THE EMIGRATION CANYON METRO TOWNSHIP COUNCIL, STATE OF UTAH, MET ELECTRONICALLY ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2023, PURSUANT TO ADJOURNMENT ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2022, AT THE HOUR OF 7:00 P.M., VIA ZOOM.COM.

COUNCIL MEMBERS

ELECRONICALLY PRESENT: DAVID BREMS

ROBERT PINON

CATHERINE HARRIS[[1]](#footnote-1)

JENNIFER HAWKES, Deputy Mayor

JOE SMOLKA, Mayor

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: CAMERON PLATT, LEGAL COUNSEL

GORDON BENNETT, ADMINISTRATOR

NICHOLE WATT, DEPUTY CLERK

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**Mayor Smolka**, Chair, presided.

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PUBLIC MEETING

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was recited.

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Recognize Visiting Officials

**Mayor Smolka** recognized Lannie Chapman, Salt Lake County Clerk.

**Lannie Chapman**, Salt Lake County Clerk, introduced herself as the Salt Lake County Clerk and the Recorder for the Metro Townships. Her office oversees Elections, Marriage and Passport, and Council Clerk divisions.

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Citizen Input

**Brent Flory**, Emigration Place HOA, President, stated he put out a summary of information on the proposed high-density rezone to residents. He received feedback from residents which were in opposition to the rezone. Student housing should be located with the other student housing. We already have issues with the stream water and would be compounding the issue. The intersection at the post office is terrible and adding that big of a development will make it worse. He recommended that the Council use Survey Monkey to send out a survey to residents to get its input.

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**Gary Bowen** recommended that the Council petition the United States Postal Service to put in a drop box in the canyon. A good location would be the parking lot near Camp K.

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Reports from other Municipal Providers

*Emigration Canyon Community Council (ECCC)*

**Bill Tobey** stated a training schedule for the CERT team volunteers has been scheduled. A hybrid course will be offered by Millcreek Emergency Management. On January 10, he attended a work session with UFA and the Division of Forestry Fire and State Lands to update the Community Wildfire Preparedness Plan and discuss a new funding opportunity. The ECCC agreed to participate in Salt Lake City’s public comment process for the high-density rezone proposal and should be prepared to submit comments soon.

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*Unified Police Department (UPD)*

**Detective Dawn Larsen** reviewed the December statistics stating there were 39 calls for service with 8 reports taken.

**Mayor Smolka** stated there have been complaints about parking on Emigration Canyon Road. There are vehicles and garbage cans impeding the snowplow and a camper parked in the emergency pull outs in upper Pinecrest. He asked UPD to look into these issues.

**Detective Larsen** asked the Council if they have considered implementing a civil parking enforcement ordinance. The fines are a lot higher for a civil violation and are harder to fight in court.

**Cameron Platt** stated the Council could implement a civil parking enforcement ordinance. The language would need to be changed from a criminal violation to a civil violation. UPD is already set up to issues those types of tickets.

**Chief Wayne Dial** stated he spoke to House Representative Gay Lynn Bennion about a noise ordinance bill. There will be a one-year trial period where a device will be installed that will detect noise and take a picture of the license plate of the vehicle in violation. She is proposing three cameras with one of those being in Emigration Canyon. During the year, data will be collected to determine how big the problem is.

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*Unified Fire Authority (UFA)*

**Chief Bryan Case** stated calls in the last 30 days have been light. He reviewed calls for service for the last quarter and the last four years. The budgeting process is ongoing. The legislative committee is monitoring 14 bills. The Standards of Cover and Community Risk Assessment document is still in draft form and is posted to the Unified Fire Service Area website. In March the document will be updated, finalized, and posted to the UFA website.

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*Salt Lake County Animal Services*

**Gary Bowen**, Emigration Canyon Metro Township Council Representative, stated the next meeting will be on Thursday. The major item on the agenda will be bylaws that regulates the governance of the Animal Services Board.

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Council Business

*Introduction of Salt Lake County Clerk Lannie Chapman*

**Lannie Chapman**, Salt Lake County Clerk, stated she moved to Utah from Michigan while in law school. She is a lawyer by trade and started working in Heber City for a trucking company. She moved on to work in the District Attorney’s Office and then four years ago, started working for Sherrie Swensen. She will continue to have equal access to the ballot and wants to make sure voices from all the communities are heard. The Marriage and Passport office will continue to offer services and the Council Clerks will take minutes accurately.

**Mayor Smolka** asked what other things Ms. Chapman is looking to accomplish.

**Ms. Chapman** stated she wants to make sure everyone understands the policy and procedures that are in place to run elections safely and securely according to federal, state, and local rules and regulations. She plans to do more outreach and attend council meetings at least twice a year. Social media is a great way to reach out to the public and talk about voter education. The Marriage and Passport office will have increased hours to serve those that cannot make it between 8:00 am and 5:00 pm.

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*High Density Multi-Family Residential Rezone Request*

**Mayor Smolka** stated a draft letter has been emailed to the Council regarding the high density rezone request. A couple of suggestions have been made to have each entity send out its own letters. Emigration Improvement District (EID) and the Historical Society have strong arguments.

**Council Member Brems** stated he agrees not to consolidate the letters into one, more voices would be more impactful. He would like to see the Greater Salt Lake Municipal Services District (MSD) weigh in on the rezone request.

**Deputy Mayor Hawkes** stated she does not think the arguments in the Councils letter are strong enough. There needs to be more talking point about issues like quality of life and safety issues. There is a lot of people that use the canyon recreationally.

**Council Member Pinon** stated a solid list of issues need to be identified. This development will have a vast impact on quality of life.

