and misuse in Salt Lake County schools; and

WHEREAS, the SBIRT program helps schools address adolescent substance use by developing intervention strategies to delay initiating substance use, decreasing rates of escalation in students already misusing substances, and increasing access to students already engaging in problematic substance use; and

WHEREAS, two Interlocal Cooperation Agreements have been prepared, are attached hereto;

RESOLUTION

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Salt Lake County Council that the attached Interlocal Cooperation Agreements are approved; and the Mayor is authorized to execute said agreements, copies of the Agreements are attached as Exhibits 1 & 2 and by this reference made a part of this Resolution.

APPROVED and ADOPTED this 4th day of August, 2026.

ATTEST

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.

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 Tax Administration's Tax Relief Letters

26-751

Attachments:

1. 7.16.26 PTC Tax Relief Letter

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6.1 Acceptance of Ethics Disclosures: District Attorney's Office 26-749

Attachments:

1. salt_lake_county_disclosure_statement M Vedejs 2026.07.16

This ethics disclosure was received and filed.

7. APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

7.1 Approval of July 14, 2026, County Council Minutes 26-758

Attachments:

1. 07-14-2026 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.

8. WORK SESSION

8.1 Informational Update on the Proposed Hire Report / Incentive Plans - \$3000 and Under / Weekly Reclassification Report 26-775

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

Informational

Attachments:

1. Proposed Hire Report - 7-29-2026
2. Incentive Plans - \$3,000 and Under 7-29-2026
3. Weekly Reclassification Report 7-29-2026

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

8.2 Budget Adjustment: The Landfill Requests \$200,000 From its Restricted Capital Replacement Fund for a Major Water Well Overhaul 26-767

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

Discussion - Vote Needed

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Attachments:

1. Title 19 Council Briefing Memo Initiation

Mr. Curtis Woodward, Senior Planner, Greater Salt Lake Municipal Services District (MSD), stated the MSD had a public draft ready that would be presented to the Salt Lake County Planning Commission and the Mountainous Planning District Planning Commission. The ordinance is close to 400 pages, so it is being broken down into three more manageable sections that will be reviewed in three separate workshops that will take place in August, September, and October. Once both planning commissions provided feedback, he would return to the Council for final consideration.

8.5 Salt Lake County America250 Committee Final Report

26-764

Presenter: Matt Castillo, Arts & Culture Division Director; Robin Chalhoub, Community Services Director
(5 minutes)

Informational

Attachments:

1. America250 Council Presentation

Mr. Matt Castillo, Director, Arts and Culture Division, stated the Council, earlier this year, approved Salt Lake County as an official partner for the America250 initiative. In doing so, it established a committee of County employees to plan activities related to that. Mr. Castillo delivered a PowerPoint presentation entitled Salt Lake County's America250 Committee Report. He reviewed Salt Lake County's America250 CANstruction Food Drive. This was a partnership with the Utah Food Bank and eight different design teams wherein the teams utilized approximately 25,000 pounds of food to create sculptures made primarily of canned goods that were displayed at eight different buildings owned by the County. The food used to create the sculptures would provide more than 20,000 meals to Salt Lake County families. The sculptures were as follows:

Salt Lake County Government Center: The Artemes II Spaceship and Moon, Honoring the First U.S. Lunar Mission Since 1972

Salt Lake City Sports Complex: A Full America-Themed Birthday Cake

Salt Lake County Mid-Valley Performing Arts Center: A Hot Air Balloon

Salt Lake County Holladay Lions Recreation Center: The Liberty Bell

Salt Lake County Magna Kennecott Senior Center: A Red, White, and Blue Slice of Birthday Cake

Salt Lake County Viridian Event Center: A Column Commemorating the U.S. National Park Service

Salt Lake County Draper Senior Center: The USS Constitution Battleship

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Mr. Chris McConnehey, Former West Jordan City Council Member, stated he echoed Mayor Burton's sentiments. During his time on the City Council, he had seen the City's partnership with the County become tighter and tighter. He was able to leverage the City's resources with the County's resources. He hoped some of the remaining gaps could still be filled. Mr. McConnehey also brought two of his young sons with him, who spoke briefly about some of the County youth activities they enjoyed.

Council Member Johnson asked Mayor Burton about the location where the City had hoped to build the recreation center. He also asked what the amount was of the initial request and how low the City felt it could go in terms of a County contribution.

Mayor Burton stated the initial request was for \$27 million. It started bigger, but the City trimmed it down. The potential center was designed to be buildable so it could be added to as funds became available. Mayor Burton stated he would gladly accept any amount the Council could approve, and he would find a way to find additional funds to match and cover the remaining amount necessary.

