

THE EMIGRATION CANYON METRO TOWNSHIP COUNCIL, STATE OF UTAH, MET ELECTRONICALLY ON TUESDAY, MARCH 28, 2023, PURSUANT TO ADJOURNMENT ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2022, AT THE HOUR OF 7:00 P.M., AT THE EMIGRATION CANYON FIRE STATION 119, 5025 E EMIGRATION CANYON ROAD, SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: DAVID BREMS  
ROBERT PINON<sup>1</sup>  
JOE SMOLKA, Mayor

COUNCIL MEMBERS EXCUSED: CATHERINE HARRIS  
JENNIFER HAWKES, Deputy Mayor

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: POLLY MCLEAN, 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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Citizen Input

None.

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Reports from other Municipal Providers

*Emigration Canyon Community Council (ECCC)*

**Bill Tobey** stated the annual Firewise open house will be held on Saturday, June 17, 2023, at the fire station. CERT training continues; however, fewer volunteers have turned out for the classes than registered. Recruiting efforts will continue. Matt Starley presented the Dark Sky ordinance. The ECCC is ready to plan and coordinate community outreach efforts. Alternate hosting arrangements for the community council website are being researched. Salt Lake

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<sup>1</sup> Participated Electronically

County's District Attorney, Sim Gill, will be attending the April meeting to discuss law enforcement priorities in the community.

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*Unified Police Department (UPD)*

**Chief Wayne Dial** stated Utah Physicians for a Healthy Environment filed a lawsuit against Harley Davidson for removing noise and pollution controls on motorcycles and won. Any amount won from penalties will go back to law enforcement for noise issues.

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*Unified Fire Authority (UFA)*

**Chief Bryan Case** stated there were four calls last month in the canyon. Fire School will begin on April 14, 2023. Carbon monoxide calls are still coming in at residential properties. With the amount of snowfall this year, there is a possibility of flooding. UFA crews are getting information together for crews and the community regarding flood safety and high waters.

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*Salt Lake County Animal Services*

**Gary Bowen**, Emigration Canyon Metro Township Council Representative, stated legislation that would bring Animal Services under the control of the State Department of Agriculture passed with an amendment to exclude Animal Services. The purpose of the bill is to enforce procedures for euthanizing animals.



Council Business

*Capital Improvement Project Prioritization Process*

**Steven Kuhlmeier**, Project Manager, Public Works Engineering, delivered a PowerPoint presentation on Emigration Canyon Capital Improvement Planning. He reviewed what capital improvement projects are, submitting requests through a Smartsheet form, process and timeline, and evaluation and criteria.

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*Road Widening and Slope Stabilization Project*

**Steve Kuhlmeier**, Project Manager, Public Works Engineering, delivered a PowerPoint presentation on the slope stabilization project. He reviewed road improvements on Emigration Canyon Road between Pioneer Fork Road and 5700 Emigration Canyon Road.

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*FEMA Flood Map*

**Steve Kuhlmeier**, Project Manager, Public Works Engineering, delivered a PowerPoint presentation on the Emigration Creek FEMA flood map revisions. He reviewed survey and data collection, hydrologic and hydraulic analysis, and submission of an application for a letter of map revision for the study area. The FEMA review process is anticipated to take 6 -12 months with approval coming in 2024.

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*Flood Report*

**Mayor Smolka** stated piles of sand will be placed at Ruth's Diner and sandbags will be delivered by April 5, 2023. A group of youth will help fill and stack sandbags for residents to take. Residents are welcome to fill their own sandbags and take what they need. Flood control is prioritizing areas and Emigration Canyon is low on the list. He encourages residents to clear debris from the creek in their areas before the runoff begins. Dump vouchers are available for residents that need to take debris to the landfill. There are also dumpsters located in the canyon.

**Council Member Pinon** asked if CodeRED should be used when and if an issue arises.

**Mayor Smolka** stated CodeRED can be used when we get to the point of an emergency. There may be a need to have people monitor the stream in various parts of the canyon.

**Council Member Pinon** stated high risk areas should be identified to make it easier to track.

**Mayor Smolka** stated residents need to clean around and, in the streams, so debris does not get stuck and cause further flooding issues.

**Council Member Pinon** stated the canyon could be broken up into segments and Council Members could start reaching out to residents to communicate this information.

