

**MINUTES OF THE
WASATCH COUNTY COUNCIL
DECEMBER 18, 2024**

The Wasatch County Council met in regular session live and by Zoom at 4:00 p.m. and the following business was transacted.

PRESENT: Chair Spencer Park
Mark Nelson
Erik Rowland
Steve Farrell
Kendall Crittenden
Luke Searle
Vice-Chair Karl McMillan
Kendall Crittenden

STAFF: Dustin Grabau, Wasatch County Planner
Heber Lefgren, the Assistant Wasatch County Manager
Tiarra Cooper, from the Wasatch County Manager's Office
Wendy McKnight, from the Clerk's Office
Doug Smith, the Wasatch County Planner via Zoom
Austin Corry, the Assistant Wasatch County Planner via Zoom
Scott Sweat, the Wasatch County Attorney
Rick Tatton, Court Reporter via Zoom
Colleen Bonner, future Council Member.
Jerry Jones, from the Clerk's Office
Randy Bates, Wasatch County Financial Officer
Ben Probst, SSA#1 financial officer.

PRAYER: Councilman Steve Farrell

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led Chair Spencer Park and repeated by everyone.

Chair Spencer Park called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday December 18, 2024 and indicated that all the Wasatch County Council Members are present. The record should also show that the Wasatch County Council is meeting in the Wasatch County Council Chambers located in the Wasatch County Administrative Building at 25 North Main, Heber City, Utah 84032. Chair Spencer Park then called the first agenda item.

OPEN AND PUBLIC MEETING AFFIDAVIT

The Open and Public Meeting Affidavit was made a part of the record.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

Chair Spencer Park asked if there were any Administrative Items for Future Meetings.

Dustin Grabau, the Wasatch County Manager, indicated that HVSSD would like to come to our work meeting in January to discuss some future plans.

Dustin Grabau, the Wasatch County Manager, indicated that the Heber Valley Center for Learning has requested that they be placed on a Council agenda, and they are applying for a conditional use permit regarding waiving the water requirement. The County Council indicated that would be fine to come to the Wasatch County meeting and ask for that waiver.

LEGISLATIVE ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

Chair Spencer Park asked if there are any Legislative items for future meetings and there was none.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Mark Austin, Midway City resident, addressed the Wasatch County Council and indicated that he has some questions regarding annexations. Mark Austin also thanked the County for what work they are doing. Mark Austin wanted the County to be in control of annexations. Councilman Kendall Crittenden gave some background regarding to how annexations work. Once a property is in an annexation area if the property owners in that area choose to they can petition or request to be annexed into the City. Dustin Grabau indicated to Mark Austin to come and see him in his office regarding this matter and we will discuss it more on how annexations come about and how they are handled. Mark Austin further indicated that there are a lot of the citizenry of all of Wasatch County that is not comfortable with annexations that are taking place.

Councilman Karl McMillan made a motion to go into the SSA#1 Councilman Luke Searle seconded the motion and the motion carries with the following vote:

**AYE: Board Chair Steve Farrell
AYE: Board Member Mark Nelson
AYE: Board Member Erik Rowland
AYE: Board Member Spencer Park
AYE: Board Member Kendall Crittenden
AYE: Board Member Luke Searle**

AYE: Board Member Karl McMillan

NAY: None.

SSA #1

Board Chair Steve Farrell indicated that we need to have the budget presented to the Wasatch County Council and then will have a budget hearing at 6:00 p.m. tonight.

THE 2025 BUDGET REVIEW

Ben Probst, the Financial Officer, then presented a power point presentation and then presented the review of the 2025 budget and then asked if there were any questions regarding the 2025 budget and there was none. We will wait until this evening when the 2025 budget for SSA #1 is presented in a public hearing.

WARRANTS APPROVAL

Ben Probst then went through the warrants and the SSA#1 Board indicated that they had no questions regarding the warrants.

