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Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, August 25, 2026

1:30 PM

Council Chambers, Room N1-110

County Council

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during freestyle times. However, freestyle is a specialized training environment, not an equivalent substitute for beginner and recreational skaters. Additionally, moving those skaters onto freestyle ice would affect the athletes who train at that time and the coaches, whose livelihoods depend on coaching during public skate sessions.

The County did not include a stakeholder process in discussing the policy change, nor did it provide an opportunity for skaters, families, and coaches affected to participate in developing the new policy. The Salt Lake County Ice Sports Coalition would like the County to address the following three questions: What problem is this policy intended to resolve, why is this the right solution when it is so disruptive to what is already happening, and why were those who are most affected not given a meaningful opportunity to participate?

Ms. Myra Gerst spoke in opposition to the County's new ice rink policy, stating that she recently resumed skating after a 14-year hiatus. Being able to skate on public ice with her coach has been a lifeline. As the mother of two small children, she found that these training sessions improved her well-being and helped her rediscover herself, away from the responsibilities of motherhood. Freestyle ice is for high-level skaters, and she is not one. She skated to find joy and peace. Training during public skating sessions was crucial for her.

Ms. Amanda Hoyt spoke in opposition to the County's new ice rink policy. She was a competitive figure skater, coach, and skating judge, and is currently a recreational adult skater. She moved to Utah to train at the Sports Complex, and for decades, she and her family relied on both public and freestyle sessions at County facilities. Moving all coaching exclusively to freestyle sessions would create an immediate safety risk for patrons. Currently, within the adult skating community and coaching staff, there are four registered nurses, a neurologist, and a retired physician who routinely assist with ice emergencies during public sessions. By removing coaches from the public ice, general patrons would lose that oversight, and the County would need to hire and train ice monitors and provide basic life support and first aid to fill the gap. Furthermore, forcing adult and beginner skaters onto high-level ice for lessons would create an unsafe and overcrowded environment. Slower skaters face more collisions and falls when they are scared, and high-level skaters would lose the dedicated, high-quality ice they need to train on. She asked the County to pause implementation of the policy to allow time to review the impacts and involve the affected community in finding a solution.

Ms. Jessica Wiarda stated she was here regarding U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents. Last week, she spoke to the Council and asked why a Salt Lake City Police Department officer was at a protest against ICE, and she would still like to know that answer. She tried to get the officer's license plate number as he exited the protest, but he sped too fast for her to see that number.

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time per week with this new policy. Coaches do not have the capacity to train most of their skaters on freestyle ice. All three rinks schedule freestyle sessions from 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM. Without being able to coach during public skate sessions, coaches would suffer financially, and the community would suffer. He asked the County to reconsider this policy.

Ms. Tara Jensen spoke in opposition to the County's new ice rink policy, stating Stephanie Grosscup who was Olympic Gold Medalist Nathan Chen's first coach, coaching and monitoring him for ten years, and coaching for 45 years all over the world, said this sudden, unsafe rule was unprecedented, and that every rink she had ever been to allowed beginners and adults to learn within the safe environment of public skate sessions. Ms. Jensen asked why the change, why now, why there was no discussion or warning, who was behind the ruling, what coaches had not been following the rules, and why this population of patrons was being discriminated against. This population had, for 26 years, followed the rules, created a community, learned the basics of ice skating, and pursued lifelong learning in skating. This new rule undermines Salt Lake County's mission statement, which reads that parks and recreation improve people's lives through people, parks, and play. She asked the County to give the skating community a voice.

Ms. Alli Ward, lobbying leader from the Wasatch Assembly, a 501(c)4 organization seeking to secure municipal governments' support for working Utahns with clearer policy. The Wasatch Assembly emailed its 2026 policy platform survey to Council Members, but it did not hear back from any of them. The Wasatch Assembly was encouraged by the County fighting against the ICE immigration detention center and hoped the Council would align with its policies. The Wasatch Assembly has prioritized three policies: preventing the construction of ICE facilities; refusing to participate in a 287(g) agreement with ICE or providing it with municipal resources; and providing free legal services for constitutional rights violations.

