



WASATCH COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

MINUTES FOR JULY 16, 2025

THE WASATCH COUNTY COUNCIL MET IN REGULAR SESSION LIVE AND BY ON-LINE WEDNESDAY, JULY 16, 2025, IN THE WASATCH COUNTY COUNCIL CHAMBERS LOCATED IN THE WASATCH COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING AT 25 NORTH MAIN, HEBER CITY, UTAH 84032

A video recording of the meeting may be viewed by using the Wasatch County Website (<https://docs.wasatch.utah.gov/OnBaseAgendaOnline/>) and selecting the desired meeting.

CALL TO ORDER

(VIDEO TIME STAMP: 00:00:00)

- A. **SUMMARY:** The meeting was called to order at 4:00 P.M. by Councilmember McMillan with the following members in attendance:

COUNCILMEMBER	PRESENT	ABSENT
Karl McMillan (Council Chair & Seat F Councilmember)	☒	☐
Erik Rowland (Council Vice Chair and Seat C Councilmember)	☒	☐
Luke Searle (Seat A Councilmember)	☒	☐
Colleen Bonner (Seat B Councilmember)	☒	☐
Kendall Crittenden (Seat D Councilmember)	☒	☐
Mark Nelson (Seat E Councilmember)	☒	☐
Spencer Park (Seat G Councilmember)	☐	☒

PRAYER/REMARKS

(VIDEO TIME STAMP: 00:00:24)

- A. **SUMMARY:** A prayer/remark was provided by Councilmember Nelson.
- i. **ACTION TAKEN:** No official action was taken.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

(VIDEO TIME STAMP: 00:02:14)

A. **SUMMARY:** The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Rowland.

i. **ACTION TAKEN:** No official action was taken.

PUBLIC COMMENT

(VIDEO TIME STAMP: 00:02:38)

A. **SUMMARY:** Councilmember McMillan asked if there were any members of the public who wanted up-to 3 minutes to provide public comments to the Council on any item not on the agenda.

Mark Austin: Presented the idea of developers obtaining will serve letter from HVSSD similar to what Midway City is working on. Councilmember Bonner explained Midway's recent efforts.

i. **ACTION TAKEN:** No official action was taken.

CALL FOR AGENDA ITEMS

(VIDEO TIME STAMP: 00:08:45)

A. **SUMMARY:** Councilmember McMillan asked if there were any topics to be added as a future agenda item.

Councilmember Bonner:

- Requested future discussion on interchanges along bypass.

i. **ACTION TAKEN:** No official action was taken.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

(VIDEO TIME STAMP: 00:15:37)

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – JULY 02, 2025

A. **SUMMARY:** Councilmember McMillan asked if there were any requested changes to the July 02, 2025, Draft Minutes. No changes were proposed.

i. **ACTION TAKEN:** Councilmember Crittenden made a motion to “**approve the minutes for the July 02 meeting**” Councilmember Bonner seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following vote:

	McMillan	Rowland	Searle	Bonner	Crittenden	Nelson	Park
AYE:	☒	☒	☒	☒	☒	☒	☐
NAY:	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
ABSTAIN/ ABSENT:	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☒

COUNCIL ITEMS

(VIDEO TIME STAMP: 00:16:18)

- i. **ACTION TAKEN:** Councilmember McMillan advised that the victim's advocate presentation was moved to second item on agenda.

1. DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 25-07 SUPPORTING THE WASATCH COUNTY HERITAGE FESTIVAL – DUSTIN GRABAU

(VIDEO TIME STAMP: 00:16:47)

- A. **SUMMARY:** In the first meeting of July this year, Heber Valley Tourism and Economic development presented a proposal to launch a Wasatch County Heritage Festival in September of 2025. At that meeting, the council requested a resolution expressing support for the event. During the July 9th work session Councilmember Searle raised support for the America250 celebration. Dustin Grabau, Wasatch County Manager, explained that he had drafted an alternative resolution with the goal of expressing support for both celebrations. Councilmember Searle explained that the state has allocated funding to cities and counties for celebrations connected to America250 but that passing a resolution by the end of month and designating a committee is required in order to qualify for the funding. The committee that could be designated to represent Wasatch during the planning of America250 is the Red White and Blue Festival Committee. Council suggested the following changes: changing title from "the Heber Valley Heritage Festival" to "a Wasatch County Heritage festival", change from festival planned "for September 2025" to "to take place annually", adding to the fifth whereas statement regarding the America250 Utah "through the end of 2026", adding to the second item listed for America250 Utah "to commemorate the semiquincentennial through 2026".