Board Member Karl McMillan made a motion to approve the warrants in the amount of \$46,133.51. Board Member Kendall Crittenden seconded the motion and the motion carries with the following vote:

**AYE: Board Chair Steve Farrell
AYE: Board Member Mark Nelson
AYE: Board Member Erik Rowland
AYE: Board Member Spencer Park
AYE: Board Member Kendall Crittenden
AYE: Board Member Luke Searle
AYE: Board Vice-Chair Karl McMillan**

NAY: None.

FRAUD RISK ASSESSMENT QUESTIONNAIRE

Ben Probst, the Financial Officer, addressed the Governing Board of the Special Service District #1 and indicated that every year we are required to discuss this in the Wasatch County Council meeting.

Our assessment calculated is to be 320 out of a possible 395 which falls in the low fraud risk assessment between 316 and 355. This has to be submitted annually to the State Auditor's Office

basically assessing various things. We are in a good area because we have such a small organization. A motion was not necessary on this matter.

Board Member Kendall Crittenden made a motion to go out of the SSA#1 and go back into our regular agenda. Board Member Luke Searle and the motion carries with the following vote:

**AYE: Board Chair Steve Farrell
AYE: Board Member Mark Nelson
AYE: Board Member Erik Rowland
AYE: Board Member Kendall Crittenden
AYE: Board Member Luke Searle
AYE: Board Member Karl McMillan
AYE: Board Member Spencer Park**

NAY: None.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR DECEMBER 4, 2024

Councilman Karl McMillan made a motion to approve the December 4, 2024 minutes as they are written. Councilman Erik Rowland seconded the motion and the motion carries with the following vote:

**AYE: Chair Spencer Park
AYE: Mark Nelson
AYE: Erik Rowland
AYE: Steve Farrell
AYE: Kendall Crittenden
AYE: Luke Searle
AYE: Vice-Chair Karl McMillan**

NAY: None.

REGULAR SESSION

COUNCIL

BOE ADJUSTMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR APPROVAL

Jerry Jones, from the Clerk's Office, addressed the Wasatch County Council and indicated that there

are a few updates here and Jerry then submitted a spread sheet. This the fifth and final round of BOE. This round included mostly commercial properties in the MIDA area. There is about \$177 million worth of properties that we are talking about in this fifth round. About \$95 million is through BLX and Deer Valley worth of taxable value that the petitioner wants to have reduced down to about \$12 million which is a big reduction. There is about \$82 million that we have changed through stipulations down to about \$12 million reduction. When everything is said and done it represents about 1.3% change which is not a big change there and pretty consistent with what we have seen over all. The majority of this is in regard to mining claims and feel like they are being doubled taxed because there is the assessment on the ground.

Councilman Steve Farrell indicated that there is a privilege tax that comes into play here. Joey D. Granger, the Clerk/Auditor, indicated that what we are presenting today is what Todd's Office would stipulate to because we don't have a formal stipulated value agreed upon. We have to be done with BOE so we are asking the Board to approve what the assessor's office would stipulate to and if they don't agree to that then they do need to go to the state to continue this. Otherwise it is the same thing thirty days from this point to finish.

Councilman Steve Farrell made the motion that we go ahead and accept the recommendations of the Board of Equalization to go with the stipulated values to close out this year's tax roll and also to include the two assessor's adjustments. Councilman Erik Rowland seconded the motion and the motion carries with the following vote:

AYE: Chair Spencer Park

AYE: Mark Nelson

AYE: Erik Rowland

AYE: Steve Farrell

AYE: Kendall Crittenden

AYE: Luke Searle

AYE: Vice-Chair Karl McMillan

NAY: None.

DISCUSSION/CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION #24-18 ADOPTING THE 2025 MEETING SCHEDULE.

Randy Bates, the Financial Officer of the County, addressed the Wasatch County Council and indicated that this is pretty straight forward and does the Council have any questions regarding this. Dustin Grabau indicated that we are just correcting the Planning Commission agenda because they are still meeting on the second Tuesday which will be after the Council's first meeting so the public notices from that meeting will be on the twenty-second instead of the 15th. That adjustment is on the #24-18 Resolution..

Councilman Kendall Crittenden made a motion that we approve the Resolution #24-18

adopting the 2025 schedule as presented. Councilman Erik Rowland seconded the motion and the motion carries with the following vote:

AYE: Vice-Chair Karl McMillan

AYE: Chair Spencer Park

AYE: Erik Rowland

AYE: Mark Nelson

AYE: Kendall Crittenden

AYE: Luke Searle

AYE: Steve Farrell

NAY: None.

BRIEFING OF THE WASATCH COUNTY 2024 QUARTER 3 FINANCIAL REPORT.

Randy Bates, the Financial Officer of Wasatch County, presented a power point presentation and went through the Quarter 3 Financial Report and then asked the Wasatch County Council if they had any comments or questions to the Quarter 3 Financial Report. Also the purpose of this item is for staff to present to the County Council the Wasatch County 2024 Quarter 3 Financial Report which will show financial re-estimates through the third quarter of 2024 and includes 9 months of actual revenue/expenditure date January-September 30, 2024 with six months of updated re-estimates October 1-December 31, 2024. Also Wasatch County authorizes the amendment of the Wasatch County 2024 budget as outlined within Attachment A. Wasatch County authorizes staff to make future budget adjustments between the 20-24 General Fund department budgets as long as the total General Fund budget remains unchanged. Wasatch County authorizes staff to make future amendments to the 2024 budget for unanticipated grants and other passthrough expenses as long as those funds are offset by an equal or greater amount of new revenue that is intended to pay for the additional expenses. Wasatch County authorized staff to make future amendments to the 2024 budget for non-cash items related to accounting standards but not connected to actual expenditure of funds including but not limited to depreciation, compensated absences, OPEB, etc. this discussion does not require a motion but is just for briefing purposes. Everything that is going over budget from this financial report is going to be in the amendment. In the amended budget a buffer was put in place in case of unexpected issues and expenditures occurring. Also we budget very conservatively on a lot of things and also the expenditures.

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF APPROVING CONTRIBUTIONS TO AND/OR AUTHORIZATION FOR PLOWING ON THE STRAWBERRY MARINA ROAD.

Dustin Grabau, addressed the Wasatch County Council and indicated that the Wasatch County Council indicated support for a 2024-25 effort to ensure that the Strawberry Marina road is plowed. This area is an important part of the economic activity for the County and a destination for the region. After conferring with the Council and the owners of the Strawberry Marina concessionaire,

staff recommends appropriating \$28,000 of restaurant tax funds to be used as the bond for the Strawberry Marina plowing application. Additionally the concessionaire requests authorization to waive or limit provisions of the permit due to the transition from Forest Service to County jurisdiction of the road. We would like a motion approving contribution and authorization for this issue of the \$28,000 and your input on the other aspects of the permit. The bond is for potentially damages that occur and at the end of the season if nothing is damaged he would get the \$28,000 at the end of the season. That is the incentive to not damage the road and if the road is damaged then obviously he would not get that money back. We feel like this solution has probably multiple partners in the long run and the idea that we are contributing this would be a short-term solution for this year only while we work on a more long term solution over the course of this next year. Dustin Grabau also indicated that the code has outlines for the requirements and this appropriation is intended to address the requirements of the code, otherwise the code will be followed as outlined. This is a one-time grant to a one-time solution to this particular in the road to go from a Forest Service road to a County road and will work with the state on potential funding for long term to this solution. The Council indicated that they are supportive for this and we should approve it. Paul Phillips, the concessionaire, indicated that he appreciated the Council taking some consideration to look into this matter.

Councilman Steve Farrell made a motion that we go ahead and approve the contribution and authorization to plow the Strawberry Marina Road as we have discussed it. Councilman Eric Rowland seconded the motion and the motion carries with the following vote:

**AYE: Chair Spencer Park
AYE: Mark Nelson
AYE: Erik Rowland
AYE: Steve Farrell
AYE: Kendall Crittenden
AYE: Luke Searle
AYE: Vice-Chair Karl McMillan**

NAY: None.

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION #24-19 INCREASES TO THE TAX RELIEF INCOME LIMIT.