The Wasatch Assembly also wants Utah's municipal governments to be more responsive and visionary in meeting people's material needs. Hardly anyone can afford a house, no one wants to have kids, prices are up for everything, and fascism is on the rise. If the democratic process continues to fail, trust in democracy will continue to wane. The Wasatch Assembly wants to preserve democracy, but that cannot happen with bloated, slow, and inefficient local governments. New York City Mayor Zohran Mamdani has shown what is possible. He is a champion for the people, against fascist billionaires, greedy corporations, and late-stage capitalism. Ms. Ward wanted to see Utah's local governments follow in Mayor Mamdani's footsteps.

Mr. Michael Colston spoke in opposition to the County's new ice rink policy, stating he had five children, all of whom skated at the Steiner facility, most of them under the care of its coaches. He asked the County to pause the policy change that prohibits coaches

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Ms. Deborah Levine spoke in opposition to the County's new ice rink policy, stating she had skated since she was two years old, learned to play hockey, been the parent of a skater, and been a ski instructor. There are many intermediate steps the County could take to make the environment safer and less disruptive, such as reinforcing existing rules. The County could let parents and skaters know what the minimum expectations were when they rented skates, such as facing the right way and making sure no one was approaching before moving onto the ice. Another thing the County could do is rent out helmets. Helmets protect people's heads and would be a source of income for the County. Some ski resorts are already doing that.

Council Member Theodore stated that she did not know whether there would be an opportunity to modify this new rule. At this point, the Parks and Recreation Division is moving forward with it. This change concerned safety, and when safety was at stake, the County took it seriously.

Ms. Erin Litvack, Deputy Mayor of County Services, stated the Parks and Recreation team would take the comments under advisement. She would also like to talk with Ms. Scofield to see if they could come up with a solution.

3. REPORT OF ELECTED OFFICIALS:

3.1 County Council Members

Council Member Pinkney stated the Council did not respond to a GRAMA request regarding the new skating rink rule because it did not have the authority over that function. The Parks and Recreation Division made the policy, and the Mayor's Office has authority over it. Regarding the question about a Salt Lake City Police Department officer attending a U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) protest, the County had no authority over that officer, nor did the Sheriff. She recommended speaking to the Salt Lake City Council about the situation. The County was also not part of 278(g), and it had no authority over any municipality or their policing. She suggested talking directly to whichever city council was involved. The County told ICE to get out of Salt Lake County, and the Council is actively working on a moratorium on data centers.

Council Member Harrison stated that the County met with state and city leaders last week to work on improving access to mental and behavioral health services and advancing criminal justice reform to prevent people from cycling in and out of jail and homelessness and from relying on emergency response. Mayor Jennifer Wilson led the way on that, and state and local leaders participated. She and Council Member Theodore served on an executive committee for that, and she looked forward to helping to find meaningful reform and change.

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Council Member Theodore stated the Leifman Group met last week. Many great people joined those meetings, including stakeholders, philanthropists, and the Governor. It was a busy, productive week, and good things will come out of those meetings.

Council Member Theodore stated that she attended the ribbon-cutting for the Spender Fox Eccles School of Medicine at the University of Utah last week. It is a beautiful building. She also attended the Hale Centre Theatre's Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat. The County is lucky to have such amazing performances in its community.

Council Member Theodore announced that today is Erin Litvack's birthday.

3.2 County Mayor

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

- The Leifman Group was in town for three days last week and met with representatives from the County, Salt Lake City, the State of Utah, and other leaders. Over those three days, there were some great conversations on legislation, priorities, and how to implement the Leifman Group's 25 recommendations. Implementing these recommendations will be complicated. There will need to be a lot of heavy lifting and figuring out the best solutions that are both economical and impactful for the overarching system. The goal is to improve public safety, reduce the cycle between systems, and enhance outcomes for people within those systems, specifically those with behavioral health needs. Thursday, the Mayor's Office launched the Youth Prevention Work Group, Data and Analytics Work Group, Civil Alternatives Work Group, and Housing Work Group to work on the County's goals.