Ms. Jill Love, Chief Administrative Officer, Salt Lake City Mayor's Office, stated the City submitted an application for \$3.5 million for what it calls the "Civic Campus." It was denied due to the Civic Campus not being regional and not being recreational enough. Ms. Love explained that the City views the site as regional because it receives over a million visitors every year. It is on a transit corridor, and the City sees it as a place that can be used long-term for an Olympic legacy. The City has been working with the Olympic Committee to design features that could be critical during the Olympics, one of which would be an all-access playground. There is a shortage of investment in recreation in the north end of the valley. The downtown population is close to doubling in size, and there is a shortage of green space and recreational activities there.

Mr. James Brown, Salt Lake County Recreation Bond Advisory Board, stated the County staff was excellent. The members of the Board worked proficiently and professionally. The Board did the best it could to allocate the funds fairly. He had come to understand the objective was not about building recreation as much as building community.

Council Member Winder Newton stated it was important to the Council to assure voters that they would not have to spend more on this bond than it had on previous bonds. She asked for an explanation of how that number is figured, allowing for inflation and other factors.

Mr. Johnathan Ward, Senior Vice President, Zion's Bank, stated that the tax impact was a function of multiple variables. The three most significant were taxable valuation,

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Mr. Mitchell Park, Legal Counsel, Council Office stated the critical deadline would be the 45-day out period. There were also some dates that needed to be coordinated with the Clerk. Bond counsel had already indicated to him that if the Council wanted to make changes to the resolution today, that could be accommodated. He was not sure if this issue could be debated into next week's meeting, though.

Mr. Ryan Bjerke, Bond Counsel, Chapman and Cutler LLP, stated the statutory deadline was August 20th, when the ballot proposition language would need to be submitted to the Lieutenant Governor's Office and the County Clerk. That said, the Clerk had requested an earlier deadline so she would have more time.

A motion was made by Council Member Theodore, seconded by Council Member Stringham, that this agenda item be approved.

Council Member Pinkney stated this bond happens only once every ten years, and families have made it clear that they prioritize parks, recreation, and their children's well-being. She disagreed with the Board's decision to reject the projects for West Jordan City and Salt Lake City. She felt the County should invest something even if it was not the full amount requested. Estimating growth at 3 percent would still be quite conservative while allowing for a higher bond amount.

Council Member Stewart moved to call the question.

Mr. Park stated the motion to call the question needed a second.

Council Member Stringham seconded the motion to call the question.

Council Member Johnson asked if he could be allowed to make a substitute motion.

Mr. Park stated a motion to call the question is always privileged and not debatable.

A motion was made by Council Member Stewart, seconded by Council Member Stringham, to call the question. The motion carried 6 to 3 by the following roll call vote.

Aye: Council Member Moreno, Council Member Romero, Council Member Stewart, Council Member Stringham, Council Member Theodore, Council Member Winder Newton

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

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9.1 TIME CERTAIN 2:30 PM

26-765

Consideration of a Resolution Providing for the Holding of a Bond Election with Respect to up to \$100,000,000 of General Obligation Bonds for Repairing, Completing, Acquiring, Constructing or Renovating Open Space, Natural Habitat, Parks, Community Trails and Recreational and Other Related Facilities and Providing for Related Matters

Presenter: Robin Chalhoub, Community Services Director; Ryan Bjerke, Bond Counsel, Chapman & Cutler
(10 minutes)

Discussion - Vote Needed

Attachments:

1. Letter to Council re DRC Review of Parks and Rec GO Bond (7-30-26)
2. 2026 Bond Election Resolution v7_RAFL

Mr. Ryan Bjerke, Bond Counsel, Chapman and Cutler LLP, stated if the voters authorize the bond at the upcoming election, the Council will still need to approve each series of bonds issued under this authorization. For that reason, flexibility was built into the maximum amount, taking into account escalating costs. If the voters approve the initiative, the Council will have ten years to issue the bonds. This will be the first of two resolutions considered by the Council for this election cycle. It will set forth the ballot proposition language that will need to be filed with the Lieutenant Governor's Office and County Clerk. It will also set forth the public hearing dates. The second resolution will be considered some time in September. It will be specifically for procedures.

PROCEEDINGS AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE HOLDING OF A LOCAL SPECIAL BOND ELECTION RELATION TO UP TO \$100,000,000 OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS

RESOLUTION NO. 6413

A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE HOLDING OF A LOCAL SPECIAL BOND ELECTION IN SALT LAKE COUNTY, UTAH FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUBMITTING TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE COUNTY THE QUESTION OF THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF \$100,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS; PROVIDING FOR THE HOLDING OF A PUBLIC HEARING AND THE PUBLICATION OF A NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING; AND PROVIDING FOR RELATED MATTERS

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same time as the regular general election on Tuesday, November 3, 2026 (the "*Election Day*"), to submit to the qualified electors of the County the question of whether bonds of the County to the amount of \$100,000,000 shall be issued and sold for the purpose of raising money for providing funds for repairing, completing, acquiring, constructing or renovating open space, natural habitat, parks, community trails and recreational facilities and other related facilities under the charge of the County (collectively, the "*Project*"), and, to the extent necessary, for providing moneys for the refunding, at or prior to the maturity thereof, of general obligation bonds of the County authorized hereunder or heretofore issued and now outstanding.