Councilman Luke Searle indicated that this is a way for people to be able to stay in their homes, these longtime residents and to look into a tax abatement program, the circuit breaker program. A subcommittee was put together to study this matter. The clerk/auditor's office has helped us along with the treasurer's office to see what this could look like.

These are issues that are resolved. The Council hereby expresses its intent to exercise its authority to provide tax relief to applicants with a gross household income equal to or less than 150 percent of the Tax Relief Income Limit. (Eligible Applicants) To receive this tax relief. Eligible applicants shall submit an application as described in Utah Code Section 59-2-1804 for the council's review and

decision, which shall be entirely at the discretion of the Council. Tax relief hereunder, if granted, shall be in the form of a tax abatement in the same amounts as the indigent abatement defined in Utah Code Section 59-2-1803 and Section 59-2-1804, totaling half of the taxes due or the maximum authorized under the code, whichever is less.

The Council will continue to monitor the programs effectiveness and explore improvements, including outreach and education efforts to inform eligible residents of this tax relief opportunity and assist them in accessing its benefits. This tax relief is hereby granted for subsequent years until amended or repealed by the Council. The income limit for tax relief from \$40,840 to \$61,260.

Councilman Luke Searle indicated that we want to partner with the State of Utah and show them that we are very interested in this but it impacts the rest of the State of Utah as well and whatever they can do to help seniors and longtime residents I think and I don't know maybe they would have a change this year. We hope that this matter is to push the legislature to move forward and more than likely repeal this.

Dustin Grabau indicated that it would be nice if there was an automatic repeal but that you don't have to take proactive step because that will never look good. Councilman Luke Searle indicated that if the state increases their income debt level by more than forty percent. We need to get the resolution ready by then but we certainly don't have it finished and have to get it ready until next September. But ideally we would like to adopt this soon enough that we can put the word out to the public that they are eligible for this. Dustin Grabau indicated that this is a graduated relief and so the more money you make the less relief you get and this would apply proportionately to each of those tiers. This would be for people sixty-six or older.

Councilman Luke Searle indicated that there are some things that I think that we need to continue to work on and this is a baby step I would say and in this resolution it talks about us monitoring this program so that we can see if our efforts not only to change this but also to market it and do our best. We need to let the seniors know that now we have a new income threshold and this along with other programs because we know that this specifically a maximum \$1200 is what you are looking from your property tax if you are eligible for this which is not going to cover it for some people and this is just depending on people's situation and we need to market this and get more people in Wasatch County who are eligible to be able to participate.

Dustin Grabau indicated that do you have direction to see how you would like it amended and what the number is or if you want us to propose revision. Councilman Erik Rowland indicated that the intent is understood right as it presently states so from my perspective that was my only consideration for this as a whole. Councilman Steve Farrell indicated that he is all in favor of this resolution but what happens if we exceed the state's limit how are we going to fund that. Dustin Grabau this becomes just a part of the collection rate of the county and these would be taxes that would not be collected by any of the entities. Councilman Steve Farrell indicated what if we exceed that percentage of the tax rate. Dustin Grabau indicated it wouldn't be any different if you abated any other taxes in different circumstances and gets rolled into that collection rate.

Councilman Luke Searle indicated that we need to thank Diane Burgener, the County Treasurer, for her help in this matter. She will be retiring this year. I am fine in bringing it back and we could do a conditional approval but I am fine bringing it back for us to be able crunch some numbers of maybe our goal would be. Then deciding what that significant increase from the legislature would look like and then after these things we can bring it back.

Councilman Kendall Crittenden that we continue this item Resolution # 24-19 to a later meeting as prepared with the changes and other things that we have talked about. Councilman Erik Rowland seconded the motion and the motion carries with the following vote:

**AYE: Chair Spencer Park
AYE: Mark Nelson
AYE; Erik Rowland
AYE: Steve Farrell
AYE: Kendall Crittenden
AYE: Luke Searle
AYE: Vice-Chair Karl McMillan**

NAY: None.