- On August 19th, Catherine Kanter, Deputy Mayor of Regional Operations, represented the County at a roundtable with Senator John Curtis' office, where they talked about two federal transit bills that are upcoming – the Build Housing, Unlock Benefits, and Services (HUBS) Act, and the Protecting Americans from Tax Hikes (PATH) Act. These acts would send more transit funding to fast-growing regions, like the County. The roundtable group also toured the North Temple FrontRunner Station, for which the Federal Government has committed to spend \$1.82 billion to double the tracks. The County will continue working with Congress on this issue.

- Welcoming Week will be held next month. On Wednesday, September 12th, the County will host the Better Together Neighborhood Fest at the South Salt Lake Community Center from 12:00 PM to 6:00 PM. This event kicks off Welcoming Week 2026 and celebrates the community partners who help new Americans build a life here in

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West 3900 South, Millcreek, Utah, 84123 to the Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT)

Attachments:

1. Resolution - UDOT as buyer - County as seller - Animal Services

RESOLUTION NO. 6416

RESOLUTION OF THE SALT LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL DECLARING SURPLUS REAL PROPERTY AND AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 511 WEST 3900 SOUTH, MILLCREEK, UTAH 84123 TO THE UTAH DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

RECITALS

WHEREAS, Salt Lake County ("County"), owns real property in Salt Lake County, Utah, parcel No.: 15-36-351-015, with an approximate address of 511 West 3900 South, Millcreek, UT 84123, (hereinafter the "Property"), and as more particularly described in the Real Estate Purchase Contract attached hereto as Exhibit 1; and

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

WHEREAS, the Utah Department of Transportation ("UDOT") desires to purchase the Property from County for transportation purposes; and

WHEREAS, County and UDOT have negotiated a Real Estate Purchase Contract (the "Agreement"); and WHEREAS, pursuant to the Agreement UDOT shall pay County the sum of SeventyNine Thousand Twenty-Five Dollars (\$79,025.00, the "Purchase Price") for the Property, which amount has been approved by the Salt Lake County Real Estate Division as fair market value; and

WHEREAS, It has been determined that the best interests of County and the general public will be served by the sale of the Property to UDOT, and the execution of the Agreement attached to this Resolution; and

WHEREAS, the sale of the Property in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Agreement is in compliance with all applicable state statute and County ordinances.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Salt Lake County Council DA # 26CIV000304 2 that the Property, described in the Agreement is hereby declared surplus property.

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RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CONTRIBUTION OF COUNTY MONEYS TO THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FINANCE ALLIANCE, A UTAH NONPROFIT CORPORATION, THE SALT LAKE COUNTY NMTC, INC., A UTAH NONPROFIT CORPORATION, AND TENTH EAST SENIOR CENTER, LLC, AN ENTITY WHOLLY OWNED BY SALT LAKE COUNTY NMTC, INC., FOR THE PURPOSE OF ASSISTING SALT LAKE COUNTY IN SECURING THE NEW MARKET TAX CREDIT FINANCING; AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF ALL REQUIRED TRANSACTION DOCUMENTS FOR THE FINANCING, RENOVATION, AND LEASING OF THE SALT LAKE COUNTY TENTH EAST SENIOR CENTER.

WHEREAS, Salt Lake County (the "County") currently leases land located in Salt Lake City, Utah from Salt Lake City; and WHEREAS, the County owns and operates the Salt Lake County Tenth East Senior Center (the "Senior Center Building") on the property; and

WHEREAS, the County is in the process of renovating the Senior Center Building (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, the financing and funding of some of the costs of the Project is available through New Market Tax Credits; and

WHEREAS, the County has reviewed the funding structure through New Market Tax Credits and finds that it is a viable and lawful option for assisting with the costs of the Project; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Utah Code Annotated Section 17-60-203(3), a county may appropriate money to or provide nonmonetary assistance to a nonprofit entity if, in the judgment of the county legislative body, the assistance contributes to the safety, health, prosperity, moral well-being, peace, order, comfort, or convenience of county residents; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Salt Lake County Countywide Policy 1200, the Salt Lake County Council (the "County Council") may contribute funds, property and personnel to a nonprofit organization in order to promote the safety, health, prosperity, moral well-being, peace, order, comfort, or convenience of County inhabitants; and

WHEREAS, the Community Development Finance Alliance ("CDFA") and the Salt Lake County NMTC, Inc. ("SLCONMTC") are 501(c)(3) non-profit organizations; and

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the Project and for Salt Lake County to operate the Salt Lake County Tenth East Senior Center.