**Mayor Smolka** asked that all comments regarding the letter be submitted to Gordon Bennett.

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*Request for ARPA Funds*

**Mayor Smolka** stated the cost for the FEMA floodplain maps came back approximately $30,000 more than originally planned. He recommended using ARPA funds to cover the additional costs.

Mayor Smolka, seconded by Council Member Pinon, moved to allocate additional ARPA funds to cover additional costs for the FEMA floodplain maps. The motion passed unanimously. Council Member Harris was absent for the vote.

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*Snow Removal*

**Mayor Smolka** stated information about removing snow from around fire hydrants needs to be put out to residents. He would like UPD to remind residents, as well as putting information on the website. Residents also need to be reminded not to throw snow out on the road.

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*CodeRED Usage Policy*

**Deputy Mayor Hawkes** stated she has read through the policy and wants to work with Cameron Platt to tweak it a bit more. The policy needs to cover both regular and emergency communications. If someone outside of the Metro Township wanted to use CodeRED to send out a message, what would that look like and how it would it be approved.

**Cameron Platt** stated under the current policy, whoever wants to send a CodeRED message must contact the Council for approval. He has emailed the policy with amendments to Emigration Improvement District’s attorney for its input and has not heard anything back. He will continue to work with Deputy Mayor Hawkes to amend the language.

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*Community Renewable Energy Program*

**Council Member Brems** stated the Community Renewable Energy Agency Board have been meeting regularly and are discussing the low income component of the plan.

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*Special Event Permit Late Fees*

**Mayor Smolka** stated he is waiting for additional information from Michelle McCabe, Permit Specialist, regarding late applications for special events.

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*Dark Sky Ordinance*

**Council Member Brems** stated the Planning Commission continues to work on the dark sky ordinance.

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*Legal Issues*

None.

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*Budget Items*

**Mayor Smolka** stated invoices for clerk services and legal counsel were paid.

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*Minutes*

The minutes of the Emigration Canyon Metro Township Council meeting held on December 20, 2022, were accepted.

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Council Member Reports

*Administrative Report*

**Gordon Bennett** stated any additional comments regarding the high density rezone that need to be included can be sent to him. He has more time to spend on Emigration Canyon Metro Township tasks.

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*Greater Salt Lake Municipal Services District (MSD) 2022 Strategic Plan and Accomplishments*

**Stewart Okobia**, Director of Finance, Greater Salt Lake Municipal Services District, reviewed the MSD’s 2022 accomplishments in the areas of finance, human resources, completed capital projects, emergency management, information technology, communications, administration, and planning and development services.

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

**Council Member Brems** stated there is a bill at the legislature to remove Sheriff Rivera as CEO of UPD. The Board has been working on how to counteract the bill. He along with Mayor Smolka met with Representative Teuscher to try and understand what the motivation behind the bill is. A letter was written and sent to the legislature last week reviewing all the points that have been discussed in the proposed legislation. The bill is constantly evolving.

Mayor Stevenson, Midvale, was appointed as Chair and Council Member Brems was appointed as Vice Chair.

The SLVLESA Board has been discussing what it is going to do administratively moving forward. There is a possibility that the Greater Salt Lake Municipal Services District (MSD) will be able to handle it.

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### Emigration Canyon Metro Township Planning Commission

**Council Member Brems** stated the commission is working on the dark sky ordinance. There is a draft ordinance that the Council can review and he encouraged the Community Council to review it as well.

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

No report given.

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*Watershed Plan*

No report given.

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Wasatch Front Waste and Recycling District (WFWRD)

**Council Member Pinon** stated a resolution was read to honor and thank former Board Member Scott Little for his service to WFWRD. The focus of the meeting was about the Seasonal Container Reservation Program (SCRP). Emigration Canyon does not have access to this program but can reserve trailers for a fee. Dump vouchers are available to residents. The Christmas tree pickup program was successful. He has expressed interest in getting WFWRD to provide two containers at the lower dumpsters and two containers at Pinecrest in place of SCRP.

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*Utah Broadband*

Nothing to report.

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*Association of Municipal Councils*

**Deputy Mayor Hawkes** stated the Wasatch Choice Plan was presented.

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*Website*

Nothing to report.

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### CodeRED

Nothing to report.

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*Restrooms*

**Deputy Mayor Hawkes** stated due to the weather, construction on the restrooms has been slow going and an anticipated finish date is unknown. When the weather breaks construction can continue.

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*Utah League of Cities and Towns (ULCT)*

**Deputy Mayor Hawkes** stated various legislative bills were discussed. The Board talked about appropriating funds to smaller municipalities so they can hire administrators. They also discussed the justice courts.

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*Greater Salt Lake Municipal Services District (MSD)*

**Mayor Smolka** stated the MSD is working on SLVLESA among other things. The annual report had really good information. The employee turnover has dropped dramatically, and things are going well.

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*Landfill Council*

**Mayor Smolka** stated heavy equipment operators are being sought after.

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*Wasatch Front Regional Council (WFRC)*

**Mayor Smolka** stated a special meeting was held to discuss fixing the walking bridge near Churchill Jr. High, it was damaged by a vehicle. There are funds coming in that the Council could apply for to fund bike lanes; however, it requires a match.

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*Council of Governments (COG)*

**Mayor Smolka** stated yearly committee assignments were made.

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*Legislative Update*

**Mayor Smolka** stated there are several bills that will impact the metro townships. He will be meeting with Representative Teuscher on Thursday.

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*Other Announcements*

**Mayor Smolka** stated Elections Office will be holding a meeting on February 2, 2023. Those that are up for reelection and will be running again, will want to attend.

**Lannie Chapman**, Salt Lake County Clerk, stated the fee schedule and future items will be discussed during the meeting.

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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

## LANNIE CHAPMAN, METRO TOWNSHIP CLERK

By: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Deputy Clerk

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