COUNCIL/BOARD REPORTS

Councilman Luke Searle indicated that he sent an e-mail to you yesterday and being able to use discretionary funding but and mention that my last board report that this year this upcoming January some Wasatch High School students are starting an initiative that has been done in other high schools for years and they call it silver rush and they are calling this one here gold rush where they spent almost month long to raise money for a non-profit from various odd jobs. This year they are raising a non-profit for CAUSE Children Woman's Wasatch Shelter to help children in domestic violence situations. They just need some money for this year to market this. Would the Council be okay allotting \$500 for one time funding for them to be able to market kids to the high school and their community. That would come from the Council's discretionary fund.

Councilman Mark Nelson made a motion that we approve the request for \$500 from the discretionary fund for this Gold Rush Program. Councilman Erik Rowland seconded the motion and the motion carries with the following vote:

**AYE: Chair Spencer Park
AYE: Mark Nelson
AYE: Erik Rowland
AYE: Steve Farrell
AYE: Kendall Crittenden
AYE: Luke Searle
AYE: Vice-Chair Karl McMillan**

NAY: None.

Councilman Kendall Crittenden indicated that he was invited to a meeting this morning with the developer FILO who is developing the STILA and Christensen property. It was a productive meeting kind of interesting meeting. I just wondered why they are asking for a GRAMMA request to see that agreement between STILA and FILO and there was an original two year contract with STILA to develop that and he recently got an extension. We need to see that agreement and know what we are dealing with there. Councilman Steve Farrell indicated that the best thing to do is to call the STILA

Council Kendall Crittenden indicated that the Judge ruled today in support of the County for the school board issue and he is disqualified and it will be a new member but we will need to canvass that election but we have to wait until the Judge sends a written order so we will need to have a short meeting sometime probably first part of next week or the end of next week prior to the end of the year to canvass that one particular issue. This could be a Zoom meeting. The Judge ruled that the county correctly applied state law and he was qualified correctly and the other lost any way so it didn't matter. Director and ask for that agreement. Councilman Mark Nelson indicated that when we had that presentation in the Council meeting it was the STILA representative talked about that this was an affordable housing initiative and the Council thought that was nonsense. That is the question that it is going to happen because it is an affordable housing thing. We need to pin down who the STILA representative is for this district. Councilman Kendall Crittenden indicated that he will follow up on this and see exactly what that agreement is.

Chair Spencer Park indicated that we had our mineral lease hearings this week for the SSD#1 and went ahead and approved those for next year we tried to get in a snow blower into our budget for this year because the snow blower we have isn't running.

Councilman Erik Rowland indicated that he wanted to encourage Councilman Steve Farrell to come back and see us and help us because Councilman Steve Farrell has done a good job and we will really miss him and wish him the best in whatever he does.

Councilman Mark Nelson indicated that Councilman Luke Searle called me and told me that the school board named a new principal for their new high school as well as well as a new high school name which will be Iron Horse High School, home of the Thunder, and the mascot will be a Steam Locomotive.

MANAGER'S REPORT

CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION AND JSPA PLANNING COMMITTEE.

Dustin Grabau, the Wasatch County Manager, indicated that the recent vacancy on the Wasatch

County Planning Commission has been advertised and received X applicants. The applicants were Marian Boscie and Denton Thiede. After conferring with county staff, the people to be reappointed are for the Planning Commission is Scott Brubaker as a regular member. Chuck Zuercher as a regular member and Daniel Lyman who has been an alternate in the Planning Commission be made a regular member. Ray Whitchurch be reappointed to the JSPA Planning Committee as a regular member. There is one person that I want to know if you want to consider as well. We did have an applicant earlier in the year for the alternate members and wondered if you wanted to entertain appointing Christy Claycamp as an alternate in addition to this list as an alternate member to the Planning Commission as well and she lives in old town Midway.

Councilman Steve Farrell made a motion that we go ahead and approve the appointment to the Planning Commission and the JSPA Committee as recommended by the County Manager. Councilman Mark Nelson seconded the motion and the motion carries with the following vote:

**AYE: Chair Spencer Park
AYE: Mark Nelson
AYE: Erik Rowland
AYE: Steve Farrell
AYE: Kendall Crittenden
AYE: Luke Searle
AYE: Vice-Chair Karl McMillan**

NAY: None.