4. The County Council hereby authorizes the signature and execution of all documentation required for the New Market Credit Tax financing, renovation, and leasing of the Project to be signed and executed by the designated and authorized County official.

APPROVED and ADOPTED in Salt Lake City, Salt Lake County, Utah, this 25th day of August, 2026.

SALT LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL

ATTEST

By /s/ DEA THEODORE
Pro Tempore

By /s/ LANNIE CHAPMAN
Salt Lake County Clerk

The vote on this consent item was approved.

**4.4 Consideration of a Revised Resolution of the Salt Lake
County Council Authorizing a Real Property Exchange
Between Salt Lake County, South Jordan City, and Doug
Young, Providing for the Conveyance of Marv Jensen
Park in Exchange for Property to be Developed as a
Trailhead Park**

26-839

Attachments:

1. Shoreline Trail Resolution Revised RATFL

RESOLUTION NO. 6418

A RESOLUTION OF THE SALT LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING A
REAL PROPERTY EXCHANGE BETWEEN SALT LAKE COUNTY, SOUTH
JORDAN CITY, AND DOUG YOUNG, PROVIDING FOR THE CONVEYANCE OF
MARV JENSEN PARK IN EXCHANGE FOR PROPERTY TO BE DEVELOPED AS
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recreational improvements, and other agreed-upon amenities thereon, is hereby approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Salt Lake County Mayor, or the Mayor's designee, is authorized to negotiate, execute, and deliver all agreements, deeds, easements, closing documents, and other instruments, and to take such additional actions as may be necessary or appropriate to consummate the transaction substantially in accordance with the terms described herein, subject to approval as to form and legality by the Salt Lake County District Attorney's Office.

APPROVED and ADOPTED this 25th day of August, 2026.

SALT LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL

ATTEST

By /s/ DEA THEODORE
Pro Tempore

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, with Council Member Moreno absent for the vote.

5.1 Refund of Manufactured Home Property Taxes Due to Abatements

26-800

Attachments:

1. 26-9017 26-800 Refunds for manufactured home property taxes due to abatements \$903.80 tw

The vote on this tax letter was approved.

5.2 Partial Release of Lien

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Attachments:

1. Cover Letter
2. 22-30-152-027
3. 22-08-276-003

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8. WORK SESSION

8.1 Informational Update on the Proposed Hire Report / Incentive Plans - \$3000 and Under / Weekly Reclassification Report 26-832

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

Informational

Attachments:

1. Proposed Hire Report - 8-19-2026
2. Incentive Plans - \$3,000 and Under 8-19-2026
3. Weekly Reclassification Report 8-19-2026

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

8.2 Budget Adjustment: Mayor's Finance Requests \$7,196 from First-Tranche Library Lease Revenue Bond Proceeds to Cover Net Issuance Costs After Applying Bond Premium 26-833

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

Discussion - Vote Needed

Attachments:

1. 39704 - Record Lease Revenue Bond, Series 2026 Issuance - Midvale Library Tech Building
2. 39705 - Record Lease Revenue Bonds, Series 2026 Issuance - Kearns Library

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

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

8.3 Budget Adjustment: Facilities Management Requests \$700,000 in Underexpend Budget from Various Capital Projects for Phase One of a Three-Phase Project to Replace the Metro Jail's Aging Backup Radio System 26-836

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About two years ago, the Council approved funding for the Human Resources Division to procure software to analyze countywide pay equity. An RFP process was completed, and a vendor was selected. Implementation of that will begin in about 30 days. Once implemented, there will be just one annual pay equity audit, and she will then bring any recommendations for pay equity adjustments to the Council during the budget cycle.

Council Member Johnson stated it was not clear from the spreadsheet how the disparity between the two individuals for whom the Council is being asked to increase pay occurred. He would like to see the underlying justification for that.

Ms. Roux stated the Human Resources Division has internal spreadsheets listing all County employees and their total experience. Human Resources staff calculate each employee's job-relevant experience using a formula and enter the result into the spreadsheet. She could share that spreadsheet with the Council.

Council Member Johnson stated he would like to see that spreadsheet. It is important that the Council understands what it is being asked to decide on, and he wanted to justify his policy decision.