Section 3. The question shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the County at a Local Special Bond Election and such Local Special Bond Election is hereby called to be held in the County on the Election Day. The question shall be submitted in substantially the form set out in the form of ballot appearing in Section 4 hereof.

Section 4. The ballots to be used at the Local Special Bond Election shall comply in all respects with the requirements of Sections 11-14-206, Title 20A, Chapter 6, Part 1 and Part 4 of the Utah Code, and shall be in substantially the following form:

OFFICIAL BALLOT FOR THE
SALT LAKE COUNTY, UTAH
LOCAL SPECIAL BOND ELECTION

November 3, 2026

Shall Salt Lake County, Utah, be authorized to issue general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$100,000,000 and to mature in no more than eleven (11) years from the date or dates of issuance of such bonds for the purpose of providing funds for repairing, completing, acquiring, constructing or renovating open space, natural habitat, parks, community trails and recreational facilities and other related facilities under the charge of the County and, to the extent necessary, for providing moneys for the refunding, at or prior to the maturity thereof, of general obligation bonds of the County authorized hereunder or heretofore issued and now outstanding?

PROPERTY TAX COST OF BONDS

A general obligation bond is a debt owed by the County. The County uses tax revenue to pay for the debt. If the bonds are issued as planned (which currently consists of 2 smaller issues of bonds totaling approximately \$100,000,000 over the next 5 years, with each issue of bonds maturing approximately 10 years from the date it is issued), without regard to the taxes currently levied to pay outstanding bonds that will decrease over time, an annual property tax to pay debt service on the proposed bonds will be required over a period of 10 years in the estimated amount of \$17.20 per year on a primary

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Special Bond Election, for the purposes set forth in Section 1 and the potential economic impact the Project will have on the private sector.

Section 6. The County Clerk shall cause the “Notice of Public Hearing,” in substantially the form attached hereto as *Exhibit 1*, to be published as a class A notice under Section 63G-30-102 of the Code by (a) publishing a copy of such Notice on (i) the Utah Public Notice Website and (ii) the County’s Webpage and (b) posting such Notice in a public location that is reasonably likely to be seen by the residents of the County, in each case, no less than 14 days before the date set for the public hearing.

Section 7. After the adoption of this Resolution and at least 75 days before the Local Special Bond Election, a certified copy hereof, which includes the ballot title and the ballot proposition, shall be furnished on behalf of the County by Chapman and Cutler LLP, as bond counsel, to the Lieutenant Governor of the State of Utah and to the County Clerk of Salt Lake County, as election officer (the “*Election Officer*”).

Section 8. (a) In satisfaction of and in compliance with the requirements of Section 59-1-1604 of the Utah Code, the Mayor, or the Mayor’s designee, on behalf of the County, shall prepare and submit to the County Clerk an argument in favor of the ballot proposition and the rebuttal to the argument against the ballot proposition, if necessary.

(b) To facilitate compliance with the requirements of Section 59-1-1604 of the Utah Code, the argument in favor of the ballot proposition prepared on behalf of the County, and any argument in favor of the ballot proposed by an eligible voter of the County, the designated argument against the ballot proposition prepared by an eligible voter of the County, and any rebuttals thereto submitted by the respective drafters of the arguments in favor of and against the ballot proposition shall be submitted in accordance with the following schedule:

(i) the argument in favor of the ballot proposition prepared by the Mayor or the Mayor’s designee shall be submitted to the County Clerk no later than 5:00 p.m. MDT on September 4, 2026;

(ii) eligible voters wishing to submit an argument in favor of or an argument against the ballot proposition shall file a request with the County Clerk no later than 5:00 p.m. MDT on August 31, 2026; if two or more eligible voters wish to submit an argument in favor of or against the ballot proposition the County Clerk will designate one of the eligible voters to submit the argument by 5:00 MDT on September 1, 2026; any argument designated to be prepared by an eligible voter may be revised and resubmitted to the County Clerk no later than 5:00 p.m. MDT on September 4, 2026; and

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(SEAL)
ATTEST

By /s/ AIMEE WINDER NEWTON
Chair

By /s/LANNIE CHAPMAN
County Clerk

A motion was made by Council Member Stewart, seconded by Council Member Pinkney, that this agenda item be approved. The motion carried by an 8 to 1 vote with Council Member Johnson voting "Nay."

10. OTHER ITEMS REQUIRING COUNCIL APPROVAL

11. OTHER BUSINESS

ADJOURN

LANNIE CHAPMAN, COUNTY CLERK

By 
DEPUTY CLERK

By 
CHAIR, SALT LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL