

THE EMIGRATION CANYON METRO TOWNSHIP COUNCIL, STATE OF UTAH, MET ELECTRONICALLY ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 23, 2022, PURSUANT TO ADJOURNMENT ON TUESDAY, JULY 26, 2022, AT THE HOUR OF 7:00 P.M., VIA ZOOM.COM.

COUNCIL MEMBERS

ELECTRONICALLY PRESENT: DAVID BREMS  
ROBERT PINON  
CATHERINE HARRIS  
JENNIFER HAWKES, Deputy Mayor  
JOE SMOLKA, Mayor

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

CAMERON PLATT, LEGAL COUNSEL  
GORDON BENNETT, ADMINISTRATOR  
NICHOLE WATT, DEPUTY CLERK



**Mayor Smolka**, Chair, presided.



Pursuant to Utah Code 52-4-202 the undersigned, as Mayor of the Emigration Canyon Metro Township Council, hereby declares that providing an anchor location for the electronic meetings of the Council will present a substantial risk to the health and safety of those who may be present at the anchor location for the following reasons:

The Township is located in Salt Lake County and is still under a “Medium Level of Transmission” alert stage for the COVID 19 pandemic; and

The regular meeting place for the Council (the Fire Station in the Canyon) does not have sufficient space in the meeting room to provide for the recommended physical distancing to keep people safe from infection.



PUBLIC MEETING

Citizen Input

None.



Reports from other Municipal Providers

*Emigration Canyon Community Council (ECCC)*

**Mayor Smolka** stated Bill Tobey emailed the Emigration Canyon Community Council report to the Council.

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*Unified Police Department (UPD)*

**Detective Jake Elsasser** reviewed calls for service for the month of July stating there were 81 calls for service with 17 initial reports.

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*Unified Fire Authority (UFA)*

Nothing to report.

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*Salt Lake County Animal Services Advisory Board*

Nothing to report.



Council Business

*Pinecrest Restroom Restoration Update*

**David Richardson**, Capitol Hill Construction, stated the area around the restroom was cleared, a fire break was created, and the slope was stabilized. Salt Lake County has specified a seed mix for Emigration Canyon that was worked into the topsoil. Next week the abstract masonry will begin on the front of the building. Cedar shingles are relatively fire resistant and will be used on the structure.

**Council Member Pinon** stated he reached out to Mr. Richardson's team with some concerns about the structure being in compliance with building codes to avoid any potential liabilities. Since the building is considered a historic building, certain code compliance is not required. He has asked Lisa Miller, Capitol Hill Construction, to put that information into writing.

**Mr. Richardson** stated the project will conform to the International Existing Building Code (IEBC).

**Matt Starley**, Long Range Planner, Greater Salt Lake Municipal Services District, stated the Council can pass a historic model preservation ordinance to establish Emigration Canyon Metro Township as a Certified Local Government (CLG). Having the CLG designation would qualify the Metro Township to receive matching grants from the Utah State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO). In addition to passing an ordinance, a historic preservation commission would need to be created and be made up of five members.

**Deputy Mayor Hawkes** stated when she started this process, she tried to get grants through CLG but could not because she could not get the historical designation and it was not a significant building.

**Mr. Richardson** stated after the project is completed, he can help get the designation and write the grant.

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*Salt Lake City Public Utilities*

This item was pulled.

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*Emergency Operations Plan*

**James Woodward**, Emergency Municipal Planner, presented a PowerPoint presentation outlining the Emigration Canyon Metro Township Emergency Operations Plan.

**Council Member Brems** asked for a printed copy of the Emergency Operations Plan to be provided to each of the Council Members and the administrator.

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*Resolution – Emergency Operations Plan*

**Cameron Platt** stated the code requires a resolution be passed adopting the Emergency Operations Plan; however, the resolution is not available. The Council will need to adopt the resolution at its next meeting.

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*Land Use Codes*

**Matt Starley**, Long Range Planner, Greater Salt Lake Municipal Services District (MSD), stated the MSD is working on updating Emigration Canyon Metro Township land use codes, Title 18 and 19. He reviewed the code update goals, chapters that have been revised, addition of new zone sections, and zones that can be removed. Gordon Bennett will be reviewing the parks and open space zoning as well as other planning projects in the canyon.

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*Fire Break Agreement*

**Mayor Smolka** stated the fire break created previously will be continued up towards the road. An agreement with the State and Emigration Oaks has been signed and the work will begin fairly soon.

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*Ordinance – Franchise Agreement*

This item was pulled.

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*Right-of-Way Hazards*

There are no updates for this item.

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*ARPA Funds*

**Mayor Smolka** stated there are still a lot of options on where to spend the ARPA funds, one option is to fund the FEMA map.

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*Broadband*

**Council Member Pinon** stated the lowest property in the canyon will have a repeater deployed next month.

**Mayor Smolka** asked what speeds will be available.

**Council Member Pinon** stated probably 30 – 80 megabytes per second but cannot be sure. He will get that information in writing and send it out.

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*Legal Issues*

None.

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*Budget Items*

**Mayor Smolka** reviewed invoices for clerk and legal services.

**Deputy Mayor Hawkes** stated there was an invoice from Capitol Hill for the remaining wall.

**Mayor Smolka** stated he emailed the proposed budget to the Council. There will be a presentation on the budget in September with public hearings to follow.

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*Minutes*

Council Member Brems, seconded by Deputy Mayor Hawkes, moved to accept the minutes of the Emigration Canyon Metro Township Council meetings held on June 28, 2022, and July 26, 2022. The motion passed unanimously. Council Member Harris was absent for the vote.



Council Member Reports

*Unified Police Department (UPD) & Salt Lake Valley Law Enforcement Service Area (SLVLESA)*

**Council Member Brems** stated Phil Cardenaz, White City Metro Township, is the newest board member. Midvale City has been on the fence on whether they will remain with UPD. They have a list of reforms that they want UPD to look at and possibly adopt. The SLVLESA Board will not be raising taxes this year, there are enough funds to operate for another year. The Board will continue to discuss what other funding sources are available.

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*Emigration Canyon Metro Township Planning Commission*

**Council Member Brems** stated the dark sky ordinance is being reviewed.

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*Unified Fire Authority (UFA) & Unified Fire Service Area (UFSA)*

The update was emailed to the Council.

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*Watershed Plan*

This item was not reported on.

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*Wasatch Front Waste and Recycling District (WFWRD)*

**Council Member Pinon** stated budget and inflation are topics of discussion. There may be a need for a fee increase next year. Employee pay is being reviewed to make sure that employees are being paid correctly for the duties they are doing. The food waste pilot program started on July 6, 2022, in Millcreek. If the program moves forward, there will be a fee associated with it.

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*Association of Municipal Councils*

**Deputy Mayor Hawkes** stated D.A. Davidson Companies presented information on a Public Infrastructure District (PID). Local governments can set up a PID to finance public infrastructure for new development and redevelopment.

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*Website*

There were no updates for this item.

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*CodeRED*

**Deputy Mayor Hawkes** stated she continues to send messages regarding construction at Pinecrest.

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*Restrooms*

This item was discussed earlier in the meeting, there are no additional updates.

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*Utah League of Cities and Towns (ULCT)*

**Deputy Mayor Hawkes** stated she is still gathering information on when the ULCT meets and what Emigration Canyon Metro Townships membership entails. The annual convention is coming up and she will send out the information when she gets it.

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*Meeting in Person*

**Mayor Smolka** stated the fire station's Wi-Fi is inadequate to run Zoom meetings. The Greater Salt Lake Municipal Services District's (MSD) IT department met with the UFA and a hybrid meeting would be hard to run.

**Council Member Brems** stated Utah Broadband could come in to see what could be done. There is also Owl technology that could help with hybrid meetings.

**Mayor Smolka** asked Council Member Pinon to talk to his contacts at Utah Broadband.

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*Greater Salt Lake Municipal Services District (MSD)*

**Mayor Smolka** stated budget presentation will be held tomorrow. There has been some reorganization done at the MSD offices.

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*Landfill*

**Mayor Smolka** stated fee increases are being looked at and discussed.

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*Council of Governments (COG)*

**Mayor Smolka** stated COG is working on designating homeless overflow shelters.

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*Engineering Update*

**Mayor Smolka** stated he met with engineers to work out the Pinecrest and Henderson Spring construction projects. The area has not been completed and still has clean-up and various other items that need to be completed. There will be heavy truck traffic; however, regular vehicle traffic is being maintained. The upper part of Pinecrest is open and residents can come and go from their homes.

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*Legislative Update*

**Deputy Mayor Hawkes** asked if there are updates on the Community Renewable Energy Program. The Council needs to determine if it wants to opt out of the program, if it does not want to, the Council needs an update and someone to track it.

**Council Member Brems** stated he has not heard anything from the program but will reach out to get an update.

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

DATE TUESDAY AUGUST 23, 2022

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MAYOR, EMIGRATION CANYON METRO TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

SHERRIE SWENSEN, METRO TOWNSHIP CLERK

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk

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