- i. **ACTION TAKEN:** Councilmember Crittenden made a motion to "**pass resolution 25-07 with the amendments made today supporting the Wasatch County Heritage Festival**"

Councilmember Searle seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following vote:

	McMillan	Rowland	Searle	Bonner	Crittenden	Nelson	Park
AYE:	☒	☒	☒	☒	☒	☒	☐
NAY:	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
ABSTAIN/ ABSENT:	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☒

2. VICTIM'S ADVOCATE PRESENTATION – KRISTIN GUTHRIE

(VIDEO TIME STAMP: 00:37:56)

- A. **SUMMARY:** Kristin Guthrie, Wasatch County Victim's Advocate, presented statistics from July 1st, 2024 through June 30th, 2025. She explained the difference between new and returning victims, services that are provided, and state funding that is awarded to the program. Kristin also gave an example of what the process taken during a domestic violence call.

- i. **ACTION TAKEN:** No official action was taken.

COUNCIL/BOARD REPORTS

(VIDEO TIME STAMP: 00:51:20)

- A. **SUMMARY:** Councilmember McMillan asked if there were any council/board report to be presented.

Councilmember Rowland provided the following report:

- Open lands board update. Will be coordinating the Jordanelle Ridge open space subcommittee.

Councilmember Crittenden provided the following report:

- Attended wildfire symposium at Black Rock.
- UDOT public meeting at senior center reminder.
- Met with Parks and Rec and Skijoring Utah.

Councilmember Searle

- Library will be having a booth at the Charleston 24th celebration on Saturday July 19th.
- Received 87 applications for the regular abatement program and 19 applications for the new abatement program.

- i. **ACTION TAKEN:** No official action was taken.

Note: Councilmember Nelson was excused from meeting.

MANAGER'S REPORT

(VIDEO TIME STAMP: 01:0)

- A. **SUMMARY:** Councilmember McMillan asked if there were any reports from the manager. Dustin Grabau, Wasatch County Manager, gave updates on the following topics:

- The county was recently awarded a grant in the amount of \$73,093 from the Division of Natural Resources Outdoor Recreation Planning Assistance Grant that will go towards park planning on new parcels that the county acquired.
- Reminded attendees of where to find board openings and employment opportunities on the county website.
- Strawberry gate item that was heard at the recent county planning commission meeting.
- General plan vision statements, introduction, background and values were heard at the recent county planning commission meeting. Council requested an update on the general plan during a future item.

- i. **ACTION TAKEN:** No official action was taken.

CLOSED SESSION – AS NEEDED

(VIDEO TIME STAMP: 01:20:22)

A. **SUMMARY:** Councilmember Searle indicated that there was a need for a closed session this evening regarding: (1) Pending reasonably and imminent litigation.

- i. **ACTION TAKEN:** Councilmember Crittenden made a motion to “**leave our regular session and go into Closed Session to discuss pending litigation.**” Councilmember Bonner seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following vote:

	McMillan	Rowland	Searle	Bonner	Crittenden	Nelson	Park
AYE:	☒	☒	☒	☒	☒	☐	☐
NAY:	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
ABSTAIN/ ABSENT:	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☒	☒

- ii. **ACTION TAKEN:** The County Council met in a Closed Session to discuss: Pending reasonably and imminent litigation. The individuals present for this portion of the Closed Session meeting were:

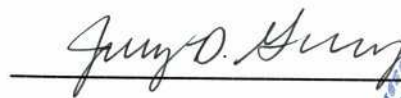
- **Council Members:** McMillan, Rowland, Searle, Bonner, Crittenden.
- **Others:** Dustin Grabau, Wendy McKnight, Scott Sweat, and Heber Lefgren.

- iii. **ACTION TAKEN:** At 5:50 PM, Councilmember Rowland made a motion to “**leave the Closed Session and adjourn the meeting.**” Councilmember Bonner seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following vote:

	McMillan	Rowland	Searle	Bonner	Crittenden	Nelson	Park
AYE:	☒	☒	☒	☒	☒	☐	☐
NAY:	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
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KARL MCMILLAN/CHAIRMAN



JOEY D. GRANGER/CLERK/AUDITOR

