

MINUTES OF THE SALT LAKE CITY COUNCIL  
Tuesday, January 21, 2025

**PENDING MINUTES – NOT APPROVED**

The City Council of Salt Lake City, Utah, met in Formal Session on Tuesday, January 21, 2025.

**The following Council Members were present:**

Alejandro Puy, Chris Wharton, Daniel Dugan, Darin Mano, Sarah Young, Victoria Petro, Eva Lopez Chavez

**Present Legislative Leadership:**

Jennifer Bruno – Executive Director, Lehua Weaver – Deputy Director

**Present Administrative Leadership:**

Mayor Erin Mendenhall, Rachel Otto – Chief of Staff, Jill Love – Chief Administrative Officer

**Present City Staff:**

Mark Kittrell – Acting City Attorney, Cindy Lou Trishman – Acting City Recorder/Deputy Director of Operations and Administration, DeeDee Robinson – Minutes & Records Clerk, Thais Stewart – Deputy City Recorder, Taylor Hill – Constituent Liaison/Policy Analyst, Scott Corpany – Staff Assistant, Austin Kimmel – Public Policy Analyst, Keith Reynolds – Deputy Recorder

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm.

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**A. OPENING CEREMONY:**

1. Council Member Chris Wharton will conduct the formal meeting.
2. Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Welcome and Public Meeting Rules.
4. The Council will approve the work session meeting minutes of December 3, 2024.

**Motion:**

**Moved by Council Member Mano, seconded by Council Member Petro to approve the work session minutes of December 3, 2024.**

**AYE:** Chris Wharton, Daniel Dugan, Darin Mano, Sarah Young, Eva Lopez Chavez, Victoria Petro

**ABSENT:** Alejandro Puy

**Final Result:** 6 – 0 Pass

5. Recognition of Cindy Gust-Jenson for her service as Executive Director from February 1989 to January 2025.

**Motion:**

**Moved by Council Member Petro, seconded by Council Member Lopez Chavez to adopt Joint Resolution 1 of 2025, recognizing Cindy Gust-Jenson for her service as Executive Director from February 1989 to January 2025.**

**AYE:** Alejandro Puy, Chris Wharton, Daniel Dugan, Darin Mano, Sarah Young, Eva Lopez Chavez, Victoria Petro

**Final Result:** 7 – 0 Pass

Council Member Wharton read the Resolution.

Council Members Young, Dugan, Mano, Lopez Chavez, Puy, Petro, and Wharton shared words of appreciation, fond memories, and thanked Cindy Gust-Jenson for her guidance, knowledge, and friendship.

Mayor Mendenhall shared her appreciation for Cindy's guidance and friendship and spoke to her long-standing knowledge of City operations being invaluable.

Jennifer Bruno spoke to Cindy's history in the Council Office, wealth of knowledge, and provided details of the gift bestowed to Cindy for her service to the City.

**B. PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

1. **Ordinance: Library Budget Amendment No.1 for Fiscal Year 2024-25**  
The Council will accept public comment and consider adopting an ordinance that would amend the budget for the Library Fund for Fiscal Year 2024-25. Budget amendments

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happen several times each year to reflect adjustments to the City's budgets, including proposed project additions and modifications. The proposed amendment includes re-appropriating \$190,000 in the Library's FY25 budget from unused employee benefits to help pay for the Main Library roof renovation project.

**FYI – Project Timeline:** (subject to change per Chair direction or Council discussion)

Briefing - Tuesday, January 7, 2025

Set Public Hearing Date - Tuesday, January 7, 2025

Hold hearing to accept public comment - Tuesday, January 21, 2025 at 7 p.m.

TENTATIVE Council Action - Tuesday, February 4, 2025

Staff Recommendation - Refer to motion sheet(s).

**Motion:**

**Moved by Council Member Dugan, seconded by Council Member Young to close the public hearing and adopt Ordinance 6 of 2025, amending the Fiscal Year 2025 final budget of the Salt Lake City Library only for the item shown on the motion sheet.**

- **Library Budget Amendment No. 1 for Fiscal Year 2024-25: Reallocating \$190,000 in the Library's FY25 budget from employee benefits and transferring those funds to capital projects to fund the roof renovation project.**

**AYE:** Alejandro Puy, Chris Wharton, Daniel Dugan, Darin Mano, Sarah Young, Eva Lopez Chavez, Victoria Petro

**Final Result:** 7 – 0 Pass

Austin Kimmel provided a brief introduction to the budget amendment.

