

MINUTES OF THE SALT LAKE CITY COUNCIL  
Tuesday, September 10, 2024

**PENDING MINUTES – NOT APPROVED**

The City Council of Salt Lake City, Utah, met in Work Session on Tuesday, September 10, 2024.

**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

**Present Administrative leadership:**

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

**Present City Staff:**

Katherine Lewis – City Attorney, Stephanie Elliott – Minutes & Records Clerk, Thais Stewart – Deputy City Recorder, Taylor Hill – Constituent Liaison/Policy Analyst, Scott Corpany – Staff Assistant, Ben Luedtke – Senior Public Policy Analyst, Brian Fullmer – Constituent Liaison, Policy Analyst, Andrew Johnston – Director of Homelessness Policy and Outreach, Lindsey Nikola – Deputy Chief of Staff, Amy Thompson – Planning Manager, Tyler Murdock – Public Lands Deputy Director, Katie Riser – Deputy Director of Community Outreach, Madison Blodgett – Principal Planner, Jaysen Oldroyd – Senior City Attorney, Kat Andra – Public Lands Planner, Tyler Shepherd – Deputy Fire Chief, Robert Stafford – Deputy Fire Chief

The meeting was called to order at 3:42 pm

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**Work Session Items**

1. **Informational: Updates from the Administration** ~ 3:00 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.

**Mayor Mendenhall** presented information regarding Critical Connection and Healing Salt Lake City's East-West Divide.

Council Members discussed the project's next steps, the projected timeline for the request for proposal (RFP), and contractor approval.

**Katie Riser** and **Lindsey Nikola** presented Community Engagement Highlights.

**Andrew Johnston** presented information regarding homelessness updates.

2. **Ordinance: Driveway and Loading Area Standards Text Amendments** ~ 3:15 p.m.  
20 min.

The Council will receive a briefing about a proposal that would amend various sections of Title 21A of the *Salt Lake City Code* pertaining to driveway and loading area standards. The proposal would correct the identified issues, adequately address vehicular needs and support good urban design principles. Other sections of Title 21A may also be amended as part of this petition.

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**Brian Fuller** introduced the item.

**Madison Blodgett** and **Amy Thompson** presented information regarding a Text amendment for Driveway and Loading Area Standards.

**3. Resolution: Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan** ~ 3:35 p.m.  
30 min.

The Council will receive a briefing about the City's Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan (CEMP). The plan is intended to be used as a guide when executing response or recovery operations during a disaster and to guide preparedness and mitigation operations. The plan also addresses emergency operations with other government entities including, but not limited to, Salt Lake County and the State of Utah.

**Robert Stafford, Tyler Shepherd, and Jaysen Oldroyd** presented information on the Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan (CEMP).

**Council Members** thanked the department for creating the plan and acknowledged the effort to create multiple plans for multiple scenarios.

**4. Informational: Draft Allen Park Adaptive Reuse and Management Plan** ~ 4:05 p.m.  
30 min.

The Council will receive a briefing from the Public Lands Department about the draft Allen Park Adaptive Reuse and Management Plan. The plan would determine the future uses of this unique area, including the structures and the landscape, which aims to integrate ecological improvements with the existing art, and historical preservation. Extensive community engagement resulted in an overall concept for the park, "Arts and Sciences in the Wild." The property was acquired by Salt Lake City in March 2020.

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**Allison Rowland** introduced the item.

**Kat Andra** and **Tyler Murdock** presented information on the Allen Park Adaptive Reuse and Management Plan.

**Council Request**

Council Member Young requested a proposal on how to balance the following:

- Follow-up on parking at neighboring entities and neighborhoods
- Budget for programming needs compared to maintenance and security needs

**5. Ordinance: Budget Amendment No.1 for Fiscal Year 2024-25** ~ 4:35 p.m.  
**Follow-up** 20 min.

The Council will receive a follow-up briefing about Budget Amendment No.1 for the Fiscal Year 2024-25 Budget. Budget amendments happen several times each year to reflect adjustments to the City's budgets, including proposed project additions and modifications. The proposed amendment includes three new full-time employee positions in the Attorney's Office related to restructuring and moving the City Prosecutor's team, Fleet Block pre-development work and demolition, a new line of credit for the Airport Redevelopment Project, additional funding to several parks capital improvement projects and new ongoing funding for maintenance of Public Lands properties, among other items.

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

**Ben Luedtke** presented the following information:

- Update on item I1 – The Public Lands Department confirmed the funding amount was enough and requested to spread that amount over a few years
- One-time funding requests and transfer of \$329,150 from Fund Balance of the Transportation Fund to the General Fund
- Council Members supported the complaint-based weed abatement
- Annual funding from the homeless shelter grant was less than last year, while the requests for the grant were rising

**Council Requests**

- Additional information about the planned tree planning emphasized the importance of providing clear information to the constituency
- Baseball field and nearby schools to be considered when planning traffic calming measures near Sunnyside Ave
- Council Member Puy requested a timeframe for the funding availability to cover the police department's needs.

**6. Board Appointment: Sister Cities Advisory Board – Jane Kim** ~ 4:55 p.m.  
5 min

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The Council will interview Jane Kim prior to considering appointment to the Sister Cities Board for a term ending July 3, 2028.

**Jane Kim** introduced themselves and said they were excited to serve the city.

An interview was held, **Council Member Petro** said Jane Kim's' name would be on the Consent Agenda for formal consideration.

7. **Council Discussion on Compensation Follow-up** ~ 5:00 p.m.  
30 min.

The Council will hold a follow-up discussion on compensation for City Council Members.

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

**Council member Petro** noted that the discussion served as a review of the Ordinance adopted years ago regarding Council Members' compensation being tied with the Mayor's and requested more time to review the Ordinance to make a transparent, educated discussion and conversation.

**Council Member Mano** expressed continued support for compensation adjustments but acknowledged the extensive research it would take to update the Ordinance to reflect the current times and allow a more diverse group of candidates to run for Council.

**Council Member Wharton** expressed concern for the narrative spreading throughout the community regarding social equity, clarified their stance on the discussion, and proposed replacing the current Ordinance with a new one to find a better solution to serve the community.

**Council Member Puy** expressed gratitude for the conversation happening to create an Ordinance that would better reflect the community's needs through its City Council and wanted to find a solution to reach social equity and stated that the position requires work and courage.

**Council Member Young** expressed interest in seeing a legislative intent and a formal proposal that includes input from the public and Council Members, resulting in a concrete document for reference.

**Council Member Dugan** stated Council Members were currently appropriately compensated and agreed with Council Member Young that a proposal was essential to further this discussion.

**Council Member Lopez Chavez** expressed a desire to continue the conversation and remained committed to ensuring future generations have equal opportunities to serve and achieve success.

## **Standing Items**

### **8. Report of the Chair and Vice Chair**

Report of Chair and Vice Chair.

*There was no report.*

### **9. 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.

*There was no report.*

### **10. 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 best 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 best 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 body approves the sale;
- f. discussion regarding deployment of security personnel, devices, or systems; and
- 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.

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**Motion:**

**Moved by Council Member Wharton, seconded by Council Member Dugan to enter into Closed Session B to discuss attorney-client matters.**

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

**Final Result:** 7 – 0 Pass

**Motion:**

**Moved by Council Member Dugan, seconded by Council Member Lopez Chavez to exit Closed Session B.**

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

**Final Result:** 7 – 0 Pass

Closed Session A was held during the RDA meeting as the convened body of the Council & Redevelopment Agency.

Closed Session B started at 5:35 pm.

Held via Zoom and in the Work Session Room (location)

Council Members in Attendance: Council Members Petro, Wharton, Puy, Lopez Chavez, Mano, Dugan, and Young.

City Staff in Attendance: Katherine Lewis, Mark Kittrell, Rachel Otto, Jill Love, Jennifer Bruno, Lehua Weaver, Nick Tarbet, Megan Yuill, Lindsey Nikola, Mary Beth Thompson, Ben Luedtke, Matthew Brown, and Cindy Lou Trishman.

Closed Session ended at 6:04 pm.

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Meeting adjourned at 6:04 pm

Minutes Approved:

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City Council Chair Victoria Petro

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City Recorder

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