

THE EMIGRATION CANYON METRO TOWNSHIP COUNCIL, STATE OF UTAH, MET ELECTRONICALLY ON TUESDAY, MAY 23, 2023, PURSUANT TO ADJOURNMENT ON TUESDAY, APRIL 25, 2023, 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: ROBERT PINON
CATHERINE HARRIS
JENNIFER HAWKES, Deputy Mayor
JOE SMOLKA, Mayor

COUNCIL MEMBERS EXCUSED: DAVID BREMS

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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Citizen Input

None.

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Reports from other Municipal Providers

Emigration Canyon Community Council (ECCC)

No report was given.

Unified Police Department (UPD)

Detective Dawn Larsen stated in April there were 58 calls for service with 16 of those having reports written and 20 citations issued. Most of the incidents are related to mudslides

and flooding. The car that went into the river last month was caused by the driver losing control. The driver is fine. She is working with another office to coordinate a bike education day, it will likely take place at the end of June. Motor officers spent a couple of hours in the canyon doing speed enforcement. They issued five citations. On June 3, 2023, a photo shoot will be held with intermittent road closures.

Unified Fire Authority (UFA)

Chief Bryan Case stated there were five calls for service in the last thirty days. Those calls were related to the recent flooding. Thirty-one firefighters graduated from the academy. Paramedics that have been hired laterally are going through a short training. The Council passed a resolution restricting fireworks last month at its meeting.

Salt Lake County Animal Services

No report was given.



Council Business

Dark Sky

Matt Starley, Planner, Greater Salt Lake Municipal Services District (MSD), presented on the dark sky ordinance. He reviewed why to have a night sky ordinance, night sky overview, developing ordinance language, key takeaways, and developing a lighting plan in five basic steps.

Deputy Mayor Hawkes asked if commercial areas were addressed.

Mr. Starley stated there are three standards that we established in the canyon: commercial and religious institutions, multi-family housing, and single-family housing. Commercial properties will turn off all outdoor lighting within one hour of closing, except for lighting for entrances, parking lots, and pathways that are required for safety reasons.

Council Member Pinon asked how the glare from indoor lighting is addressed in the ordinance.

Mr. Starley stated he looked at drafting language addressing lighting from inside the home; however, after a legal review, it was determined that only outdoor lighting could be controlled.

Council Member Pinon stated the U.S. Flag is exempt from many different standards. If it does not come down daily, it has the right to be uplit. We need to be careful about how it is written in the ordinance.

Mr. Starley asked if the Council would like to address the U.S. Flag specifically in the ordinance.

Mayor Smolka stated yes. Federal law allows for the U.S. Flag to be uplit if it is flying.

Council Member Pinon stated five years to come into compliance is too long.

Mr. Starley stated seven to ten years is a standard timeframe for an amortization period.

Council Member Harris asked if there is language that addresses holiday lighting.

Mr. Starley stated yes, holiday lighting is to be turned off by 10:00 pm and can be displayed between December 1 and January 1. Periods outside the month of December cannot exceed seven days.

Council Member Harris stated December 1 through January 1 may be problematic.

Mayor Smolka suggested having the end date be the first Saturday after January 1.

Council Member Harris stated Thanksgiving through the Saturday after January 1 would be acceptable. She suggested tabling the dark sky item until Council Member Brems could participate.

Mayor Smolka asked the Council to provide Mr. Starley with any updates it wants to see.

Mr. Starley stated he would take the suggestions and bring them back to the next meeting in June.

The Greater Salt Lake Municipal Service District (MSD) planners are working on updating the metro township codes. He would like to know how the Council would like to proceed to get the code updated. There are a couple of options; 1. have the Emigration Canyon Planning Commission review the code first and provide recommendations, or 2. The Emigration Canyon Metro Township Council can schedule a workshop meeting and review the code.

Council Member Pinon stated he would like a joint workshop with the planning commission.

Sports-AM Run Emigration Marathon

James Zwick, Owner, Sports-AM, stated the marathon will begin at 6:30 am. Placing cones through the course is a great idea and will be set up by 5:30 am. He would like

someone on the Council to meet with Utah Barricade to discuss the placement of the signs. Utah Barricade will start picking up cones around 7:00 am. Starting at the fire station the cones will be placed on the white line and runners will need to move into the bike lane. An officer will be there directing runners to stay inside the white line. There will be about 200 runners participating in the half marathon and the 10-mile marathon. A motorcyclist will be in front of each group leading them. Individuals with ham radios will be available to help run the event as will EMTs. The event will end at 9:30 am.

