



# Wasatch Hollow Community Council

## Minutes of Meeting of August 24, 2022

### 7:05 pm John Rosswog, WHCC Treasurer

- Called meeting to order
  - Technical difficulties with starting the meeting resolved with support of the City Library
  - Dan Jensen, WHCC First Vice Chair, led the meeting and provided the complete list of announcements later in the meeting
- Provided brief announcements
  - June's minutes (our last meeting) will be for posted for review when our new WHCC site is launched which is expected next month
  - Next month's meeting we will approve the minutes for June and August

### 7:10 pm Hannah Barton, District 6 Community Liaison, Office of the Mayor

- Working with the Transportation Office to put a speed meter radar system on 16th East so drivers can see how fast they are going.
  - Will be put in next week and will go for seven days
  - Will capture traffic going in both directions; that is, southbound and northbound
- Park Ranger program for Salt Lake City parks
  - 18 Park Rangers that will be posted at Jordan Park, Liberty Park, Fairmont Park, and Pioneer Park
  - Educate park users, build relations with community members, and to connect users with resources
  - Fully trained in first aid and de-escalation tactics, and emergency response
- New outreach strategy
  - Monthly will be having office hours at different locations around District 6
  - Goal is to engage community members in the community instead of waiting for members to come to the mayor's office
  - Will connect people with the WHCC in an effort to increase participation and engagement
  - Held a session at Emigration Market and happy to take suggestions of where to have office hours in District 6
- Question: What is the possibility of speed bumps on 16th (comparable to 15th East)?
  - There are a lot of traffic calming projects going on Salt Lake City, but not involving Wasatch Hollow. It is all based off of data (crashes and speeding) and there are currently more pressing areas around the City that that are being addressed.
- Question: What is the latest on the 20 MPH initiative in Salt Lake City?
  - It will take time, but the City is currently going in and replacing all streets currently at 25 MHP
  - Hannah will check to see if the radar signs will be changed as well

### **7:17 pm Detective Samuel Fallows Salt Lake Police Department Report**

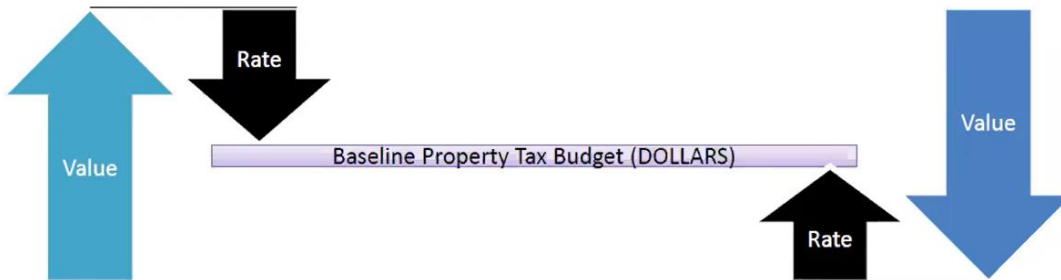
- Contact Info: [samuel.fallows@slcgov.com](mailto:samuel.fallows@slcgov.com), 801-799-3625, [www.slcpd.com/community-engagement/community](http://www.slcpd.com/community-engagement/community)
- Pulled the Wasatch Hollow crime stats for the last for June and July (they are available to everyone on the SLCPD website at [www.slcpd.com/open-data/crimestatistics](http://www.slcpd.com/open-data/crimestatistics))
  - June 15 total crimes (larceny and thefts 7, domestic violence 3)
    - National Domestic Violence Hotline, Hours: 24/7, 800-799-7233
  - July 13 total crimes (larceny and thefts 9)
    - Park your cars in the garage, put belongings away, and lock up
    - Report minor issues (can be used to report illegal camping, speeders, tips) on the Salt Lake City App (this does not replace a police report, which can be done online at the following link: [www.slcpd.com/resources/online-report](http://www.slcpd.com/resources/online-report))
    - Register Bicycle: [www.slcpd.com/bike-registration](http://www.slcpd.com/bike-registration)
    - Information on Speeding Issues: [www.slcpd.com/community-engagement/speedwatchslc](http://www.slcpd.com/community-engagement/speedwatchslc)

