



**Council Member Brems** stated the cost of an officer for Emigration Canyon is approximately \$125,000 a year, UPD shared services is approximately \$125,000 a year. Emigration Canyon pays roughly \$250,000 a year for Detective Jake Elsasser and other services.

**Ms. Dudley** stated she would like to take a minute and have everyone introduce themselves.

**Frank Nakamura**, Administrator, SLVLESA, introduced himself.

**Chief Jason Mazuran**, UPD, introduced himself and explained the organizational structure of UPD. The UPD Board consists of elected officials that represent participating communities. The executive management is Sheriff Rosie Rivera, CEO, Undersheriff Jake Peterson, Chief of Staff, and Jason Mazuran, COO. They take direction from the UPD Board and work with command staff to make sure operations get carried out in a cost effective and efficient manner.

**Council Member Brems** stated he is hoping to address several concerns in Emigration Canyon. When he first joined the UPD Board, there was not a lot of transparency on how much Emigration Canyon contributes compared to services it receives. Since he has been asking questions, he has been able to see what those costs are; however, when asked about where the rest of the funds goes, he has not been given an acceptable answer.

During COVID, people started going outside to recreate more in Emigration Canyon. The road that runs through the canyon has become a real problem with speeding vehicles and noise pollution. Detective Elsasser is in the canyon for 40 hours a week or less during normal business hours. There are six months out of the year that the canyon does not need Detective Elsasser more than that. When the weather warms up the canyon sees a lot of cyclists, motorcycles, car clubs, etc. that use the canyon on weekdays after 5:00 p.m. and on weekends. During these times there are a lot of problems occurring and there is not an officer to enforce them. This has been brought to UPD's attention several times and it needs to be discussed again. There should be an option for Emigration Canyon to negotiate service levels and costs. Can Mr. Nakamura negotiate a better deal for Emigration Canyon, something different than what it is currently receiving.

**Mr. Nakamura** stated SLVLESA operates as a whole, not as individual memberships. Salt Lake County and Kennecott contribute 41 percent of the total revenue to SLVLESA and that money goes into a pool for everyone to use. SLVLESA is one unit that is based on economy of scales. The difficulty is breaking down the benefit of shared services.

**Council Member Brems** stated if Emigration Canyon wanted to negotiate a deal with Salt Lake City Police, could SLVLSEA help with those negotiations. He does not feel that Emigration Canyon is getting what it needs for the amount it pays. Better service is needed in the canyon.

**Ms. Dudley** stated Emigration Canyon would need to deannex from SLVLESA.

**Chief Mazuran** stated Council Member Brems could approach the SLVLESA Board and express its need for an additional officer in the canyon.

**Mr. Nakamura** stated Council Member Brems is free to bring his concerns up to the Board. The Board would then need to provide direction on what it wants to do.



Vehicles making the most noise are generally speeding, there are multiple infractions when there is excessive noise coming from a vehicle. There are 1,600 homes in Emigration Canyon, these nuisances are coming through the neighborhoods.

**Mayor Smolka** stated a solution needs to be determined, whether that is additional manpower, a shift in hours, or coming up with something entirely different.

**Chief Mazuran** stated he has some thoughts that he will speak to Chief Dial about.

**Mayor Smolka** asked if the fund balance has a cap of 25 percent.

**Ms. Dudley** stated the legislature raised it to 35 percent for the general fund. She reviewed the following budget items:

- Fiscal year 2020 and 2021 fund balance by component for shared services, precincts, and countywide.
- History of UPD change in fund balance for fiscal years 2010-2021 (audited) through 2022 (projected).

**Council Member Brems** stated going forward with the current tax structure and the amount of revenue, funding is going to run out. A lobbyist was at the state legislature this year discussing funding options, it did not approve a change in formula or a tax increase. In the next three to five years, it could get really serious, and the legislature is the only one that can control the funding.

**Deputy Mayor Hawkes** asked if the member cities are going to stay with UPD.

**Chief Mazuran** stated there are no indicators right now that member cities are leaving.

**Ms. Dudley** reviewed the following budget items:

- Fiscal year 2023 draft member assessment with four different options if the member assessment percentage was increased.
- Various UPD accounts 2021-2022 current year budget, 2022-2023 future year budget and an explanation of each account.



THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS to come before the Council at this time, the meeting was adjourned.

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MAYOR, EMIGRATION CANYON METRO TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

DATE THURSDAY APRIL 28, 2022

SHERRIE SWENSEN, METRO TOWNSHIP CLERK

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