**Mayor Smolka** stated a postcard could be sent to residents as well.

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*Dark Sky Ordinance*

**Matt Starley**, Planner, Greater Salt Lake Municipal Services District, stated he is working on the final updates to the ordinance. He will send out a draft ordinance and staff report to the Council when it is available.

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*CodeRED Usage Policy*

This item was pulled and will be discussed at a future meeting.

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*Open and Public Meetings Act Training*

This item was pulled and will be discussed at a future meeting.

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*Legal Issues*

None.

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*Budget Items*

**Mayor Smolka** stated payroll was processed and invoices for the attorney and clerk services were received.

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*Minutes*

The Emigration Canyon Metro Township Council meeting, held on February 28, 2023, were approved.



Council Member Reports

*Administrative Report*

**Gordon Bennett** stated the Salt Lake City Planning Commission has not scheduled a meeting to discuss the high density development at the bottom of the canyon.

Name plates for Council Members have been ordered.

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*Community Renewable Energy Program*

**Christopher Thomas**, Sr. Energy and Climate Program Manager, Salt Lake City Sustainability Department, presented a PowerPoint presentation. He reviewed the Community Renewable Energy Agency structure, steps to maintain eligibility for and develop the Community

Renewable Energy Program, utility agreement, program goals and how they will be met, achieving net-100% renewable electricity goal by 2030, and the cost of the program.

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

**Council Member Brems** stated there is a lot of discussions around police services. An agreement is being drafted stating what direction the metro townships want to go in, it is subject to a lot of input. The greatest concern is the uncertainty of the UPD officers.

**Chief Wayne Dial** stated Sheriff Rivera and the UPD Board want to move this process along quickly with the transition being finished by July 2024.

**Council Member Brems** stated Sheriff Rivera will withdraw as CEO of UPD. The metro township mayors will meet to discuss the situation further. Midvale, Millcreek, and Holladay are working together to figure out what they will do moving forward.

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*Emigration Canyon Metro Township Planning Commission*

Nothing further to report.

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

**Mayor Smolka** stated Council Member Harris emailed her reports to the Council.

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*Wasatch Front Waste and Recycling District (WFWRD)*

**Council Member Pinon** stated the Board continues to work on improving the Seasonal Container Reservation Program (SCRP). For now, it will run SCRCP like it has in the past. Emigration Canyon is unable to participate in SCRCP like other communities. There may be a way to provide a dumpster at a central location that residents can use. WFWRD will be testing an electric truck; however, they are expensive and probably will not be purchased at this time. WFWRD updates its website with information on weather related pickup delays.

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*Utah Broadband*

**Council Member Pinon** stated he will continue to work with Utah Broadband on next priorities.

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*Association of Municipal Councils*

Nothing to report.

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*Website*

**Mayor Smolka** stated legislation was passed requiring government entities to use authorized domains (e.g., .gov, .edu, .mil) by January 1, 2025. Emigration Canyon Metro Township's website will need to be changed to one of those domains.

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*CodeRED*

Nothing to report.

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*Restrooms*

**Mayor Smolka** stated the doors have been installed and the hardware is being worked out.

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*Utah League of Cities and Towns (ULCT)*

Nothing to report.

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*Greater Salt Lake Municipal Services District (MSD)*

**Mayor Smolka** stated the MSD changed payroll, if there is anything wrong with paychecks, let them know. The State is providing funds for flooding. The application and turnaround period will be very short. The MSD applied for \$50,000 in the event overtime is paid for potential flooding. Public Works has applied for approximately \$500,000. Sandbags will be delivered to the canyon. CERT can help monitor the streams and coordinate volunteers when the time comes.

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*Landfill Council*

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**Mayor Smolka** stated one of the compactors is being rebuilt for approximately \$350,000 as opposed to buying a new one for \$1.5 million.

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*Wasatch Front Regional Council (WFRC)*

**Mayor Smolka** stated the Transportation Coordinating Committee approved funds to finish I-80 and I-215. The bridge on 1300 east will be moved into place this weekend.

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*Council of Governments (COG)*

**Mayor Smolka** stated COG was held at Cottonwood Heights with a presentation on the city.

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*Legislative Update*

**Mayor Smolka** stated legislative changes to the public notice statute were made.

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*Other Announcements*

**Mayor Smolka** stated there will be some grants available but will require a match.

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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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