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THE COPPERTON METRO TOWNSHIP COUNCIL, STATE OF UTAH, MET ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19, 2023, PURSUANT TO ADJOURNMENT ON APRIL 12, 2023, AT THE HOUR OF 6:30 P.M. AT THE BINGHAM CANYON LIONS CLUB, 8725 W HILLCREST ST., COPPERTON, UTAH.

COUNCIL MEMBERS

PRESENT: KATHLEEN BAILEY  
SEAN CLAYTON, Chair  
KEVIN SEVERSON  
DAVE OLSEN  
TESSA STITZER

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: NATHAN BRACKEN, LEGAL COUNSEL  
AMY PITT, DEPUTY CLERK



**Mayor Clayton**, Chair, presided.

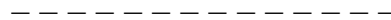


Regular Council Meeting

Community Input

*Recognize Visiting Officials*

**Representative Anthony Loubet** stated he was glad for the opportunity to hear what was happening in Copperton Metro Township.

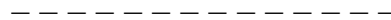


*Citizen Comments*

**Paul Montoya** expressed concern about motorists speeding on his street (Apex Rd.) Multiple residents including children reside on the street.

**Council Member Stitzer** stated the Township might be able to incorporate the installation of a speedbump with the construction of the sewer drain project.

**Mayor Clayton** stated installing a speed feedback sign might also be an option.



*Unified Fire Authority (UFA)*

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**Ed Walden**, UFA, introduced Captain Randy Wilkinson, who planned to retire after the Council meeting. He expressed thanks for being able to serve the community for 27 years and asked for continued support for other fire personnel. Captain Mike Hamilton unexpectedly died; his death was ruled to be in the line of duty. A ceremony was scheduled for the 29<sup>th</sup> of April to honor his life and service. Three stations are scheduled to be completed by summer. There are currently 31 recruits with ten weeks to go.

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*Unified Police Department (UPD)*

**Detective Harry Holt**, UPD stated there were 33 calls for service resulting in 11 cases. There was a shooting last month and the perpetrator was arrested. The suspect is from out-of-town. There was an incident in the park regarding a gun last month and the minors responsible have been identified. UPD is in the process of tracking them down.

**Mayor Clayton** mentioned the possibility of installing a speed feedback sign on Apex Rd. He requested to meet with somebody from UPD in the next few weeks who could help determine where the best location might be.



Council Business

*Approval of Minutes*

There were no minutes to approve.

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*Fiscal Items*

**Mayor Clayton** stated he had previously distributed the attorney bill and asked if there were any questions.

Council Member Bailey, seconded by Council Member Stitzer, moved to approve the bill. The motion passed unanimously.

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*Elections Contract with Salt Lake County*

**Mayor Clayton** stated all future elections will be held at the Lions Club rather than in one of the local churches and asked if all the Council Members had an opportunity to review the contract, which was more or less the same as from years past.

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Council Member Stitzer, seconded by Council Member Severson, moved to approve the contract. The motion passed unanimously.

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*Copperton Law Enforcement Services*

**Council Member Stitzer** stated there was an emergency meeting last week wherein the Council discussed a resolution pertaining to HB 374 and the dissolution of the Unified Police Department (UPD). It also discussed Salt Lake Valley Law Enforcement Service Area (SLVLESA) and different ways to create a taxing authority. The Council decided to hold an additional monthly work session and to form a steering committee comprised of two council members, some citizens, and Rio Tinto. The Council majority did not feel the resolution being considered by some of the other metro townships was a good option for Copperton.

**Mayor Clayton** stated Copperton needs to get in front of the State Legislature with its representatives and request an interim study on whether the metro townships should incorporate or annex into surrounding municipalities. The study would also examine the feasibility of giving metro townships taxing authority. It costs approximately \$350,000 a year to operate Copperton Metro Township, but the township only collects \$140,000 in tax revenue. A lot of extra revenue comes from the unincorporated Salt Lake County taxes.

Mayor Clayton, seconded by Council Member Stitzer, moved to hold a Work Session on the first Wednesday of every month at 6:30 with an anchor location and a virtual option. The meeting would only be used to discuss law enforcement services. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Stitzer, seconded by Mayor Clayton, moved to form a steering committee comprised of Copperton citizens and at least two council members for the purpose of researching law enforcement needs, future taxing authority, and future legislation. The committee shall meet at least once a month. The motion passed unanimously.

**Mayor Clayton** instructed Council members to bring name suggestions to the first work session. He also asked Council members to circulate their suggestions for the Resolution.

Later in the meeting, the Council decided the first Work Session would be held on Tuesday, May 2nd instead of Wednesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> so the meeting could take place before Council Member Olsen meets with the UPD Board.

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*Fireworks Ban for 2023*

**Mayor Clayton** stated there would be no fireworks allowed west of U-111, and this ban was consistent with those from years past. He distributed a letter from Unified Fire Authority.

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*Presentation of Ordinance Updated*

**Curtis Woodward**, Senior Planner, Municipal Services District, delivered a PowerPoint presentation entitled Copperton Metro Township Council: Titles 18 and 19. He reviewed: public meetings; zoning and subdivisions; project purpose; subdivisions table of contents; zoning table of contents; Copperton’s current zoning map; parks and open space; agricultural zones; single-family residential zones; medium-density residential zones; commercial zones; manufacturing zones; mixed-use zones; key changes to the subdivision ordinance; key changes to the specific-use ordinance; potential changes to the specific-use ordinance; key changes to the off-street parking ordinance; key changes to the landscaping ordinance; key changes to the sign ordinance; review and analysis drafting methods; review and analysis rounds of revision; staff findings; planning commission recommendation; and next steps.