Mayor Smolka stated the canyon will be closed for the marathon; however, those that are attending Firewise will need to be able to get up the canyon.

Community Development Block Grant Program Participation

Cameron Platt stated the Community Development Block Program (CDBG) is run by Salt Lake County. If the Council opts in, it will be part of the program for three years. Emigration Canyon Metro Township is not qualified to get funding on its own but if Salt Lake County identifies a project that includes Emigration Canyon, then it could get funding.

Council Member Smolka, seconded by Council Member Pinon, moved to opt into an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement to participate in the Salt Lake County Urban County Community Development Block Grant Program, Home Investment Partnership Program, and Emergency Solutions Grant Program. The motion passed unanimously.

Contribution

Council Member Harris stated this would be a contribution to Unified Fire Authority (UFA) in the name of Captain Matthew Hambleton who passed away last month. It would be directed to mental health awareness and education and support for UFA firefighters. She suggested a \$1,500 donation.

Council Member Harris, seconded by Council Member Pinon, moved to reallocate \$1,500 to be contributed to UFA. If the funds are unavailable, the Council will amend the budget at a later date. The motion passed unanimously.

Declared Local Emergency

Mayor Smolka stated the Council can let the declared local emergency expire on June 12, 2023, or vote to end it at any time.

Cameron Platt stated the Council can also vote to extend the declared local emergency.

Mayor Smolka stated he does not believe Emigration Canyon needs to be in a declared state of emergency to complete repairs.

Mr. Platt stated a declared emergency enables the Council to promptly take necessary actions such as road closures, movement restrictions, and partial evacuations.

Mayor Smolka stated he would like to let the declared emergency expire on June 12, 2023, so if the road needs to be closed to move sandbags, it is an option.

Deputy Mayor Hawkes asked if the declared emergency needs to be extended, can it be done next month?

Mr. Platt stated the Council would need to call a special meeting before June 12, 2023, to extend it.

Deputy Mayor Hawkes recommended extending the declared emergency now and then letting it expire.

Mr. Platt asked if there are any projections for the runoff.

Mayor Smolka stated Emigration Canyon should be done with high runoff issues. He is inclined to let the declared local emergency expire. If another emergency comes up, the Council can declare another local emergency. If there is not an event in a 72-hour period and something comes up, it is considered a separate event.

Council Member Harris asked if the Metro Township will get funding to help with cleanup.

Mayor Smolka stated he has a meeting tomorrow and will get those details.

Deputy Mayor Hawkes asked if the Council needs to hold an After Action Review (AAR) meeting.

Mayor Smolka stated the Council can hold the AAR meeting closer to June 12, 2023, after the sandbag event.

H.B. 374 County Sheriff Amendments

Mayor Smolka stated a meeting with the Mayors and the Salt Lake Valley Law Enforcement Service Area (SLVLESA) will be held on June 2, 2023.

Cameron Platt stated there have been several meetings with Salt Lake County and members of SLVLESA to discuss what the metro townships are going to do about law enforcement services. It appears that SLVLESA is planning on continuing to exist. SLVLESA can contract with the Salt Lake County Sheriff's Office for base services, and it can also contract with other law enforcement agencies as necessary. The metro township's options are to continue with

SLVLESA to contract with UPD, contract with the Salt Lake County Sheriff's Office, or another law enforcement agency in conjunction with SLVLESA.

It may be a good idea to go to the legislature and present the idea of the metro townships becoming towns. That would allow different funding and the metro townships could contract directly with the Salt Lake County Sheriff's Office or SLVLESA. The process to convert from a metro township to a town would take two years. An interim committee is meeting to look at the viability of the metro townships and their options.

Legal Issues

Deputy Mayor Hawkes stated she spoke to Polly McLean, Legal Counsel, about making an agreement with Utah Open Lands for an easement for the use of the restroom.

Budget Items

Mayor Smolka stated an invoice for clerk services and the Council nameplates were received.

