

SALT LAKE COUNTY

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Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, August 11, 2026

1:30 PM

Council Chambers, Room N1-110

County Council

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1. CALL TO ORDER

Invocation - Reading or Thought - Pledge of Allegiance

Present: Council Member Suzanne Harrison
Council Member Laurie Stringham
Council Member Natalie Pinkney
Council Member Jiro Johnson
Council Member Carlos Moreno
Council Member Ross Romero
Council Member Sheldon Stewart
Council Chair Aimee Winder Newton

Excused: Council Member Dea Theodore

Ms. Julie Peck-Dabling, Associate Director, Parks and Recreation Services Division, led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

1.1 Quorum Call—Roll Call Vote

Roll was called, showing Council Member Theodore was excused.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Julie Peck-Dabling stated she has been a County employee for almost 28 years. When she came to work, as the Community and Support Services Department Director, there was not a single woman in leadership, and the last woman department director had been 25 years before her. Now, there are elected officials who are women and women in leadership roles. This has made the County rich with perspective and diversity.

Ms. Peck-Dabling relayed some of her experiences working for a County commissioner, including being part of the establishment of the Zoo, Arts and Parks program, which changed the arts and recreation in a positive way, and overseeing improvements for the Salt Palace Convention Center and Abravanel Hall. Later, she oversaw open space urban farming. Ms. Peck-Dabling also relayed some personal struggles during her time as a County employee and stated she was grateful to have been a part of the County.

Ms. Cindy Cromer stated during the budget process, she spoke at the public hearing objecting to the proposed closure of the Tenth East Senior Center. A lot of extraordinary people attended the Tenth East Senior Center, including author Wallace Stegner who played tennis at the center, a hall of fame athlete, and a master architect. Last week, the Tenth East Senior Center was notified it had been accepted on the National Register of

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Historic Places. Later today, the Council will receive a copy of the nomination and the letter of acceptance.

Ms. Susan Sandack stated freedom and democracy cannot be taken for granted. Democracy works when people vote, but only 39 percent of eligible voters participated in this year's June primary. Some people wonder why they should vote when policy makers ignore their voices and elected officials try to disenfranchise the electoral system, which is not broken. Everyone needs to speak out and work to increase voter turnout as the country gears up for the mid-term election in November.

Ms. Sandack announced a United and Rise event is being held Thursday, August 13th, from 5:30 PM to 8:30 PM at the Viridian Event Center, located at 8030 South 1825 West, West Jordan. The League of Women Voters of Salt Lake and community partners will be there to celebrate the anniversary of the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

Ms. Monica Hilding thanked County leaders who were involved in the decision not to close the Tenth East Senior Center. CRC Construction is the contractor that will be renovating the center, but she asked who oversaw making the decisions. The entrance was being moved to the back of the building, but the most convenient way to enter the center was through the front door. Also, the trees, raised beds, and garden have been removed and destroyed. Additionally, tiles that were part of its historic nature were removed, and while CRC Construction told her they would be replaced, she thought that would add to the expense of the renovation. The opening date of the center was also changed to April 2027.

Mr. Michael Kroll stated he enjoyed how accessible the Northwest Community Center is for pedestrians and micromobility users. However, the building stands as a wall, making connection between the bikeway and the Jordan River trail difficult, if not dangerous. Currently, the only access to the Jordan River Trail from the streetscape is through the parking lot, with no direct pathway to access Constitution Park, and once on the pathway, it is too narrow for bi-directional traffic for micromobility users, increasing the chance of conflict and possible collisions. It would be best to have a multi-use pathway along the electrical easement between the futsal courts and the Utah State Fairpark perimeter fence. That would create a safer and more direct connection between 300 North and the Jordan River Trail, while also leaving the field open for current uses. The plans to improve the Jordan River Trail, as part of the Power District development, are going to increase the number of users on the trail. Mr. Kroll hoped the County could prepare for that increased demand now instead of reacting to it later.

3. REPORT OF ELECTED OFFICIALS:

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3.1 County Council Members

Council Member Stringham reported that the 4-H Jr. Livestock Auction took place Saturday from early morning to about 5:00 PM at the Bastian Agricultural Center. Young people participated from all over the State. County youth participation has grown from five or six to eighty over the last two years. Utah State University Extension and the Bastian Agricultural Center support this 4-H program, which is a great opportunity for kids to learn where food comes from, and understand responsibility and what it takes to run a business. The participants must purchase the animal, keep track of expenses, and turn over records at the end of the program; and they must train their animal. Despite knowing where their animal is going, the kids have a hard time letting them go at the end of the program.

