

## CACHE COUNTY COUNCIL

December 17, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. - Cache County Chamber at 199 North Main, Logan, Utah.

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chair David Erickson, Vice-Chair Barbara Tidwell, Councilmember Karl Ward, Councilmember Sandi Goodlander, Councilmember Nolan Gunnell, Councilmember Mark Hurd, Councilmember Kathryn Beus.

**MEMBERS EXCUSED:**

**STAFF PRESENT:**

**OTHER ATTENDANCE:**

### Council Meeting

#### 1. Call to Order 5:00p.m. – [0:36](#)

- a. **Opening Remarks and Pledge of Allegiance – [0:54](#)** Councilmember Mark Hurd offered prayer and lead attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance. [2:51](#) Chair Erickson presented Councilmember Karl Ward with a gift and thanked for continued service. [4:27](#) Executive David Zook presented Councilmember Karl Ward a certificate of recognition from the Governor.

- b. **Review and Approval of amended Agenda**

**Action:** [5:14](#) Motion made by Councilmember Kathryn Beus to approve the 2024 Agenda; seconded by Councilmember Mark Hurd.

**Motion passes.**

**Aye:** 7 David Erickson, Barbara Tidwell, Kathryn Beus, Nolan Gunnell, Sandi Goodlander, Karl Ward, Mark Hurd  
**Nay:** 0

#### 2. Public Hearing

- a. **Resolution 2024-30 – Opening the 2024 Budget [5:37](#)** Chair Erickson invited Finance Director Wes Bingham to review. [5:54](#) Wes Bingham explained changes to fund balance and what funds have been moved over to the 2025 Budget. [8:59](#) Wes Bingham noted a request made by Council in a 925-24 meeting that \$1,000 be put towards the UAC's Save Utah land lawsuit. Wes Bingham continued explanation. [15:02](#) Brittany Kingston differentiated between item 21 and item 22. Wes Bingham continued explanation with item 23 and 24. [17:35](#) Councilmember Kathryn Beus asked for clarification on general fund net balance shown; Brittany Kingston and Wes Bingham answered it was a preference of Wes. [19:10](#) Councilmember Sandi Goodlander asked for clarification on general fund bottom line; Brittany Kingston and Wes Bingham responded after tabulation 335 was the general fund bottom line from moving an unearned revenue. [20:34](#) Chair Erickson opened the public hearing and invited public members to speak; no comments made. [21:13](#) Chair Erickson asked Council if there were any other questions. [21:28](#) Councilmember Mark Hurd asked to wait for a total impact result from Brittany Kingston and Wes Bingham. [21:35](#) Councilmember Karl Ward voiced concerns about these changes fixing audit issues; Wes confirmed.

**Action:** [20:54](#) Motion made by Councilmember Karl Ward to close the public hearing; seconded by Councilmember Nolan Gunnell.

**Motion passes.**

**Aye:** 7 David Erickson, Barbara Tidwell, Kathryn Beus, Nolan Gunnell, Sandi Goodlander, Karl Ward, Mark Hurd  
**Nay:** 0

#### 3. Pending Action

- a. **Resolution 2024-30 – Opening the 2024 Budget [45:41](#)** Chair opened for discussion. [45:55](#) Wes Bingham stated the use of fund balance is 1.246 million. [46:04](#) Councilmember Sandi Goodlander asked if that amount was more than

what they anticipated; Wes Bingham answered that amount excluded the capital and ARPA. Council discussed. [46:53](#) Wes Bingham stated the unrestricted fund balance amount used was the 1.246. Wes Bingham suggested a projection for end of 2024 fund balance. Council and Wes discussed.

**Action:** [49:44](#) Motion made by Councilmember Karl Ward to suspend the rules to approve resolution 2024-30 – Opening the 2024 Budget for December; seconded by Councilmember Sandi Goodlander.

**Motion passes.**

**Aye:** 7 David Erickson, Barbara Tidwell, Kathryn Beus, Nolan Gunnell, Sandi Goodlander, Karl Ward, Mark Hurd

**Nay:** 0

- b. **Resolution 2024-28 – Imposing a County Option Sales Tax for Public Safety and Roads** [22:12](#) Chair Erickson opened discourse. [22:42](#) County Attorney Dept. Head Taylor Sorenson provided more context on Utah code; he stated Cache County needed to specify sales tax revenue percentages of what had been received, what had been used, and what the funds were used for. [23:38](#) County Attorney Andrew Crane advised council a motion must be passed to discuss Resolution 2024-28 – Imposing a County Option Sales Tax for Public Safety and Roads.

**Action:** [24:00](#) Motion made by Councilmember Karl Ward for Council to revisit and discuss Resolution 2024-28 – Imposing a County Option Sales Tax for Public Safety and Roads; seconded by Vice-Chair Barbara Tidwell.

**Motion passes.**

**Aye:** 7 David Erickson, Barbara Tidwell, Kathryn Beus, Nolan Gunnell, Sandi Goodlander, Karl Ward, Mark Hurd

**Nay:** 0

[24:23](#) Financial Director Wes Bingham thanked council and began reviewing schedule. Wes showed Council a Sales Tax Resolution spreadsheet. Wes Bingham explained plan to slowly put more funds into transportation over the next 5 years and urged discussion between cities on how much they can contribute. [28:03](#) Chair Erickson turned discussion to Council. [28:42](#) Councilmember Sandi Goodlander proposed to change transportation percentage to begin at 25% as a base in 2025 with the idea to review each year to increase as council would see fit. Council discussed a 25% base in 2025 would throw off the 2025 budget. [30:46](#) Wes Bingham spoke about possibilities to mitigate effects on the 2025 budget. [31:37](#) Councilmember Nolan Gunnell asked when filing time would be to have a full year covered; Wes Bingham answered Council would need to file by October 1<sup>st</sup>. [32:12](#) Wes Bingham suggested for council to review after 6-9months and make changes if need be and confirmed Councils ability to make changes once a quarter. [32:42](#) Councilmember Nolan Gunnell stated support for a 25% change in transportation fund. Council discussed how much it would throw off the budget and possibilities with Wes Bingham. [34:40](#) Kathryn Beus asked for clarification on guidance from the state tax commission. [35:15](#) County Attorney Taylor Sorenson explained state code requires the county to specify the percentage of revenues Cache County receive and what amounts will be allocated to what funds. [35:23](#) Chair Erickson asked when the deadline is; Wes Bingham answered submission needed to be done by January 1<sup>st</sup>. [35:33](#) Councilmember Kathryn Beus asked for clarification and Attorney Taylor Sorenson responded with help from council before Council continued discussion of possibilities. [37:25](#) Councilmember Kathryn Beus stated her support for a 25% change in transportation fund and a 75% for public safety in 2025. [37:41](#) Vice-Chair Barbara Tidwell and Councilmember Karl Ward asked for what dollar amounts would look like. Council discussed with Wes Bingham. [39:59](#) Vice-Chair Barbara Tidwell asked if changes would be put into effect starting April 1, 2025; Wes Bingham confirmed. [40:07](#) Chair Erickson shared thoughts and Wes Bingham reminded Council that Matt Phelps will be presenting a transportation plan soon. [41:47](#) Vice-Chair Barbara Tidwell asked how the proposed change would affect the public safety department; Wes Bingham answered he didn't think it would affect it too much. [42:33](#) Chair Erickson asked if the motion would need to be phrased as an amendment; Wes suggested to amend Resolution 2024-28 – Imposing a County Option Sales Tax for Public Safety and Roads. [43:25](#) Wes Bingham said he will plan on bringing up the possibility for a change in March 2025. Council thanked Wes Bingham and Brittany Kingston. [43:41](#) Chair Erickson noted Council would need to

discuss where to send funds in order to make the best use out of them. [44:04](#) Wes Bingham agreed and suggested council discuss their priorities with department heads to be able to factor needs into future budgets. [44:29](#) Chair Erickson invited a Mr. Gilbert to attend the strategic planning. [45:24](#) Council thanked Attorney Andrew Crane.

**Action:** [42:10](#) Motion made by Councilmember Sandi Goodlander to amend Resolution 2024-28 – Imposing a County Option Sales Tax for Public Safety and Roads and establish 75% for public safety and 25% for transportation roads; seconded by Councilmember Nolan Gunnell.

**Motion passes.**

**Aye:** 7 David Erickson, Barbara Tidwell, Kathryn Beus, Nolan Gunnell, Sandi Goodlander, Karl Ward, Mark Hurd  
**Nay:** 0

**Action:** [44:46](#) Motion made by Councilmember Mark Hurd to amend the language in Resolution 2024-28 to replace the word roads with transportation; seconded by Councilmember Kathryn Beus.

**Motion passes.**

**Aye:** 7 David Erickson, Barbara Tidwell, Kathryn Beus, Nolan Gunnell, Sandi Goodlander, Karl Ward, Mark Hurd  
**Nay:** 0

4. **Closing Remarks**[50:30](#) Chair Erickson thanked everyone involved and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Council discussed.

**Action:** [51:56](#) Motion made by Councilmember Karl Ward to adjourn; seconded by Councilmember Vice-Chair.

**Motion passes.**

**Aye:** 7 David Erickson, Barbara Tidwell, Kathryn Beus, Nolan Gunnell, Sandi Goodlander, Karl Ward, Mark Hurd  
**Nay:** 0

5. **Adjourn** [52:03](#)



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**APPROVAL:** David Erickson, Chair  
Cache County Council



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**ATTEST:** Bryson Behm, Clerk  
Cache County Council