Minutes

Council Member Harris, seconded by Council Member Pinon, moved to approve the minutes of the Emigration Canyon Metro Township Council meeting held on April 19, 2023. The motion passed unanimously.

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Council Member Reports

Administrative Report

Gordon Bennett stated he will notify the Greater Salt Lake Municipal Services District (MSD) of the corrections that need to be made to the nameplates and then he will have them place the order.

He attended the Community Renewable Energy Agency meeting. It made updates to the 20-year plan. Salt Lake County has created a website with updates and information on snow runoff, flooding, and sandbagging.

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

No report was given.

Emigration Canyon Metro Township Planning Commission

No report was given.

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

Council Member Harris stated the board will hold a public hearing for the budget on June 20, 2023.

Watershed Plan

Council Member Harris stated she had two additional meetings with River Restoration and Sandy Wingert. There is a two-week period to review the final document and then she will send it out to the Council.

Wasatch Front Waste and Recycling District (WFWRD)

Council Member Pinon stated the board reviewed the financial report and an independent audit. The reports look good. The FMLA policy was updated. WFWRD is working on making landfill vouchers available digitally, possibly with a QR code. They will be at Firewise with information on recycling.

Utah Broadband

Council Member Pinon stated Utah Broadband continues to work in the canyon. Wireless radio continues to be something that they are trying to expand with repeaters. The repeater on Got Teeth Lane is fully functional. Utah Broadband is looking into federal grant opportunities to bring fiber into the canyon.

Website

Deputy Mayor Hawkes stated she will add information on candidate filing for the 2023 election to the website and make additional updates as needed.

CodeRED

Deputy Mayor Hawkes stated she sent the invoice for CodeRED to the Greater Salt Lake Municipal Services District to be paid in June.

Restrooms

Deputy Mayor Hawkes stated she is working on invoicing the Department of Water Quality (DWQ) and Salt Lake County for the grant reimbursement for the restroom. A report was prepared on what was done and how the money was used. Photos, invoicing, and project costs were submitted. The restrooms will be worked on this weekend. She will follow up on having an anti-graffiti coating put on the building. Approximately \$144,000 has been expended to date. The contract amount is \$160,000.

Mayor Smolka stated the wood surface around the toilet is a sanitation problem.

Deputy Mayor Hawkes stated it was supposed to be stainless steel. She will follow up on the flooring.

Association of Municipal Councils

Deputy Mayor Hawkes stated during the last meeting, it discussed the Salt Lake County Master Plan and projects.

Utah League of Cities and Towns (ULCT)

Deputy Mayor Hawkes stated the annual conference will be held September 6 - 8, 2023, at the Salt Palace Convention Center. There is a transportation fund with one-time funding of \$40 million for urban transportation. The Council may be able to use this funding for transportation needs. Emigration Canyon's membership dues of \$1662.02 are due July 1, 2023.

Greater Salt Lake Municipal Services District (MSD)

Mayor Smolka stated the MSD has a new person processing payroll.

Landfill Council

Mayor Smolka stated it is expecting plans on pod 8 and the perimeter road soon. The landfill is trying to figure out how to dispose of sandbags and hoping to avoid sending them there altogether.

Wasatch Front Regional Council (WFRC)

Mayor Smolka stated the main committee meeting is tomorrow, it may adopt the Wasatch Choice 2050 plan. They expect a large turnout due to the gondola issue. The Transportation Committee approved \$3 million for Emigration Canyon.

Council of Governments (COG)

Nothing to report.

Legislative Update

Nothing to report.

Other Announcements

Mayor Smolka stated tomorrow he is meeting with Public Works Operations to discuss what areas in the canyon need repairs. Thirty bags will be delivered that can be used to put sandbags in. He is trying to get dumpsters brought up that will hold 300 dirty sandbags with the hope of reusing them in other parts of Salt Lake County.

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Closed Session

Council Member Harris, seconded by Council Member Hawkes, moved to close the open session of the Emigration Canyon Metro Township public meeting to discuss real estate. The motion passed unanimously.

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

DATE TUESDAY MAY 23, 2023

MAYOR, EMIGRATION CANYON METRO TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

LANNIE CHAPMAN, METRO TOWNSHIP CLERK

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

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