Council Member Stringham stated she attended the Civic Museum and Art in Public Places at the Mid-Valley Performing Arts Center this week. The County had worked with the Mexican Consulate to bring in the artists, who were phenomenal. She encouraged others to attend these events.

Council Member Moreno introduced his son Carlos Rodrigo, who will be going into third grade this year. Council Member Moreno thought it was important for his son to see what his dad did for the County.

Council Member Moreno asked the Council to consider a policy to invite high school students and young people to come and learn what the Council does.

Council Member Winder Newton suggested putting the Salt Lake County Youth Government on an agenda and having it provide the Council with information about what it does.

Ms. Erin Litvack, Deputy Mayor of County Services, stated the Mayor's Office will make that recommendation to the Youth Government.

3.2 County Mayor

Ms. Erin Litvack, Deputy Mayor of County Services, made the following announcements:

- The Institute of Museum and Library Services ranked the County's Library Services Division tenth in the nation in total circulation, among roughly 9,000 public library systems, eighth for physical circulation, and fourth for children's materials.
- The Library's Tyler Branch in Midvale City won an award from the Midvale Arts Council Hall of Honors for decades of service to the community. Mayor Dustin Gettel,

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Midvale City, nominated the Tyler Branch, and the library staff was honored at a ceremony on July 29th, during Midvale Harvest Days.

- The Animal Services Division joined Healthy Pets Mountain West for its 13th annual Customer Appreciation Day event on August 9th, which connects residents with adoptable pets and local rescue partners.
- The Leifman Group will be convening with the County, the State, Salt Lake City, and other stakeholders August 18th through the 20th, to advance behavioral health and justice services. Sessions will be held at the Capitol and at the Government Center.

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 Council for Aging and Adult Services 26-761 Reappointment: Jamie Cross, District 2

Attachments:

1. JamieCrossPacket

The vote on this consent item was approved.

4.2 Consideration of Acceptance of Donation to the District 26-778 Attorney's Office from Friends of the Children's Justice Center

Attachments:

1. 2026.04 thru 2026.06 Friends

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 Partial Release of Lien 26-783

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Attachments:

1. 16-33-403-038 signed
2. 16-33-403-039 signed
3. 16-34-126-002 signed
4. 21-03-203-021 signed

The vote on these tax letters was approved.

6. APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

6.1 Approval of July 21, 2026, County Council Minutes

26-780

Attachments:

1. 07-21-2026 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. WORK SESSION

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

26-784

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

Informational

Attachments:

1. Proposed Hire Report - 8-5-2026
2. Incentive Plans - \$3,000 and Under 8-5-2026
3. Weekly Reclassification Report 8-5-2026

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

7.2 Budget Adjustment: District Attorney Requests Additional \$356,835 in Insurance Spending Authority for Midvale Property and Cyber Insurance Policy Increase

26-785

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

Discussion - Vote Needed

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Attachments:

1. 39710 - Additional Insurance spending authority

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

Council Member Winder Newton asked why the District Attorney's Office was not able to absorb this cost when it had been absorbing it in prior years, and why it was asking for an increase since 2024, instead of just an increase from 2025 to 2026.

Ms. Bridget Romano, Deputy District Attorney, stated the District Attorney's Office receives an appropriation from the Governmental Immunity Fund into its budget to pay for a myriad of expenses associated with mostly risk management, and as part of that, the District Attorney's Office pays insurance costs. This year, the District Attorney's Office could not absorb the full cost of the insurance because it had paid other claims, which had drawn down its Governmental Immunity Fund balance to the point that it could not satisfy the payment of these two insurance premiums. The District Attorney's Office is asking for an additional amount to be taken out of the Governmental Immunity Fund balance and moved into its budget.

Ms. Liz Bayler, Administrative and Fiscal Operations Director, District Attorney's Office, stated in 2024, the District Attorney's Office paid about \$1.7 million for property insurance, and in 2025, it paid \$2.1 million. In 2024, the District Attorney's Office paid \$234,000 for cyber insurance, and in 2025, that increased to \$451,000. The District Attorney's Office had been able to absorb those costs by using funds from another line item in its budget, which was for the payment of claim settlements of about \$1.2 million, but as Ms. Romano pointed out, that had been drawn down.

