

MINUTES OF THE SALT LAKE CITY COUNCIL
Tuesday, March 4, 2025

PENDING MINUTES – NOT APPROVED

The City Council of Salt Lake City, Utah, met in Work Session on Tuesday, March 4, 2025.

The following Council Members were present:

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

Present Legislative leadership:

Jennifer Bruno – Executive Director, Lehua Weaver – Deputy Director, Nick Tarbet- Deputy Director

Present Administrative leadership:

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

Present City Staff:

Mark Kittrell – City Attorney, Keith Reynolds – City Recorder, Michelle Barney – Minutes & Records Clerk, Taylor Hill – Constituent Liaison/Policy Analyst, Scott Corpany – Staff Assistant, Brian Fullmer – Constituent Liaison, Policy Analyst, Nick Norris – Planning Director, Andrew Johnston – Director of Homelessness Policy and Outreach, Allison Rowland – Public Policy Analyst, Julie Crookston – Deputy Director of Public Services, John Wells – Public Utilities - Hydrologist, Laura Briefer – Public Utilities Director, Peter Makowski – Economic Development Manager, Nannette Larsen – Senior Planner, Weston Clark – Mayor's Senior Advisor, Amy Thompson – Planning Manager, Noah Elmore – Associate Planner, Austin Kimmel – Public Policy Analyst, William Wright – Economic Development Project Manager, Lynn Jacobs – Transportation Engineer VII, Jordan Smith – Compliance Division Director

The meeting was called to order at 2:07 pm

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Work Session Items

1. Informational: Updates from the Administration ~ 2:00 p.m.
15 min.

The Council will receive information from the Administration on major items or projects in progress. Topics may relate to major events or emergencies (if needed), services and resources related to people experiencing homelessness, active public engagement efforts, and projects or staffing updates from City Departments, or other items as appropriate.

Weston Clark presented department project and activity updates.

Andrew Johnston provided an update regarding homeless services for Salt Lake City.

Council Members and Andrew Johnston discussed constituent concerns regarding increased criminal activity in Cottonwood Park.

2. Mayor's Recommendations: Fiscal Year 2025-26 for One-year Action Plan for Community Development Block Grant & Other Federal Grants ~ 2:15 p.m.
30 min.

The Mayor will present recommendations to the Council regarding proposed Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding, Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) funding, Home Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) funding, and Housing Opportunities for Persons with Aids (HOPWA) funding budgets.

Mayor Mendenhall stated an in-depth presentation of the plan would be provided during the formal meeting and provided a summary of the One-year Action Plan and grants.

Jennifer Bruno reviewed the plan's schedule for review/approval and asked Council Members to email any questions to Council Staff.

3. Ordinance: Yalecrest-Upper Yale Local Historic District ~ 2:45 p.m.
20 min.

The Council will receive a briefing about a proposal that would amend the zoning map to apply the H-Historic Overlay District, establishing the Yalecrest - Upper Yale Local Historic District. The district would include 24 homes at approximately 1802 to 1885 East Yale Avenue, along both sides of Yale Avenue. The proposal would also update the 2005 Yalecrest Reconnaissance Level Survey. Local Historic Districts are designed to maintain the historic character of a neighborhood by protecting historic features and preventing out-of-character alterations. The properties are located in Council District 6. Petitioner: Patricia Goede.

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For more information visit tinyurl.com/HistoricDistrictsSLC.

Brian Fullmer provided a brief overview of the Ordinance.

Nannette Larsen presented the application and process for designating a historic district.

Council Members, Nick Norris, Amy Thompson, and Nannette Larsen discussed:

- Delays in the application process due to the contributing status/historic designation of three homes
- Justification for designating small historic districts and whether districts were ever combined
- Benefits and effects of designating historic districts for residents and the City
- Potential impacts of the proposed R-1 zoning changes on historic districts
- The process for designating historic districts, who could initiate petitions for designation and options for designating districts across the city
- Whether historic designations supported/assisted with affordability issues in the city
- Number of duplexes or accessory dwelling units (ADUs) in the proposed district and other historic districts in the city
- Whether zoning requirements allowed for ADUs to be constructed in historic districts
 - Historic districts did not prevent the construction of ADUs however, property size and base zoning requirements were taken into consideration before approval
- Issues with the current process that hindered individuals from initiating historic districts, the need for the City to outline its goals regarding the creation of historic districts, and options for the City to support underserved neighborhoods in the designation process

4. Ordinance: Permitting Outdoor Theaters in Commercial Districts

~ 3:05 p.m.

20 min.

The Council will receive a briefing about an ordinance amending various sections of Title 21A of the *Salt Lake City Code* relating to Outdoor Theaters in Commercial Districts. The proposal would permit live performance theaters, either indoor or outdoor, within the CG (General Commercial) District and other districts that may be appropriate based on intensity, scale, and location. Currently, only indoor live performance theaters are permitted. Other sections of Title 21A may also be amended as part of this petition.

Noah Elmore presented the proposal.

Council Members, Nick Norris and Noah Elmore discussed:

- Whether City code addressed fire code for temporary structures
- Buffer zone measurements
- Impacts to residential areas and mitigation of noise levels

5. Informational: Water and Snowpack Report ~ 3:25 p.m.
20 min.

The Council will receive a briefing from the Department of Public Utilities about the status of water runoff, snowpack and water supply projections.

Laura Briefer introduced the report.

John Wells presented the report.

Council Members, Laura Briefer, and John Wells discussed:

- The importance of encouraging residents to conserve water to protect Utah's water supply for the future
- Programs available to assist residents with irrigation system use
- Federal funding impacts on programs/staffing and the potential for addressing impacts in the 2026 budget
- Impacts of climate change on long-range plans
- 2025 wildfire mitigation plans
- HB 81 regarding the removal of fluoride in City water, the potential effects on residents, and the process of notifying the public

6. Ordinance: Economic Development Loan Fund - Cold Plunge Coffee, LLC. ~ 3:45 p.m.
5 min.

The Council will receive a briefing about an ordinance that would approve a \$100,000 loan for Cold Plunge Coffee, LLC. at 475 East 300 South from the Economic Development Loan Fund (EDLF). Cold Plunge Coffee, LLC. offers craft coffee and cold plunges or cold-water immersion therapy. This loan will assist in the creation of nine new jobs in the next year and the retention of one current job.

Austin Kimmel provided a brief overview of the Ordinance.

Council Members, Peter Makowski and William Wright discussed:

- Positive public appeal of cold plunge businesses
- The positive effects EDLF was having in assisting businesses throughout the city

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7. Tentative Break ~ 3:50 p.m.
20 min.

8. Informational: Initial Citywide Parking Policy Discussion ~ 4:10 p.m.
20 min.

The Council will receive a briefing from a group of three Administration department representatives about proposals for updates to Citywide parking policy. The group requests Council discussion and guidance in the early stage of designing these potential parking policy changes, since they may lead to some significant changes.

Allison Rowland provided a brief overview of the Ordinance.

Julie Crookston and Lynn Jacobs presented the proposed policy.

Council Members, Julie Crookston, Jordan Smith and Lynn Jacobs discussed:

- Distribution of the fee structure for the city and the amount of revenue generated from parking meters
- Options for using parking meters as a central point for information and advertising
- Moving toward a “smart city” in terms of parking
- Options for installing parking meters in the Fairpark/surrounding neighborhoods to address event parking
- Options for 45-degree angle parking, pay by license plate instead of by space, reverse instead of forward parking
- Encouraging people to use public transportation to alleviate parking needs
- Preventing semi-trucks from parking, idling, and staying overnight on streets on the Westside due to the Inland Port
- City’s parking footprint, accessibility, pay structure, citation structure, and what triggers a citation to be issued
- Next steps for the proposal
- Options for reducing the number of parking meters in the city
- Whether long-term parking times correlated to the citation concerns from the public
- City systems/Apps to assist visitors with parking availability

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Straw Polls

Item #2. Event Impacts

Support for Option A: Create a new Event Parking Management program to manage these areas, starting with the Fairpark area, followed by the University neighborhood. Supported by all Council Members present.

Item #1. Meter Fee Structure Issues

Support for Option A: Extend active metering to include evenings and Saturdays, Option B: Increase the meter rate, and Option C: Create Flexible Time and Variable Pricing Zones based on demand. Supported by all Council Members present.

Item #3. Delivery Service Impacts

Support for creating a hybrid option between Options B and C and separating delivery from rideshare uses in the ordinance. A vote was not taken.

Support for staff to conduct further research on Options B and C and return with additional information for Council's consideration. Supported by all Council Members present.