### **7:23 pm Chris Stavros, Salt Lake County Assessor, Property Assessments and Taxes**

- As assessor for the county, is responsible to value all properties at fair market value as of January 1st
- To provide an idea of the scope the Assessor covers, 381,601 parcels of land were valued this year
- Big increases in property values over the past year:
  - 28.7% for residential properties county-wide median increase
  - 11.8% for commercial properties county-wide median increase
  - Value increases are in line with what the Multiple Listing Services (MLS)
  - For residential properties, uses multiple regression models, whereas, commercial property valuation uses income models along with multiple-regression modeling
  - Regulatory overlook like by the State Tax Commission
- September 15th last day to make a challenge on the valuation of your property
- Information on why property taxes increase:
  - In most cases, taxes did not increase because valuation increased because there is truth-in-taxation laws that make it so when property valuations go up the tax rate drops accordingly in order to achieve a stated level of taxes collected.
  - 2018 pass house bill (HB) 293, Education bill, there is a rate floor and the rate could not drop enough to match offset the property valuation increase.
  - There are 23 public entities going through the truth-in-tax process asking for increases in funding, thus increases in taxes (the public can attend these meetings to voice their concerns).
  - Since residential values increased so much more than commercial values, this shifted the market and caused a little increase in taxes.
- Question: Valuation notices public records or private records?
  - Assessment of the property value is public
  - Sales and lease information is just communicated to the owner
- Question: Why the assessment value falls outside the median range when there were no changes to the property?
  - More market data and sales info in the neighborhood
  - Review the properties every 5 years and property characteristics change
    - Unfinished basement to finished basement
    - Had the incorrect square footage

- Overview of Truth In Taxation:

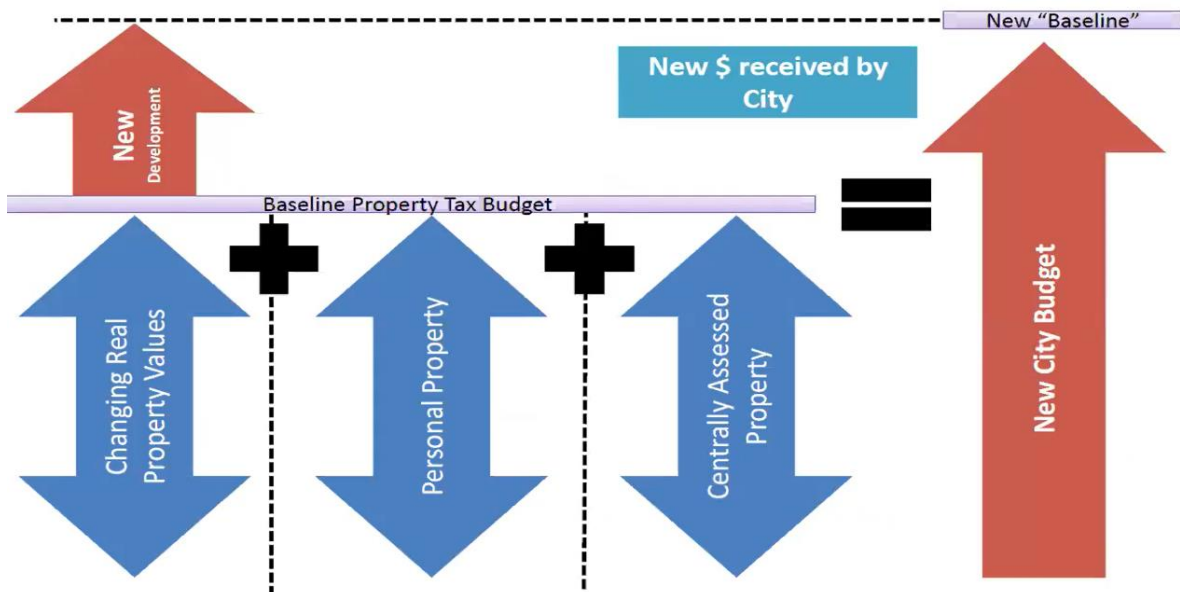
## Truth In Taxation



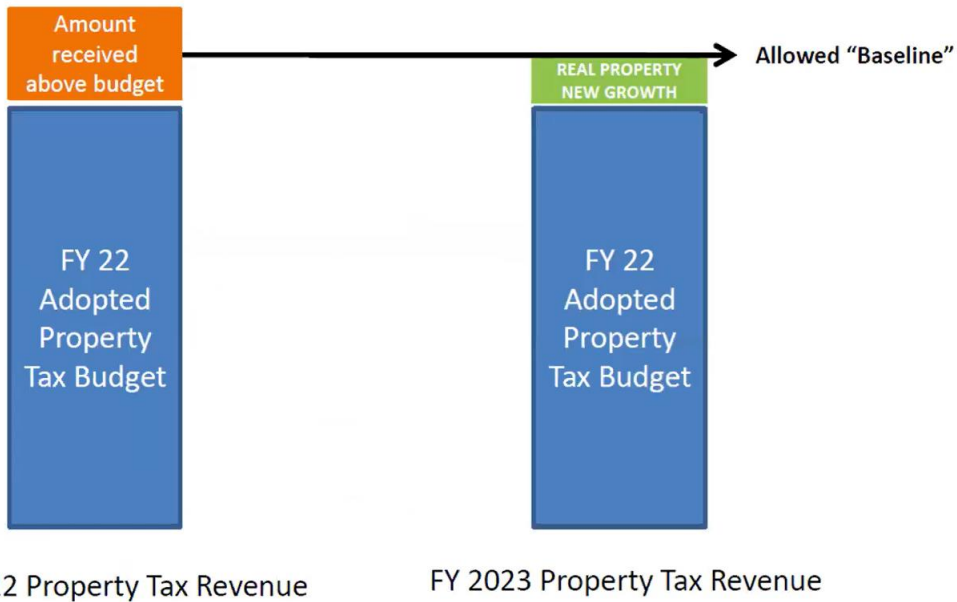
Holds constant the **dollar amount** of property taxes that an entity receives, **regardless of changes in property values**

- City gets tax revenue from the following three types of property:
  - Real Property (e.g., a house, land)
  - Personal Property (e.g., a boat, car, planes, machine)
  - Centrally Assessed Property (e.g., mines, utilities)

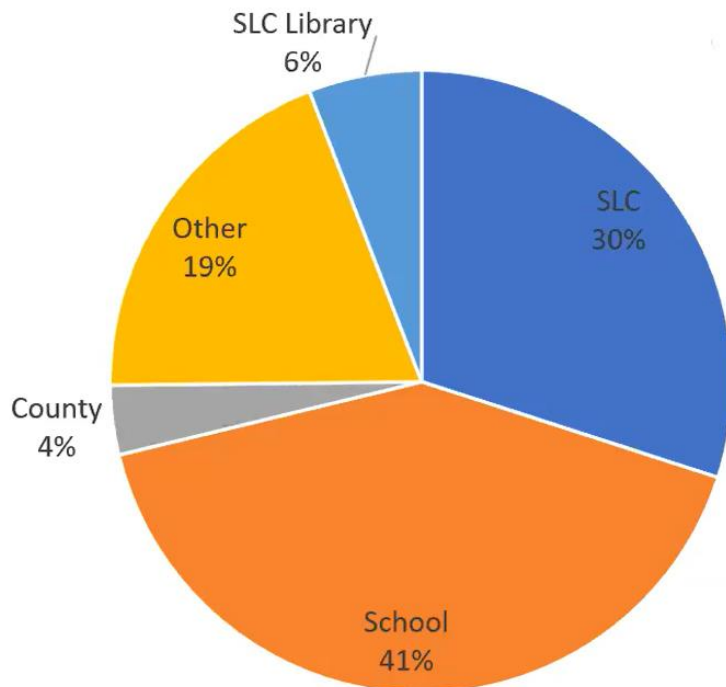
## New Growth



- With Property Tax Stabilization & Proposed Increase:



- 2023 Property Tax Proposals for a total of \$10.1 million (approximately a 10% increase):
  - General Property Tax for City Operations: \$4.4 million
  - Property Tax Stabilization: \$2.0 million
  - Legal Fund: \$3.7 million
- Percentage Breakdown of Property Tax Bill:



- Question: Why are the tort liabilities high?
  - SLC is self-insured and needs a fund to cover litigation
  - First year to implement this fund
- Question: Primary increases in operations for the City?
  - 4% inflation expense increase factor
  - Pay raise for City employees (3,400 total employees)

#### **8:00 pm Councilman Dan Dugan, District 6 City Council Report**

- Park Range Program kicked off on 8/24/2022
- \$85 million general obligation bond to voters this fall on the ballot for Parks & Open Spaces
- Use the Salt Lake City app to report issues and fill out police reports when needed
- Question: How much help has the City gotten from the state for helping with homeless services?
  - \$2.57 million from the state
  - Could use more money for affordable housing and homeless services

#### **8:04 pm Lannie Chapman, Candidate for Salt Lake County Clerk**

- Working in Sherry Swensen's office since 2019
  - Equal access to the ballot
  - Has successfully run 8 elections
- Website: [www.lannieforclerk.com](http://www.lannieforclerk.com)
- Contact info: [lannieforclerk@gmail.com](mailto:lannieforclerk@gmail.com)
- Question: Concerns about threats to our voting process?
  - Have not seen the issues locally that have happened nationally, but there still have been threats to voting locally that have been reported to law enforcement
  - Best way to counter threats is to make sure to vote

#### **8:07 pm Dan Jensen, WHCC First Vice Chair, Announcements**

- The Council is still looking for a volunteer to fill the vacant Secretary position for the remainder of the term, which runs through February. Anne and John have been filling in, while also fulfilling their other duties as Board members. The Secretary position is a member of the Board and thus contributes to everything we do. Please consider volunteering.
- The City has reduced the speed limit on residential streets to 20 MPH. A temporary sign is being installed on 16th East that will show the new speed limit and show drivers how their speed compares to the speed limit. We hope this will help to reduce speeding through our neighborhood.
- The WHCC website is being updated and should be available in the next month. The aim is for the new site to be a vast improvement for sharing information about our activities.
- Based on the Council's June meeting discussion on the City's Affordable Housing initiative, the Council sent a list of questions to the City and received a response back. The response is available if anyone is interested. We'll post it on the new website when it is functioning. The Board's view is that we should not take any further action on the Initiative until the City releases the next version of their proposal for public comment.
- The September WHCC meeting will be held at Anderson-Foothill Library from 6:30 to 8:00. This will be our first in-person meeting since the start of the pandemic, and we're looking forward to seeing everyone "in the flesh" at long last. Decisions on the venue for future meetings - in-person or via Zoom - will be considered based in part on the turnout in September.
- Garden Open House will take place on Saturday, September 24th. More details to be announced.

### **8:15 pm Wasatch Hollow Community Council Subcommittee Updates**

- Steve Osborn, Off-Leash Dogs at Wasatch Hollow Park:
  - Survey link: <https://survey123.arcgis.com/share/062f9e9d4da64245a37e74ce47d2de69>
  - Need input from as many people as possible on this survey
  - New signs will be put up to emphasize the off-leash hours
  - Question: Has fencing in part of the park been considered?
    - It is an option and recommended to put feedback on survey
  
- Dan Jensen, Community Garden
  - Clark and Bill putting in a ton of volunteer time to keep up the garden with fresh vegetables, flowers, eggs, and honey
  - Recommended to go check out the garden (Open House on September 24th)

The meeting was adjourned at 8:27 pm.

*Minutes prepared by John Rosswog and submitted 9/25/2022*