*There were no public comments.*

**C. POTENTIAL ACTION ITEMS:**

**1. Ordinance: City-wide Text Amendment for Gas Station Standards**

The Council will consider adopting an ordinance that would amend various sections of Title 21A of the *Salt Lake City Code* pertaining to the minimum distances that any gas station can be from a river, stream, or other water body, a park, or open space area over a certain size. The proposal would establish more stringent zoning standards for any gas station that is located in the secondary groundwater recharge area of the City and prohibit new gas stations that do not meet the proposed standards regardless of whether they are permitted or conditioned land use in an allowable zoning district. Petition No.:PLNPCM2023-00260.

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For more information visit <https://tinyurl.com/GasStationTA>.

**FYI – Project Timeline:** (subject to change per Chair direction or Council discussion)

Briefing - Tuesday, August 27, 2024

Set Public Hearing Date - Tuesday, August 27, 2024

Hold hearing to accept public comment - Tuesday, September 17, 2024 and Tuesday, October 1, 2024 at 7 p.m.

TENTATIVE Council Action - Tuesday, January 21, 2025

Staff Recommendation - Refer to motion sheet(s).

**Motion:**

**Moved by Council Member Dugan, seconded by Council Member Mano to adopt Ordinance 7 of 2025 for City-wide Text Amendment for Gas Station Standards.**

**AYE:** Alejandro Puy, Chris Wharton, Daniel Dugan, Darin Mano, Sarah Young, Eva Lopez Chavez, Victoria Petro

**Final Result:** 7 – 0 Pass

**D. COMMENTS:**

1. Questions to the Mayor from the City Council.

*There were no questions.*

2. Comments to the City Council. (This is a one-hour time slot for the public to comment on any City business not scheduled for a public hearing. Each person will have two minutes to talk. General comment registration closes at 7:30 p.m.)

**Cheneil Hill** spoke regarding child abuse within religious institutions, called on the Council to take action, demand transparency in abuse reporting and hold institutions accountable.

**Enri Marini** spoke to the criminal activities and abuse of children committed by religious institutions.

**Cindy Cromer** shared fond memories of Cindy Gust-Jenson.

**Jihad Al-Ali** spoke regarding the safety of children in Utah and to concerns regarding the community.

**Max Corwin** spoke of concerns regarding the SkiJoring event coming to Downtown in

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the upcoming weeks; being dangerous and cruel to the horses and humans involved in the sport and should be prohibited on City property.

**Mona M.** spoke to abuse against children within the Church of Scientology.

**E. NEW BUSINESS:**

**1. Advice and Consent: City Recorder – Keith Reynolds**

The Council will consider approving the appointment of Keith Reynolds as the City Recorder.

**FYI – Project Timeline:** (subject to change per Chair direction or Council discussion)

Briefing - Tuesday, January 21, 2025

Set Public Hearing Date - n/a

Hold hearing to accept public comment - n/a

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Staff Recommendation - Suspend the rules and consider motions.

**Motion:**

**Moved by Council Member Dugan, seconded by Council Member Young to appoint Keith Reynolds as City Recorder.**

**AYE:** Alejandro Puy, Chris Wharton, Daniel Dugan, Darin Mano, Sarah Young, Eva Lopez Chavez, Victoria Petro

**Final Result:** 7 – 0 Pass

**F. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**1. Ordinance: Consolidated Fee Schedule Amendment Regarding Rate Stabilization Fees**

The Council will consider adopting an ordinance amending the City's Consolidated Fee Schedule. The amendment clarifies that the Rate Stabilization Fee waiver applies retroactively to July 1, 2024. This retroactive fee waiver applies only to customer water and sanitary sewer accounts with continuous non-use for 18 months or longer.

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**FYI – Project Timeline:** (subject to change per Chair direction or Council discussion)

Briefing - n/a

Set Public Hearing Date - n/a

Hold hearing to accept public comment - n/a

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Staff Recommendation - Refer to motion sheet(s).