Item #4. Pay by Space Issues

Support for Option A: Convert from a pay-by-space to a pay-by-plate system. Supported by all Council Members present.

Item #5. Citation Structure Issues

Support for Option A: Raise citation fines, Option B: Create a set of "targeted" citation fines for commonly seen issues (e.g., during events, etc.) and Option C: Create a new "systematic parking violation" citation with a higher fine. Supported by all Council Members present.

Item #6. Implementation Schedule

Support for Option A: Update the code to address the issues identified in the staff report and develop an implementation schedule for when changes occur over the upcoming years. Supported by all Council Members present.

9. Advice and Consent: Salt Lake City Police Chief – Brian Redd ~ 4:30 p.m.
10 min.

The Council will interview Brian Redd prior to considering appointment as the Salt Lake City Chief of Police.

An interview was held. Council Member Wharton stated Brian Redd's name would be on the Consent Agenda for formal consideration.

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- 10. Advice and Consent: Director of Public Lands – Kim Shelley** ~ 4:40 p.m.
10 min.

The Council will interview Kim Shelley prior to considering appointment as the Director of Public Lands.

An interview was held. Council Member Wharton stated Kim Shelley's name would be on the Consent Agenda for formal consideration.

Council Member Wharton left the meeting after this item.

- 11. Board Appointment: Parks, Natural Lands, Urban Forestry, and Trails Advisory Board – James Alfandre** ~ 4:50 p.m.
5 min.

The Council will interview James Alfandre prior to considering appointment to the Parks, Natural Lands, Urban Forestry, and Trails Advisory Board for a term ending March 4, 2028.

An interview was held. Council Member Puy stated James Alfandre's name would be on the Consent Agenda for formal consideration.

- 12. Board Appointment: Parks, Natural Lands, Urban Forestry, and Trails Advisory Board – Eric McGill** ~ 4:55 p.m.
5 min.

The Council will interview Eric McGill prior to considering appointment to the Parks, Natural Lands, Urban Forestry, and Trails Advisory Board for a term ending March 4, 2028.

An interview was held. Council Member Puy stated Eric McGill's name would be on the Consent Agenda for formal consideration.

- 13. Board Appointment: Planning Commission – Richard Leverett** ~ 5:00 p.m.
5 min.

The Council will interview Richard Leverett prior to considering appointment to the Planning Commission for a term ending March 4, 2029.

An interview was held. Council Member Puy stated Richard Leverette's name would be on the Consent Agenda for formal consideration.

Standing Items

14. Report of the Chair and Vice Chair

Report of Chair and Vice Chair.

No report from the Chair or Vice Chair.

15. Report and Announcements from the Executive Director

Report of the Executive Director, including a review of Council information items and announcements. The Council may give feedback or staff direction on any item related to City Council business, including but not limited to scheduling items.

No announcements from the Executive Director.

16. Tentative Closed Session

The Council will consider a motion to enter into Closed Session. A closed meeting described under Section 52-4-205 may be held for specific purposes including, but not limited to:

- a. discussion of the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual;
- b. strategy sessions to discuss collective bargaining;
- c. strategy sessions to discuss pending or reasonably imminent litigation;
- d. strategy sessions to discuss the purchase, exchange, or lease of real property including any form of a water right or water shares, if public discussion of the transaction would:
 - (i) disclose the appraisal or estimated value of the property under consideration; or
 - (ii) prevent the public body from completing the transaction on the possible terms;
- e. strategy sessions to discuss the sale of real property, including any form of a water right or water shares, if:
 - (i) public discussion of the transaction would:
 - (A) disclose the appraisal or estimated value of the property under consideration; or
 - (B) prevent the public body from completing the transaction on the possible terms;
 - (ii) the public body previously gave public notice that the property would be offered for sale; and
 - (iii) the terms of the sale are publicly disclosed before the public approves the sale;
- f. discussion regarding deployment of security personnel, devices, or systems; a
- g. investigative proceedings regarding allegations of criminal misconduct.

A closed meeting may also be held for attorney-client matters that are privileged pursuant to Utah Code § 78B-1-137, and for other lawful purposes that satisfy the pertinent requirements of the Utah Open and Public Meetings Act.

Item not held

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Meeting adjourned at 6:03 pm

Minutes Approved:

City Council Chair Chris Wharton

City Recorder Keith Reynolds

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