Councilman Karl McMillan made a motion to go into Closed Session. Councilman Luke Searle seconded the motion and the motion carries with the following vote:

**AYE: Chair Spencer Park
AYE: Erik Rowland
AYE: Steve Farrell
AYE: Kendall Crittenden
AYE: Luke Searle
AYE: Vice-Chair Karl McMillan
AYE: Mark Nelson**

NAY: None.

**MINUTES OF THE
WASATCH COUNTY COUNCIL
CLOSED SESSION
DECEMBER 18, 2024**

Chair Spencer Park indicated that there is a need for a closed session to discuss Purchase, Exchange

or Lease of Property or Property Acquisition and immediate pending litigation. The record should show that the Wasatch County Council is meeting in the Wasatch County Council Chambers to discuss Purchase, Exchange or Lease of Property or Property Acquisition in the Wasatch County Administration Building located at 25 North Main, Heber City, Utah 84032.

PRESENT: Chair Spencer Park
Mark Nelson
Erik Rowland
Steve Farrell
Kendall Crittenden
Luke Searle
Vice-Chair Karl McMillan

ALSO PRESENT: Dustin Grabau, Wasatch County Manager
Heber Lefgren, The Assistant Wasatch County Manager
Scott Sweat, the Wasatch County Attorney
Tiarra Cooper, from the Wasatch County Manager's Office
Wendy McKnight, from the Clerk's Office

Dustin Grabau addressed the County Council and others in Closed Session about the Purchase, Exchange or Lease of Property or Property Acquisition and indicted that:

Dustin Grabau then addressed the County Council and others in Closed Session regarding Pending or reasonably imminent litigation.

Councilman Mark Nelson made a motion to come out of the Closed Session and go back in regular session. Councilman Erik Rowland seconded the motion and the motion carries with the following vote:

**AYE: Chair Spencer Park
AYE: Erik Rowland
AYE: Steve Farrell
AYE: Kendall Crittenden
AYE: Luke Searle
AYE: Mark Nelson
AYE: Vice-Chair Karl McMillan**

NAY:

Chair Spencer Park indicated that the time is now 6:00 p.m. which is the time set for the four public hearings that are set this evening. The record should show that all the Wasatch County Council are present. The first public hearing will be concerning the SSA #1.

Councilman Mark Nelson made a motion to go into SSA #1. Councilman Erik Rowland seconded the motion and the motion carries with the following vote:

**AYE: Chair Spencer Park
AYE: Mark Nelson
AYE: Erik Rowland
AYE: Steve Farrell
AYE: Kendall Crittenden
AYE: Luke Searle
AYE: Vice-Chair Karl McMillan**

NAY:

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APPROVAL FOR SSA #1 2025 BUDGET

Board Chair Steve Farrell indicated this is an Enterprise Fund that was set up to handle the project water for the Central Utah Water for Wasatch County. Our budget has pretty much been the same every year. The revenue comes from the leasing of the M&I and agricultural supplemental water. The revenue is \$1,382,000 for projected for the 2025 budget and a portion of that going into our reserve.

Ben Probst, the Financial Officer, for the SSA #1 presented a power point presentation and asked if there were any comments in the proposed 2025 Budget and there was none.

Board Chair Steve Farrell then asked if there was any public comment regarding the SSA #1 proposed 2025 Budget and there was none. So the public comment period was closed.

Motion:

Board Member Spencer Park made a motion that we approve the budget for SSA #1. and Erik Rowland seconded the motion and the motion carries with the following vote:

**AYE: Board Chair Steve Farrell
AYE: Board Member Kendall Crittenden
AYE: Board Member Erik Rowland
AYE: Board Member Luke Searle
AYE: Board Member Karl McMillan
AYE: Board Member Mark Nelson
AYE: Board Member Mark Nelson**

NAY: None.

