

THE EMIGRATION CANYON METRO TOWNSHIP COUNCIL, STATE OF UTAH, MET ELECTRONICALLY ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2023, PURSUANT TO ADJOURNMENT ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2022, AT THE HOUR OF 7:00 P.M., VIA ZOOM.COM.

COUNCIL MEMBERS

ELECTRONICALLY PRESENT: DAVID BREMS
ROBERT PINON
CATHERINE HARRIS¹
JENNIFER HAWKES, Deputy Mayor
JOE SMOLKA, Mayor

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

POLLY MCLEAN, LEGAL COUNSEL
GORDON BENNETT, ADMINISTRATOR
NICHOLE WATT, DEPUTY CLERK



Mayor Smolka, Chair, presided.



PUBLIC MEETING

Pledge of Allegiance

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



Citizen Input

None.



Reports from other Municipal Providers

Emigration Canyon Community Council (ECCC)

Council Member Pinon reviewed the ECCC monthly report stating it submitted a letter to the Salt Lake City Planning Commission expressing its opposition to the high-density rezoning. A newsletter was published with articles on the rezone proposal, CERT training, snow removal around fire hydrants, and recycling. CERT training moves to in-person classroom sessions starting March 1, 2023. Isaac Dahl is the newest member of the Community Council.

¹ Participated Electronically

Unified Police Department (UPD)

Detective Dawn Larsen reviewed the January statistics stating there were 22 calls for service with 8 reports taken and 11 citations issued.

Unified Fire Authority (UFA)

Chief Bryan Case stated because of increase snow levels, crews are responding to an increased number of carbon monoxide-related calls due to improper venting. Residents need to make sure that vents are clear of snow and other debris. He reviewed construction updates and promotions. UFA is in the budget process with the final budget to be approved in June.

Salt Lake County Animal Services

Gary Bowen, Emigration Canyon Metro Township Council Representative, reviewed legislation that would bring Animal Services under the control of the State Department of Agriculture.



Council Business

Child Abuse Prevention Month Proclamation

Council Member Pinon read the following Proclamation declaring April as Child Abuse Prevention Month:

WHEREAS, the children of Emigration Canyon are the future of our state's success and investing in their general welfare, safety and livelihood are of utmost priority; and

WHEREAS, all children deserve to grow up in a safe and nurturing environment to assure they reach their full potential as they grow and develop; and

WHEREAS, the protection of children and strengthening of families is of concern and responsibility of all Emigration Canyon citizens because the wellness of children affects our lives now and will continue to affect us in the future; and

WHEREAS, child abuse is a serious problem with 9,695 confirmed child victims in the state of Utah last fiscal year with each of those cases impacting an entire family and affecting the community as a whole: and

WHEREAS, child abuse respects no racial, religious, socio-economic or geographic boundaries, and

WHEREAS, all citizens of Emigration Canyon need to become more aware of child abuse and its prevention within their respective communities and actively encourage and support parents to raise their children in a safe and nurturing environment, and

WHEREAS, preventing child abuse requires each member of the community to be attentive to the problems of families around them and commit to do everything they can to help.

NOW THEREFORE, the Mayor and Metro Township Council of Emigration Canyon on behalf of the 1,467 citizens, proclaim April 2023 as CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH and we call upon all our citizens to renew their commitment to be educated on the impact of child abuse and join in working for its prevention within our communities.

ADOPTED on this the 28th day of February, 2023 in Emigration Canyon Metro Township, Utah.

/s/ JOE SMOLKA
Emigration Canyon Metro Township Mayor

Council Member Pinon, seconded by Council Member Harris, moved to accept the Proclamation declaring April as Child Abuse Prevention month. The motion passed unanimously.

Interlocal Agreement with Salt Lake County Clerk’s Office for Municipal Elections

The Council reviewed the interlocal agreement with Salt Lake County Clerk’s Office for the 2023 municipal election.

Mayor Smolka, seconded by Council Member Hawkes, moved to approve the interlocal agreement. The motion passed unanimously.

CodeRED Usage Policy

This item was pulled until a future meeting.

High Density Multi-Family Rezone

Mayor Smolka stated all the organizations in Emigration Canyon have submitted letters to the Salt Lake City Planning Commission expressing its concerns and opposition to the high density rezone application.

Legislative Update

Mayor Smolka stated there is a good chance that H.B. 374 – County Sheriff Amendments, will pass.

Council Member Brems stated if the bill passes, it will create a lot of uncertainty. The metro townships will need to start determining where it will get police services from. Millcreek, Midvale, and Holladay have been discussing among themselves about creating a Unified Police Department 2.0.

Polly McLean stated she has been in contact with other attorney’s that are facing the same issues as Emigration Canyon. She will not proceed with anything until after the legislative session is over.