Council Member Romero stated this practice seemed to be a bit of a runaround. He asked how often the Council needed to weigh in on these mid-year adjustments and what the dollar amount was.

Ms. Roux stated under the Personnel Management Act, she is responsible for making sure employees' pay is appropriate and equitable. Whenever she discovers it is not equitable, she has a duty to inform the agency. Then, it is up to the agency to decide whether it has the funds in its budget or needs to request an interim budget adjustment. Legally, the County has three years from the time a pay inequity is recognized to fix it.

A motion was made by Council Member Harrison, seconded by Council Member Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. The motion carried 6 to 1, by the following roll call vote:

Aye: Council Member Harrison, Council Member Johnson, Council Member Pinkney, Council Member Romero, Council Member Stringham, Council Member Theodore

Nay: Council Member Moreno

**8.5 Budget Adjustment: Facilities Management Requests to
Combine Two Capital Projects for Youth Services and
Two Capital Projects for Animal Services to Improve**

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Presenter: Suzanne Harrison, Salt Lake County Council Member; Dea Theodore, Salt Lake County Council Member

Lisa Hartman, Associate Deputy Mayor of Regional Operations; Chris Otto, Parks and Recreation Director; Patrick Leary, Parks and Recreation Associate Director
(15 minutes)

Discussion - Vote Needed

Attachments:

1. Ordinance E bikes, 20Aug26 RATFL

Council Member Harrison reviewed the ordinance, stating the County wants everyone to have fun on its trails and be safe. The goal of this ordinance is to educate the public about electronic bikes (e-bikes) on County trails, so everyone can have fun and be safe, and ensure the appropriate e-bike is on the appropriate trail, so as not to scare other bikers, hikers, and animals.

Ms. Lisa Hartman, Deputy Mayor of Regional Operations, stated the Mayor had been hearing from municipalities about e-bike growth, and asked the Office of Regional Development and the Parks and Recreation Division to investigate how the County could influence this growth. E-bikes bring people to parks and trails, a lot of whom are new young riders. However, e-bikes can create new conflicts on trails.

The County had limited options to address this – an e-bike ordinance for parks and trails in the unincorporated County, which is before the Council today. A second tool would be to update park rules, which the Mayor would consider doing if the Council supported the overall idea. A third piece would be to ask municipalities to consider passing a similar ordinance and updating their park rules for their municipal parks.

When County teams discussed an appropriate speed, they landed at 20 miles per hour, aiming for a baseline they thought they could get buy-in on. Enforcement is also addressed in the ordinance. If someone rides an e-bike at high speed, the penalty is now criminal mischief, which carries a high burden of proof. This ordinance changes that to a civil violation, with a penalty of \$150. This would give police officers a tool in the toolbox.

Council Member Moreno stated this was needed in his district, especially in Daybreak, where someone witnessed an e-bike rider going 50 miles per hour. He was concerned about everyone's safety and asked how to prove that an e-bike rider was speeding and how this ordinance would be enforced. He also asked whether there was a way to appeal a citation.

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The County legislative body of Salt Lake County, State of Utah, ordains as follows:

Section 1: Salt Lake County's Resource Management Plan is hereby amended to include chapters on the following subjects: Renewable Energy, Critical Minerals and Rare Earth Elements, Utility Corridors, and Pipelines and Infrastructure. A copy of these chapters are attached hereto as Exhibit 1 and incorporated herein as if fully set forth.

Section 2: This ordinance shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its passage and upon at least one publication in a newspaper published in and having general circulation in Salt Lake County, and if not so published within fifteen (15) days then it shall take effect immediately upon its first publication.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Salt Lake County Council has approved, passed and adopted this ordinance this 1st day of September, 2026.

SALT LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL

ATTEST

By /s/ DEA THEODORE
Pro Tempore

By /s/ LANNIE CHAPMAN
Salt Lake County Clerk

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

10. OTHER ITEMS REQUIRING COUNCIL APPROVAL

11. OTHER BUSINESS

ADJOURN

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS to come before the Council at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 3:25 PM until Tuesday, September 1, 2026.

LANNIE CHAPMAN, COUNTY CLERK

By 