Board Member Luke Searle made a motion to leave SSA#1 and go back into the regular public hearings that are scheduled for this evening. Board Member Erik Rowland seconded the motion and the motion carries with the following vote:

**AYE: Board Chair Steve Farrell
AYE: Board Member Erik Rowland
AYE: Board Member Mark Nelson
AYE: Board Member Kendall Crittenden
AYE: Board Member Spencer Park
AYE: Board Member Luke Searle
AYE: Board Member Karl McMillan**

NAY: None.

**PUBLIC HEARING
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**DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION #24-20 REGARDING THE
AMENDMENT OF THE 2024 BUDGET.**

Randy Bates, the Wasatch County Financial Officer, presented a power point presentation and then

addressed the Wasatch County Council and indicated that we need a motion approving the amendments of the 2024 budget and the budget amendments are all coming from the third quarter financial report. Randy Bates indicated that we are not increasing the budget beyond what we have revenue to cover and we are not increasing the budget by the \$10.4 million and it is just an exercise. Randy Bates asked if there were any questions and the Wasatch County Council indicated that they have no questions regarding the amendments that have been presented to us.

Public Comment:

Chair Spencer Park then opened the hearing up for public comment and there was none so the public comment period was closed.

Motion:

Councilman Karl McMillan made a motion that we accept the Resolution #24-20 regarding the amendment of the 2024 budget as presented. Councilman Kendall Crittenden seconded the motion and the motion carries with the following vote:

**AYE: Chair Spencer Park
AYE: Mark Nelson
AYE: Erik Rowland
AYE: Steve Farrell
AYE: Kendall Crittenden
AYE: Luke Searle
AYE: Vice-Chair Karl McMillan**

NAY: None.

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DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION #24-21 REGARDING COST-OF-LIVING AND SALARY ADJUSTMENT FOR COUNTY ELECTED AND EXECUTIVE OFFICER POSITIONS.

Heber Lefgren, the Assistant Wasatch County Manager, presented a power point presentation and then addressed the Wasatch County Council and indicated that historically the State Law requires that we hold a public hearing prior to the Council authorizing any change in compensation for elected officials. The document attached and the Resolution outlines the positions that we have identified to be elected. Recent changes in state code now requires us to hold a public hearing for all positions that are considered as an executive level position.

Also the resolution in the whereas section identifies all of those positions that we have identified that we consider to be executive level positions. The new state law also requires us that the public

hearings for this has to be done before we adopt any changes for adopted budget or amend any budget changes. We have included funds to include a 2.5 percent COLA for all positions both elected, appointed and for every position. We also for the non-elected positions we have also included funds to be able to progress those positions through the County's pay table based upon the anniversary date. We are asking today is a motion to approve Resolution #24-21 which authorizes number one a cost of living adjustment of 2.5 percent for all elected and executive positions affective on the first pay period in 2025 and also asking for the Resolution to include the readjustment of wages for all executive positions on the first pay period following their anniversary date to reflect the employee moving up one step within the positions pay grade. Also asking for future recommended changes of non-salary compensation to executive positions as outlined in the 2025 budget as well as giving authority to make future mid-year wage changes to executive positions in accordance with the county's compensation policy and as approved by the County Manager and in consultation with the Human Resource Director. Are there any questions? The County Council indicated that they have no questions regarding this.

Public Comment:

Chair Spencer Park then opened the hearing up for public comment and there was no public comment so the public comment period was closed.

Motion:

Councilman Erik Rowland made a motion that we approve Resolution 24-21 regarding the cost of living and salary adjustments for county offices and executive office positions and include all the things in the presentation which would include a change to the date in the whereas statement to 2025. Councilman Kendall Crittenden seconded the motion and the motion carries with the following vote:

**AYE: Chair Spencer Park
AYE: Vice-Chair Karl McMillan
AYE: Luke Searle
AYE: Kendall Crittenden
AYE: Steve Farrell
AYE: Erik Rowland
AYE: Mark Nelson**

NAY: None.

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**DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION #24-17 REGARDING THE
ADOPTION OF THE WASATCH COUNTY 2025 BUDGET.**

Heber Lefgren, the Assistant Wasatch County Manager, presented a PowerPoint presentation showing the 2025 budget. Chair Spencer Park indicated that the public hearing has been held regarding it but we are going ahead and hold another public hearing again just to make sure before we pass the 2025 budget that it has been fully discussed.

Heber Lefgren indicated that it has been presented this to the County and to the community on multiple occasions in the past and the most recent one two weeks ago where we talked about the changes from the tentative budget to this proposed budget. There are a couple of changes since we last talked namely we did increase funding for and to pay for the snow plowing that we recently agreed to, so we added the funds in there to be off set or funded through the restaurant tax fund. The other change that has been made and it is not tied to the budget but it is tied to the personnel count so in working with the Sheriff's office we realized that we did not recognize two temporary positions or part time positions that we added mid-year in 2024 and this doesn't change the budget but it does change the overall position count by adding two positions to account for those two part time positions which were authorized on mid-year of 2024. What we are requesting and in the past we use this where we have asked you to adopt the budget as well as the personnel count and we are also asking this Resolution includes giving the staff authority to make various changes so we don't keep coming back to you for those changes.

Since the initial discussion of the 2025 tentative budget, minor adjustments in the 2025 budget were made based upon various recommendations provided by Council members, residents, and staff. They include:

1. Adding \$182,000 in onetime expenditures within the General Fund to install an emergency generator at the Senior Center and Library. The majority of this additional cost will be offset by additional one-time revenue associated with a recently approved FEMA grant. The County match portion \$82,000 will be funded through the Capital Improvement Fund.
2. Adding \$50,000 in one-time expenditures within the General Fund to be used to help expedite the updating of the General Plan if needed. This cost will be offset by budgeting for anticipated turnover in 2025.
3. Adding \$45,000 in one-time expenditures to expedite anticipated improvements to Memorial Hill. This cost will be funded through the Council's 2025 discretionary budget and other realized savings anticipated in 2025.

If the 2025 budget were to be adopted with these recommended budget adjustments, the Wasatch County's 2025 all-fund budget would appropriate \$118.87 million in expenditures and authorize 279 positions among 25 county funds as summarized in Attachment A and B. The General Fund, which is the largest of those funds, would include a budget of \$44.5 million with 220 authorized positions.

Heber Lefgren indicated that we need a motion to approve Resolution 24-17 which authorize the adoption of the 2025 Wasatch County budget which includes the appropriation of \$118.97 million among 25 funds as has been outlined in Attachment A, Wasatch County 2025 budget summary and a total authorized position count of 281 positions as outlined within Attachment B Wasatch County authorized position count and also authorizes staff to make limited future adjustments to the 2025 budget as outlined within Resolution #24-17.

Councilman Erik Rowland asked if any budget adjustments are made they should be reviewed at the next Wasatch County Council meeting to make sure there is a transparency opponent that action is disclosed. Heber Lefgren indicated that those budget adjustments need to be reviewed by the Council and will be shown in the quarterly reports regarding what budget adjustments were made and that is if we make them. Dustin Grabau indicated that language could be added to Section No. 4.

The Wasatch County Council indicated that they have no other comments or questions regarding the adoption of the 2025 Budget.

Public Comment

Chair Spencer Park then opened the meeting up for any public comment and there was none so the public comment period was closed.

Motion:

Councilman Kendall Crittenden made a motion that we adopt Resolution #24-17 regarding the adoption of the Wasatch County 2025 budget with the changes that have been indicated in this hearing. Councilman Karl McMillan seconded the motion and the motion carries with the following vote:

**AYE: Chair Spencer Park
AYE: Vice-Chair Karl McMillan
AYE: Luke Searle
AYE: Kendall Crittenden
AYE: Steve Farrell
AYE: Erik Rowland
AYE: Mark Nelson**

NAY: None.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Steve Farrell made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Mark Nelson seconded the motion and the motion carries with the following vote:

**AYE: Chair Spencer Park
AYE: Luke Searle
AYE: Vice-Chair Karl McMillan
AYE: Steve Farrell
AYE: Kendall Crittenden**

AYE: Mark Nelson
AYE: Erik Rowland

NAY: None.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.


SPENCER PARK/CHAIRMAN


JOEY D. GRANGER/CLERK/AUDITOR

