

**MINUTES - SPECIAL MEETING  
WEBER COUNTY COMMISSION**

Monday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024 – 6:00 p.m.

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

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**WEBER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:** James "Jim" H. Harvey, Sharon Bolos, Gage Froerer  
**STAFF PRESENT:** Ricky D. 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 Harvey

**B. PUBLIC HEARING:**

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, 6:00 p.m.;  
Commissioner Froerer seconded.  
Chair Harvey – aye; Commissioner Bolos – aye; Commissioner Froerer – aye

2. Public Hearing regarding Proposition 19, R.A.M.P. Tax Renewal being place on the November 2024 General Election ballot.

**Background**

In 2004, residents of Weber County approved a 0.1% sales tax on qualifying purchases to fund botanical, cultural, recreational, and zoological organizations and facilities. This tax, referred to as the Recreation, Arts, Museums, and Parks (RAMP) tax, is authorized under Utah Code Ann. § 59-12-703(4)(a)(i)(B) and can be levied for 10 years. In 2014, Weber County voters renewed the RAMP tax for an additional 10 years, with the current term set to expire.

**Current Proposal**

The Weber County Commission has authorized the submission of an opinion question to voters on the November 5, 2024 general election ballot. The question asks whether the 0.1% sales tax should be renewed for another 10 years to continue funding the RAMP programs.

**Since the RAMP tax's inception in 2004, the average Weber County household has paid about \$12 per year to support parks, recreational spaces, botanical gardens, arts, museums, and Free RAMP Saturdays.**

**What the Tax Funds**

The RAMP tax provides financial support to a wide range of community resources in Weber County, including:

Public parks and recreational spaces, Botanical gardens and cultural institutions, Zoological organizations and facilities.

**Decision for Voters**

Voters will be asked whether they support the renewal of this 0.1% sales and use tax for an additional 10 years. The tax applies to qualifying purchases made within Weber County and is intended to continue supporting the enhancement and maintenance of recreational, cultural, and zoological assets in the community.

For more information please visit: <https://webercountyutah.gov/ramptaxrenewal/index.php>

Shelly Halacy (Commission Office): RAMP is amazing and I'm excited to be the RAMP Director. I had a wedding this weekend where participants from outside of Weber County noted all of the RAMP signs. We have given over \$66.7M in RAMP grants over the last 20 years in RAMP grants. On top of that, we ask applicants to provide a 50% match which many of them are able to do. Over 120 nonprofit organizations and municipalities have been able to create amazing projects and programs in Weber County. I encourage our voters to vote in support of the RAMP tax renewal.

Kevin Burns (RAMP Chair): I have been part of the RAMP board for five or six years now. It's amazing to go around our community to see what has taken place with RAMP funds. I was joking with Commissioner Harvey that this is the only tax I would support a 100% increase.

3. Public Comments:

- a. Sherry Bingham, Hooper City: I have been involved with RAMP in a number of ways. I have helped write grants. It doesn't matter how large or small your project or city are, they are all evaluated with the same consideration. Another way I have seen RAMP's impacts is through the free RAMP Saturdays my grandchildren enjoy. RAMP requires so little of citizens. This is a program that could not be duplicated.
- b. Ken Phippen, Mayor of Farr West City: I was wondering what this County would look like without RAMP. Its impacts are everywhere. Gotta have it!
- c. Sharon Bolos, West Haven: As a former Mayor and Council member in West Haven, I want to speak on how West Haven has enjoyed the benefits of RAMP the entire time I served there. There are cities in our County that do not have that kind of money and they may appreciate RAMP even more than we did. I want to speak in my support of RAMP and hope voters will consider renewing the RAMP tax.
- d. Chris Crockett, Mantua, UT: I have the privilege of being the legal advisor to RAMP. It is a community run program. What they do is miraculous. I seriously admire and want to be a part of Weber County because of the RAMP program and how it improves the quality of life for so many people. I would suggest to the Commission publish list of recipients and large projects that have benefitted from RAMP funding.
- e. Alexis Jackson, Roy, UT: I appreciate Commissioner Froerer's advice to check [vote.utah.gov](http://vote.utah.gov). Recreation, Arts, Museum, and Parks tax benefits everybody in the entire County and the program involves so much. What I love most of all is that it encompasses so many cultures. This tax has funded so many programs. I love when I see a green and white RAMP sign. RAMP is something Weber County should be proud of. I would encourage everyone to do the research to see how it has impacted them.

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

Commissioner Froerer moved to adjourn the public hearings and reconvene public meeting, 6:14 pm;  
Commissioner Bolos seconded.  
Chair Harvey – aye; Commissioner Bolos – aye; Commissioner Froerer – aye

5. Action on public hearing: No action required.

C. ADJOURN

Commissioner Bolos moved to adjourn at 6:19 p.m.; Commissioner Froerer seconded.  
Chair Harvey – aye; Commissioner Bolos – aye; Commissioner Froerer - aye

Attest:

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James H. Harvey, Chair  
Weber County Commission

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Ricky D. Hatch, CPA  
Weber County Clerk/Auditor