Part of the reason for this request is to rightsize this account with the appropriate level of spending authority from the Governmental Immunity Fund. The District Attorney's Office has \$3.5 million in spending authority for the full Governmental Immunity Fund, and about 5 percent of that supports the people who are on the risk team for things like office supplies, software, court reporters, etc. If the District Attorney's Office continued to absorb insurance costs from the account that was intended to pay for settlements, the reporting would not be accurate.

A motion was made by Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Harrison, that this agenda item be approved. The motion carried 7 to 1, with Council Member Moreno voting, "Nay."

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7.3 Budget Adjustment: District Attorney Requests \$337,659 from Asset Forfeiture Funds for 2026 Operational Expenses: 26-786

- **\$21,000: Safety Equipment for 10 Legal Investigators**
- **\$33,000: Server Replacement for the Security Camera Footage for the District Attorney Facilities**
- **\$15,000: Contribution to the Services Being Provided by the Leifman Group**
- **\$268,659: Training Rooms A/V Systems Replacement**

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

Discussion - Vote Needed

Attachments:

1. 39708 - Operational Needs- Unrestrict Asset Forfeiture Funds

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

A motion was made by Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Romero, that this agenda item be approved. The motion carried 7 to 1, with Council Member Moreno voting, "Nay."

7.4 Budget Adjustment: Facilities Management Requests to Transfer \$206,203 in Underexpend Budget from Completed Youth Services Projects to the Youth Services Administration Reception Remodel Project 26-787

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

Discussion - Vote Needed

Attachments:

1. 39716 - Additional Project Funding - YSV009 – Youth Services Administration Reception and Office Remodel

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

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

7.5 Informational Update on Salt Lake County Jail Capacity, Population, and Updated CGL Projections 26-779

Presenter: Rosie Rivera, Salt Lake County Sheriff; Matt Dumont, Corrections Bureau Chief Deputy
(20 minutes)

Informational

Attachments:

1. 2026 SO Corrections Presentation - Jail Capacity & Population Update_August (updated) (1)

Sheriff Rosie Rivera delivered a PowerPoint presentation entitled Salt Lake County Sheriff's Office Corrections Bureau Jail Capacity, Population, and Projections Update. She reviewed the history of the Salt Lake County jail capacity from 2000 to 2026.

Chief Deputy Matt Dumont continued the presentation reviewing CGL's updated jail master plan, upon request by the County in 2025; CGL's updated jail population projections, which extends the projections through 2055, estimating a need for 3,131 jail beds; CGL's jail expansion recommendations, expanding the jail from 900 to 1,024 total detention beds (relocating 552 beds from the Oxbow Jail and increasing beds by 472); the jail population of 2,230 on August 6, 2026, with a population breakdown, showing that 25 percent had been sentenced, and 75 percent were pre-trial detainees; bookings versus persons; the population; medical and mental health alcohol and opioid withdrawal assessments; medical and mental health medication assisted treatment (MAT) and severe and persistent mental health illness (SPMI); transports; video court; and operational capacity and specialty beds.

Council Member Winder Newton stated if the Council is going to pursue a lease revenue bond for the jail, it needs to have all the numbers in the next couple of months for the budget. The Sheriff will be talking to the Debt Review Committee in September, so she expected to hear back by the end of September on those numbers.

Sheriff Rivera stated the Sheriff's Office is waiting for the architect to give its input and looking at different models that could reduce the costs. She anticipated having better numbers in September.

[Later in the meeting]

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Ms. Erin Litvack, Deputy Mayor of County Services, stated the Sheriff and jail have done great work going down the trajectory of updating the jail, knowing one needs to be replaced, and trying to accommodate for growth as well as recognizing the system is not functioning optimally in getting people the help or services they need. The Mayor's Office is working with the Leifman Group, which aspires to divert people from jail by putting them in evidence-based programs that will help them. The Sheriff and Chief are actively involved with the Mayor's Office in the conversations. Unfortunately, there will always be the need for a jail, as there are people in the community who should be in jail. The Council has a very difficult policy decision to make, considering the amount of dollars being talked about, and she thanked it for working with the Mayor's Office on the complexities.

