

**MINUTES**  
**WEBER COUNTY COMMISSION**

Tuesday, September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023 – 10:00 a.m.

Via Zoom meeting + at Weber Center, 2380 Washington Blvd., Ogden, UT

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**WEBER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:** Gage Froerer, James "Jim" H. Harvey, and Sharon Bolos  
**STAFF PRESENT:** Ricky Hatch, County Clerk/Auditor; Chris Crockett, Deputy County Attorney; and Craig D. Brandt, of the County Clerk/Auditor's office, who took minutes.

- A. WELCOME:** Chair Froerer
- B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Scott Parke
- C. INVOCATION:** Chris Crockett
- D. THOUGHT OF THE DAY:** Commissioner Bolos: As you know we have been doing a lot of work on the jail bond and the messaging and getting information prepared to go out to the public. We've had some intense meetings. It's been frustrating for some and it's been very emotional and we're still working through that. We had a meeting yesterday morning and one individual called me out of the room and just unleashed everything they were feeling. At the end of the conversation, they said, "I don't expect you to do anything, I just need you to listen." It's important to be there for people when they just need to have a listening ear to get things off their chest to be productive and move forward.

**E. PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE.**

**F. CONSENT ITEMS:**

1. Warrants 8680-8723, #8938-8970, #479127-479252 and #291-292 in the amount of \$2,185,306.17.
2. Purchase orders in the amount of \$222,629.12.
3. Summary of Warrants and Purchase Orders.
4. ACH payment to Zions Bank in the amount of \$116,982.82.
5. Minutes for the meeting held on September 12, 2023.
6. New business licenses.

Commissioner Harvey moved to approve the consent items; Commissioner Bolos seconded.  
Commissioner Harvey – aye; Commissioner Bolos – aye; Chair Froerer – aye

**G. ACTION ITEMS:**

1. **APPROVE RESOLUTION 40-2023 MAKING APPOINTMENTS TO THE RAMP TAX ADVISORY BOARD, THE RAMP TAX RECREATION AND PARKS COMMITTEE AND THE ARTS AND MUSEUMS COMMITTEE.**

Shelly Halacy (Commission Office): It is that time of year again to update RAMP appointees. Requesting Kevin Burns be reappointed to serve a term on the Recreation and Parks Committee and Advisory Board; the term will start October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023 and end September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2026. Requesting Ernie Gonzalez be reappointed to serve a term on the Arts and Museums Committee and Advisory Board; this term will start October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023 and end September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2026. Requesting Korey Green be reappointed to serve a term on the Recreation and Parks Committee and appointed to the Recreation and Parks Advisory Board; this term will start October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023 and end September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2026. Requesting Zachary Thomas be appointed to serve a term on the Recreation and Parks Committee; this term will start October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023 and end September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2026. Requested Lacey Richards be reappointed to serve as Chair of the Advisory Board, Kevin Burns be reappointed to serve as Chair of the Recreation and Parks Committee, and Ernie Gonzalez be appointed as Chair of the Arts and Museums Committee, with all three terms starting on October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023 and ending on September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

Commissioner Bolos moved to approve Resolution 40-2023 making appointments to the RAMP Tax Advisory Board, the RAMP Tax Recreation and Parks Committee and the Arts and Museums Committee; Commissioner Harvey seconded.  
Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Harvey – aye; Commissioner Bolos – aye; Chair Froerer – aye

2. **APPROVE RESOLUTION 41-2023 FOR AN INTERFUND LOAN FROM THE WEBER COUNTY CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND TO CULTURE PARKS AND RECREATION FOR RENOVATIONS OF THE OGDEN ECCLES CONFERENCE CENTER.**

Scott Parke (Comptroller): Some people may wonder why the county is lending money to itself. Counties have funds and each come from a different source of revenue. The Tourism, Recreation, Culture, and Convention (TRCC) Fund supports our Ogden Eccles Conference Center, the Ice Sheet, Golden Spike Event Center, and Parks and Recreation. That fund has taxes levied on restaurants, hotels, and car rentals that support maintenance and operation of convention facilities such as Ogden Eccles Conference Center. The

approximately \$2M leftover each year is usually not enough to cover capital expenses. Waiting 8 or 9 years will only see increases in final cost and we may never catch up to do these repairs. Money in the Capital Projects fund that is earmarked for future projects a few years off can be used now to renovate the OECC and have the loan paid back before the other projects begin. The line of credit would go up to \$11M but we will only lend what they actually need. Tourism Fund will pay off with interest to Capital Fund at cheaper rate than an outside bank. The proposed Resolution will authorize the loan from the Capital Fund to the Parks and Recreation Fund with repayment pledged from the TRCC Fund at a term no longer than 10 years.

Commissioner Harvey: Recently Standard & Poors and Moodys reflected us having two of highest bond ratings in the US. Does this action help us maintain these high ratings?

Mr. Parke: Yes, the more we take care of our own financial needs internally that helps maintain our strong credit rating.

Commissioner Harvey moved to approve Resolution 41-2023 for an Interfund Loan from the Weber County Capital Projects Fund to Culture Parks and Recreation for renovations of the Ogden Eccles Conference Center; Commissioner Bolos seconded.

Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Harvey – aye; Commissioner Bolos – aye; Chair Froerer – aye

## H. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

1. Request for a motion to adjourn public meeting and convene public hearings.

Commissioner Bolos moved to adjourn the public meeting and convene public hearings, 10:16 a.m.; Commissioner Harvey seconded.

Commissioner Harvey – aye; Commissioner Bolos – aye; Chair Froerer – aye

2. Public hearing to consider an applicant initiated ordinance amendment to Section 104-21-3, Manufacturing Zones Land Use Tables, providing for the allowance of “Data Services: Data Centers, Data Warehousing, Data Processing” as a permitted use in the M-T (Manufacturing and Technology) zone, ZTA 2023-05.

Bill Cobabe (Planning): This is a simple line item adjustment. We are adding data services in the M-T and other zoning districts that allow this kind of service. We are excited about the opportunity this presents.

3. Public Comments: None.

4. Request for a motion to adjourn public hearings and reconvene public meeting.

Commissioner Bolos moved to adjourn the public hearings and reconvene public meeting, 10:19 am; Commissioner Harvey seconded.

Commissioner Harvey – aye; Commissioner Bolos – aye; Chair Froerer – aye

5. Action on public hearing:

H2: Approval of an applicant initiated Ordinance 2023-28 amending Section 104-21-3, Manufacturing Zones Land Use Tables, providing for the allowance of “Data Services: Data Centers, Data Warehousing, Data Processing” as a permitted use in the M-T (Manufacturing and Technology) zone, ZTA 2023-05.

Commissioner Harvey moved to approve applicant initiated Ordinance 2023-28 amending Section 104-21-3, Manufacturing Zones Land Use Tables, providing for the allowance of “Data Services: Data Centers, Data Warehousing, Data Processing” as a permitted use in the M-T (Manufacturing and Technology) zone, ZTA 2023-05; Commissioner Bolos seconded.

Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Harvey – aye; Commissioner Bolos – aye; Chair Froerer – aye

## I. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

1. Commissioner Bolos: A ribbon cutting was held last week with Qenergy at our new methane facility. We just got a report today where this is taking place that they are singing the praises of Todd Ferrario. Thank you to Stephanie Russell and Todd and everyone that helped pull that off to make it a great event. I really appreciate that partnership and the County’s willingness to look forward to harvesting methane and for working with a local business.

2. Commissioner Froerer: We hit a home run with this one. There are 30 well sites in that landfill and only three are being used. It's an opportunity for the county to be on the cutting edge for removing methane in our atmosphere. It was brought up what a perfect site that would be for solar power.
3. Commissioner Harvey: It's wonderful to have a local company to capitalize on what is already in the ground out there.

**J. ADJOURN**

Commissioner Bolos moved to adjourn at 10:24 am.; Commissioner Harvey seconded.  
Commissioner Harvey – aye; Commissioner Bolos – aye; Chair Froerer – aye

Attest:

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Gage Froerer, Chair  
Weber County Commission

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Ricky D. Hatch, CPA  
Weber County Clerk/Auditor