Dark Sky Ordinance

Matt Starley, Planner, Greater Salt Lake Municipal Services District (MSD), presented a PowerPoint Presentation regarding the dark sky ordinance. He reviewed the night sky environment, human impact, skyglow, why dark skies matter, dark sky don’ts, dark sky dos, and night lighting plan.

Legal Issues

None.

Budget Items

Mayor Smolka stated payroll was processed and invoices for clerk services and work done on the dark sky ordinance were received.

Minutes

Council Member Pinon, seconded by Council Member Harris, moved to approve the minutes of the Emigration Canyon Metro Township Council meeting, held on January 24, 2023. The motion passed unanimously.



Council Member Reports

Administrative Report

Gordon Bennett stated the public comment period for the high density multi-family rezone application was closed on February 18, 2023. He will reach out to Salt Lake City to get a timeline on when a decision will be made.

He reached out to the Greater Salt Lake Municipal Service District (MSD) to get name plates ordered for the Council.

He attended the Community Renewable Energy Agency Board meeting. The focus of the meeting were termination fees.

Community Renewable Energy Program

Council Member Brems stated agreements will come before each participating municipality for approval.

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

Council Member Brems stated he is the Chair of the Benefits and Compensation Committee that is looking at civilian compensation. The SLVLESA Board passed a tax and revenue anticipation note. Its legal counsel has resigned, and the Sheriff Rivera is no longer involved with SLVLESA. An RFP for legal and administrative services was approved.

Emigration Canyon Metro Township Planning Commission

Council Member Brems stated there is nothing further to report.

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

Council Member Harris stated UFA is meeting its goal of being in the top three agencies for compensation. Benefits and compensation are the biggest budget line items. Recruit camp started for 33 recruits.

Watershed Plan

Council Member Harris stated the remaining associate at River Restoration, Jack Dahlquist, has resigned. She had a meeting scheduled with Sandy Winger, DWQ, but she did not attend. River Restoration has billed the Metro Township for more than what they have been paid. Time would be better spent on how to complete the report rather than trying to get River

Restoration to finish it. The document is close to being completed it just needs to be edited and organize and then agreed upon by the EPA. How would the Council like to proceed?

Mayor Smolka suggested having Polly McLean send a letter to River Restoration stating that it is breach of contract and needs to complete the report or return payment.

Polly McLean stated she will work with Council Member Harris to determine how much it will cost to complete. It does not sound like the report can be finalized by nonexperts. Hopefully a letter from legal counsel will give them a push to complete the report.

Wasatch Front Waste and Recycling District (WFWRD)

Council Member Pinon reviewed the following information that the WFWRD Board discussed:

- Open and Public Meetings Act training.
- Test driving an electric trash truck.
- Curbside can replacement.
- Food recycling pilot program.
- Seasonal container reservation program.

Utah Broadband

Council Member Pinon stated he will connect with Utah Broadband to see what it will be doing when the snow melts.

Association of Municipal Councils

Nothing to report.

Website

Deputy Mayor Hawkes stated she continues to update the website as needed.

CodeRED

Nothing to report.

Restrooms

Deputy Mayor Hawkes stated the shingles are finished, and the door and doorframes are being fabricated. The Council needs to determine what type of locks it wants on the restrooms.

Mayor Smolka stated slide bolt.

Council Member Pinon stated match what is being done on Little Mountain. Individuals need to be able to exit the restroom with one motion.

Utah League of Cities and Towns (ULCT)

Deputy Mayor Hawkes stated ULCT has concerns about S.B. 295 – Dedicated Infrastructure District Act and is asking municipalities to reach out to its senators to discuss it. It discussed other bills regarding homelessness, transportation funding, and land use bills. ULCT is holding a convention in St. George in April.

Grants

Deputy Mayor Hawkes stated grants are opening for outdoor recreation. There may be options to open additional restrooms.

Greater Salt Lake Municipal Services District (MSD)

Mayor Smolka stated the Board has been discussing H.B. 374 – County Sheriff Amendments and what the fallouts and consequences will be. Senior MSD staff completed NIMS training.

Landfill Council

Mayor Smolka stated the landfill is running about \$100,000 ahead of budget. Overages from last year were put into equipment replacement and final coverage costs.

Wasatch Front Regional Council (WFRC)

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Mayor Smolka stated citizens spoke about the gondola. The Transportation Coordinating Committee approved \$34 million to finish the I-80/I-215 construction.

Council of Governments (COG)

Mayor Smolka stated a presentation on Cottonwood Heights and the services it provides was presented.

Legislative Update

This item was discussed earlier in the meeting.

Other Announcements

Mayor Smolka stated Firewise will be held on June 17, 2023.

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

MAYOR, EMIGRATION CANYON METRO TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

LANNIE CHAPMAN, METRO TOWNSHIP CLERK

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

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