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND ISSUANCE OF PUBLIC NOTICES

9. PENDING LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

9.1 Consideration of a Resolution of the Salt Lake County Council Adopting the Salt Lake County Integrated Watershed Plan 26-781

Presenter: Kade Moncur, Flood Control Engineering Director; Bob Thompson, Watershed Section Manager
(10 minutes)

Discussion - Vote Needed

Attachments:

1. IWPPProjectSummary_forCouncil
2. SLCoWatershedPlan_JRWC_2025
3. Watershed Plan Resolution (080526) ratf

Mr. Bob Thompson, Watershed Section Manager, Flood Control Engineering Division, delivered a PowerPoint presentation entitled Salt Lake County Integrated Watershed Plan Update. He reviewed a history of watershed planning in Salt Lake County; the planning setting; other watershed planning efforts; the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) nine elements for watershed-based plans; an overview of the partners involved; characterizing the watershed; priority concerns; additional stakeholder concerns; pollutant sources; E. Coli common sources and key findings; E Coli best management practices; an implementation plan; Salt Lake County Watershed Plan – proposed implementation projects; an implementation activities matrix; monitoring the plan regarding the EPA's nine elements for watershed plans; monitoring the plan goal and key activities; where the County is on the EPA's six-step process for watershed plans; where the County has been; where the County is headed short-term, mid-term, and long-term; and next steps.

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RESOLUTION NO. 6414

A RESOLUTION OF THE SALT LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL ADOPTING THE SALT LAKE COUNTY INTEGRATED WATERSHED PLAN.

W I T N E S S E T H

WHEREAS, the “Salt Lake County Integrated Watershed Plan 2025” (“IWP”) is an update of the existing “Salt Lake Countywide Water Quality Management Plan” (“2015 Plan”), which was approved by the Salt Lake County Council in 2015; and

WHEREAS, the IWP is written and directed to build upon the framework of goals and policies of the 2015 Plan, and toward the development and completion of specific implementation activities designed to restore and protect water quality in the Salt Lake Countywide Watershed; and

WHEREAS, the State of Utah has delegated to Salt Lake County the authority to plan water quality related activities, provide for consistency of water-quality related activities, and enforce water quality related ordinances; and

WHEREAS, Salt Lake County Council recognizes the importance of water quality planning and stewardship activities throughout Salt Lake County; and

WHEREAS, significant opportunities exist to protect and improve water quality and watershed function in Salt Lake County; and

WHEREAS, Salt Lake County, through its Flood Control Engineering Division of its Public Works Department, has worked collaboratively with various stakeholders to implement water quality enhancement projects in the past and anticipates further collaboration; and

WHEREAS, Salt Lake County recognizes the need for a wide range of policies, planning, and implementation activities researched and proposed by many agencies as necessary to maintain and improve water quality and watershed function; and

WHEREAS, Salt Lake County Council has determined that the IWP is in the public interest, as it will contribute to protection of water quality and public health, safety, and welfare.

RESOLUTION NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Salt Lake County Council:

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1. That the attached Salt Lake County Integrated Watershed Plan is approved and adopted, replacing the Salt Lake Countywide Water Quality Stewardship Plan of 2015; and

2. That the Salt Lake County Council supports the policies and recommendations contained in the Salt Lake County Integrated Watershed Plan and seeks to work collaboratively with regulatory agencies, citizens, and other relevant organizations to continue water quality planning efforts over the next ten years and beyond; and

3. That the Salt Lake County Council urges the citizens of Salt Lake County to actively participate in water quality planning and enhancement activities.

APPROVED and ADOPTED in Salt Lake City, Salt Lake County, Utah, this 11th day of August, 2026.

SALT LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL

ATTEST

By /s/ AIMEE WINDER NEWTON
Chair

By /s/LANNIE CHAPMAN
Salt Lake County Clerk

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.

10. OTHER ITEMS REQUIRING COUNCIL APPROVAL

11. OTHER BUSINESS

Council Member Stringham stated the Council needed to work with the Greater Salt Lake Municipal Services District on the wrap-up of the Justice Court, which will happen next week. She suggested putting this topic on future agendas.

ADJOURN

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS to come before the Council at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 3:15 PM until Tuesday, August 18, 2026.

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LANNIE CHAPMAN, COUNTY CLERK

By 
DEPUTY CLERK

By 
CHAIR, SALT LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL