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*Coppertonutah.org Update*

**Council Member Stitzer** stated the website, coppertonutah.org, had previously been taken down because it was not compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) due to the pictures on the website not having labels with audio descriptions for the visually impaired. Since taking the website down, she has spent an extensive amount of time working with Maridene Alexander, Communications Manager, Greater Salt Lake Municipal Services District (MSD), to correct all the issues. There is still work to do and there are some additional things she would like to add, but the website is back up and running under the same domain name.

**Mayor Clayton** noted Maridene Alexander was able to learn the platform used by Copperton, GoDaddy, which is substantially less expensive than what the other metro townships use.

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*Committee/Board Updates*

➤ Legislative Research Committee

**Nathan Bracken** stated SB 127 requires local governments to use top level domain names. Council Member Stitzer has spoken with Maridene Alexander at the Municipal Services District about this bill. It requires a change by January 1, 2025.

➤ Bingham Cemetery Board

**Council Member Stitzer** stated the Board needs volunteers. There are a lot of weeds due to the amount of snow this winter and it will be holding a clean-up on Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup>. The biggest challenge will be getting everything done in the shortest amount of time as the equipment will be rented. The Board has invited Rio Tinto to participate, and it would be a great

service project for civic organizations. There was interest in asking the County Public Works and Municipal Services Department to provide or rent a backhoe for the project.

- Copperton Community Council

**Council Member Stitzer** stated she received an update from Rio Tinto earlier today. It is still working on the conveyor belt issues. It is going to start working on dust mitigation, and a report should be forthcoming. She also reminded Rio Tinto to please remove the trees that are lining the park and destroying the park fence. In addition to being a fire hazard, the trees are taking up the parking spots in the park. She also asked Rio Tinto to get a head start on keeping an eye on all other areas around town that could be fire hazards. They discussed flood control and Rio Tinto has completed a study on that. It is monitoring surrounding washes. They discussed Town Days, which will be August 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. The parade will be June 30<sup>th</sup>. Bingo is in full swing.

- Planning Commission

Nothing to report.

#### *Copperton Metro Township Council Member Reports*

- Council Member Clayton

Greater Salt Lake Municipal Services District (MSD)  
Council of Governments (COG)

**Mayor Clayton** stated the most recent meeting was very short. He went to Emigration Canyon to help with the flooding that was occurring. They did not discuss anything about the Unified Police Department (UPD) because the Municipal Services District does not have anything to do with UPD or HB 374. He and Mayor Kelly Bush of Kearns insisted that the thing with UPD be separate. They did discuss the budget.

- Council Member Olsen

Unified Police Department (UPD)  
Salt Lake Valley Law Enforcement Service Area (SLVLESA)

**Council Member Olsen** stated UPD met to discuss HB 374. He did not take notes on any other topic. The Board decided to meet once a month to discuss that topic exclusively and that meeting will occur on the first Wednesday of the month at 9:00 a.m. The Board also wants to hire a general manager to oversee the restructuring. The members agreed Jason Mazuran, Chief of Police, UPD, should be the one to oversee the transition. They feel he would do well in supporting officer retention. It is assumed he will take the role of CEO. The board, minus Council Member Olsen, agreed to band together and support the restructuring process without any desire to examine other options. Mazuran has informally accepted the role and the Board will make a formal vote on the morning of Wednesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Council Member Olsen emailed a memorandum to the Council regarding the details of HB 374, and Harry Souvall, Legal

Counsel, advised this was a confidential document.

As noted in the minutes under *Copperton Law Enforcement Services*, the Council decided to hold its first Work Session on May 2<sup>nd</sup> instead of May 3<sup>rd</sup> so that the meeting can take place before Council Member Olsen returns to meet with UPD.

➤ Council Member Bailey

Unified Fire Authority (UFA)  
Unified Fire Service Area (UFSA)

**Council Member Bailey** stated there was discussion on whether HB 374 would affect UFA, which is different from the Unified Police Department (UPD) because the chief is appointed by the Board rather than being elected. Subsequently, the director does not control funds. There is no conflict of interest and no double taxation. The Board discussed fire school, which the Council members are invited to attend if they wish. The Board also discussed seasonal flood awareness. It is working on its budget for the upcoming fiscal year. UFA wants to maintain a 4-man crew, which will require an increase in user fees. A fee increase would require a tax increase, which would require that the Board go through the Truth in Taxation process. Council Member Bailey advised the Board that Copperton will not support a fee increase, but ultimately, Copperton's vote will not make a difference. It has been a difficult discussion. UFA intends to keep Dominick Spatafora as its lobbyist.

➤ Council Member Stitzer

Wasatch Front Waste and Recycling District (WFWRD)

**Council Member Stitzer** stated she has requested new vouchers. She will pick them up this week. WFWRD will meet this coming Monday. The Board was able to narrow down some ideas for the area cleanup. These will most likely need to be adopted to fit specific municipalities. She does not expect any changes this year. She has been posting WFWRD's monthly newsletter on the Copperton website.

➤ Council Member Severson

Salt Lake County Animal Services

**Council Member Severson** stated there was not much to report. There was one animal impounded and there will be a meeting this coming Thursday.



Other Announcements

*Citizen Comments*

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**Apollo Pazell** spoke against short-term rentals because while they increase property values, they can also result in an increase in crime due to a lack of community engagement. He stated he would send a study conducted by Northwestern University to the members of the Council.

**Joel Brienholt** asked about the status of the storm drain in front of his home.

**Mayor Clayton** stated citizens can request to have storm drains cleaned if there is a concern.

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*Announcements*

There were no announcements.

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THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS to come before the Council at this time, the meeting was adjourned.

LANNIE CHAPAN, METRO TOWNSHIP CLERK

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk

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CHAIR, COPPERTON METRO TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

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