**Motion:**

**Moved by Council Member Dugan, seconded by Council Member Lopez Chavez to adopt Ordinance 8 of 2025, amending the Consolidated Fee Schedule related to the stabilization fee in the water and sanitary sewer utilities.**

**AYE:** Alejandro Puy, Chris Wharton, Daniel Dugan, Darin Mano, Sarah Young, Eva Lopez Chavez, Victoria Petro

**Final Result:** 7 – 0 Pass

**G. CONSENT:**

**1. Ordinance: Alley Vacation at Approximately 373 West American Avenue**

The Council will set the date of Tuesday, February 4, 2025 at 7 p.m. to accept public comment and consider adopting an ordinance that would vacate a City-owned alley situated adjacent to properties located at approximately 373 West American Avenue. The proposal would close the alley to public use and allow the property owner of three of the four adjacent properties to potentially redevelop this site (the other adjacent property owner also supports the alley vacation.) The alley cannot be used as a mid-block connection because the 900 South viaduct is directly to the south. Located within Council District 5. Petitioner: Jarod Hall. Petition No.: PLNPCM2023-00636.

**FYI – Project Timeline:** (subject to change per Chair direction or Council discussion)

Briefing - Tuesday, January 7, 2025

Set Public Hearing Date - Tuesday, January 21, 2025

Hold hearing to accept public comment - Tuesday, February 4, 2025 at 7 p.m.

TENTATIVE Council Action - Tuesday, February 18, 2025

Staff Recommendation - Set date.

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**2. Ordinance: Budget Amendment No.3 for Fiscal Year 2024-25**

The Council will set the date of Tuesday, February 4, 2025 at 7 p.m. to accept public comment and consider an ordinance amending the final budget of Salt Lake City, including the employment staffing document, for Fiscal Year 2024-25. The proposed amendment includes infrastructure development on the Fleet Block, several vehicles for various City operations, including a Justice Bus (mobile courtroom), and protecting the Great Salt Lake watershed, among other items.

For more information visit [tinyurl.com/SLCFY25](https://tinyurl.com/SLCFY25).

**FYI – Project Timeline:** (subject to change per Chair direction or Council discussion)

Briefing - Tuesday, January 21, 2025

Set Public Hearing Date - Tuesday, January 21, 2025

Hold hearing to accept public comment - Tuesday, February 4, 2025 at 7 p.m.

TENTATIVE Council Action - Tuesday, February 18, 2025

Staff Recommendation - Set date.

**3. Board Appointment: Housing Authority of Salt Lake City – Darin Mano**

The Council will consider approving the appointment of Darin Mano to the Housing Authority of Salt Lake City for a term ending January 21, 2029.

**FYI – Project Timeline:** (subject to change per Chair direction or Council discussion)

Briefing - n/a

Set Public Hearing Date - n/a

Hold hearing to accept public comment - n/a

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Staff Recommendation - Approve.

**4. Board Reappointment: Business Advisory Board – Alfonso Brito**

The Council will consider approving the reappointment of Alfonso Brito to the Business Advisory Board for a term ending December 31, 2029.

**FYI – Project Timeline:** (subject to change per Chair direction or Council discussion)

Briefing - n/a

Set Public Hearing Date - n/a

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Hold hearing to accept public comment - n/a  
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Staff Recommendation - Approve.

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**Motion:**

**Moved by Council Member Mano, seconded by Council Member Lopez Chavez to approve Consent Agenda items G2 and G4.**

**AYE:** Alejandro Puy, Chris Wharton, Daniel Dugan, Darin Mano, Sarah Young, Eva Lopez Chavez, Victoria Petro

**Final Result:** 7 – 0 Pass

**Motion:**

**Moved by Council Member Young, seconded by Council Member Dugan to approve Consent Agenda item G3.**

**AYE:** Alejandro Puy, Chris Wharton, Daniel Dugan, Sarah Young, Eva Lopez Chavez, Victoria Petro

**RECUSED:** Darin Mano

**Final Result:** 6 – 0 Pass

**Minutes:**

Item G1 was removed from the Consent Agenda and Council Member Mano was recused for Item G3.

**H. ADJOURNMENT:**

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Meeting adjourned at 7:59 pm.

Minutes Approved:

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City Council Chair – Chris Wharton

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City Recorder – Keith Reynolds

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