

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

PENDING MINUTES – NOT APPROVED

The City Council of Salt Lake City, Utah, met in Formal Session on Tuesday, February 4, 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; Keith Reynolds - City Recorder; Cindy Lou Trishman – Deputy Director of Operations and Administration, Michelle Barney – Minutes & Records Clerk, Taylor Hill – Constituent Liaison/Policy Analyst, Sylvia Richards – Public Policy Analyst, Scott Corpany – Staff Assistant

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 pm

A. OPENING CEREMONY:

1. Council Member Darin Mano 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 January 7, 2025 as well as the formal meeting minutes of November 19, 2024; December 3, 2024; and December 10, 2024.

Motion:

Moved by Council Member Dugan, seconded by Council Member Lopez Chavez to approve the work session meeting minutes of January 7, 2025, as well as the formal meeting minutes of November 19, 2024; December 3, 2024; and December 10, 2024.

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

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5. The Council will consider adopting a joint ceremonial resolution with Mayor Mendenhall recognizing February as Black History Month in Salt Lake City.
Council Member Dugan read the Resolution.

Jeanetta Williams (NAACP President), **James Yapias** (NAACP, Education Chair) and **George Severson** (NAACP, Executive Committee Member) accepted the Resolution and stated it meant a great deal to have the recognition from the Mayor and City Council.

Motion:

Moved by Council Member Dugan, seconded by Council Member Lopez Chavez to adopt Ceremonial Resolution 03 of 2025.

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

Final Result: 7 – 0 Pass

B. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Items B1 – B10 will be heard as one public hearing.

1. Grant Application: Low Carbon Transportation Materials Grant

The Council will accept public comment for a grant application request from the Department of Engineering to the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Low-Carbon Transportation Materials (LCTM) program. If awarded, the grant objective is to support the use of construction materials, products, and treatments that have much lower levels of carbon associated with the production stage as compared to industry averages of similar materials or products.

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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Staff Recommendation - Close and refer to future consent agenda.

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2. Grant Application: Restoration of Wetlands, Utah Pollinator Habitat Program

The Council will accept public comment for a grant application request from the Department of Public Lands to Housing and the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation. If awarded, the grant would fund the Increase of floral resources for Monarchs and Bumble Bees with the Utah Pollinator Habitat Program.

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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TENTATIVE Council Action - n/a

Staff Recommendation - Close and refer to future consent agenda.

3. Grant Application: Utah Department of Natural Resources, Forestry Fire and State Lands Grant

The Council will accept public comment for a grant application request from the Department of Public Lands to the Utah Department of Natural Resources/Forestry Fire and State Lands. If awarded, the grant would fund the Jordan River invasive species control and restoration project.

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

Briefing - n/a

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4. **Grant Application: Wakara Way Reconstruction Surface Transportation Program**

The Council will accept public comment for a grant application request from the Department of Public Services to the Wasatch Front Regional Council. If awarded, the grant would fund reconstruction that will address poor pavement and street flooding, while adding safer bikeways and more continuous sidewalks.

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 - Tuesday, February 4, 2025 at 7 p.m.

TENTATIVE Council Action - n/a

Staff Recommendation - Close and refer to future consent agenda.

5. **Grant Application: Highland Roundabout**

The Council will accept public comment for a grant application request from the Department of Transportation to the Wasatch Front Regional Council. If awarded, the grant would fund the conversion of a traffic signal at 1700 East and 2100 South to a roundabout to reduce speeds, delays, emissions, and air pollution, and to provide a better connection to a future shared-use path on the southwest corner.

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 - Tuesday, February 4, 2025 at 7 p.m.

TENTATIVE Council Action - n/a

Staff Recommendation - Close and refer to future consent agenda.

6. **Grant Application: GREENBike Capital Care**

The Council will accept public comment for a grant application request from the Department of Transportation to the Wasatch Front Regional Council. If awarded, the grant would fund the replacement of five GREENbike stations and 58 eBikes.

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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7. **Grant Application: Carbon Reduction Program**

The Council will accept public comment for a grant application request from the Department of Transportation to the Wasatch Front Regional Council. If awarded, the grant would fund the addition of water-wise street trees and plants along blocks of the City's 9-Line Trail, which would help to reduce carbon dioxide.

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 - Tuesday, February 4, 2025 at 7 p.m.

TENTATIVE Council Action - n/a

Staff Recommendation - Close and refer to future consent agenda.

8. **Grant Application: Beehive Bikeways**

The Council will accept public comment for a grant application request from the Department of Transportation to the Wasatch Front Regional Council. If awarded, the grant would fund a comprehensive, destination-based, way-finding approach to ensure that bicyclists know how to get to where they want to go.

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 - Tuesday, February 4, 2025 at 7 p.m.

TENTATIVE Council Action - n/a

Staff Recommendation - Close and refer to future consent agenda

9. **Grant Application: Better Connections for a Great Street – South Temple**

The Council will accept public comment for a grant application request from the Department of Transportation to the Wasatch Front Regional Council. If awarded, the grant would fund the improvement of crossings and rights-of-way at offset intersections between the Avenues neighborhood and areas to the south. South Temple's role in the Green Loop will also be evaluated.

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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TENTATIVE Council Action - n/a

Staff Recommendation - Close and refer to future consent agenda.

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10. Grant Application: Assistance to Firefighters Grant

The Council will accept public comment for a grant application request from the Fire Department to FEMA, Department of Homeland Security. If awarded, the grant would fund the replacement of five AED devices and seven CPR devices, bringing the department into compliance with the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) standards.

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 - Tuesday, February 4, 2025 at 7 p.m.

TENTATIVE Council Action - n/a

Staff Recommendation - Close and refer to future consent agenda.

Sylvia Richards provided a brief overview of each grant application.

There were no public comments for these items.

Motion:

Moved by Council Member Dugan, seconded by Council Member Young to close the public hearing and refer Item B-1 through B-10 to a future Consent Agenda for action.

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

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

The Council will 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.

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

Briefing - Tuesday, January 21, 2025 and Tuesday, February 4, 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 - Refer to motion sheet(s).

Sylvia Richards provided an overview of the amendment.

Becky Woods thanked Council for their support/willingness to treat the sick trees, spoke to the benefits trees have on the environment and the process of treating the trees.

Alek Konkol spoke in support of the budget amendment, specifically to funding the treatment of the trees and transit projects.

Bernie Hart spoke to the Justice Bus program and whether it genuinely helped those who used its services.

Motion:

Moved by Council Member Dugan, seconded by Council Member Young to continue the public hearing and adopt the new Cybersecurity Engineer I FTE from Item A-2 and refer the remaining items to a future date.

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C. POTENTIAL ACTION ITEMS:
NONE.

D. COMMENTS:

1. Questions to the Mayor from the City Council.

There were not questions for the Mayor.

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.) Council Member Mano reviewed the rules of decorum.

Suzanne Liese expressed frustration with train horns near Gateway and urged the Council to address it as a health concern.

Cheneil Hill raised concerns about child trafficking, accountability for those in power, and the need for responses to communication requests. She urged the Council to implement protective measures for Salt Lake City residents.

Hilary Jacobs emphasized land stewardship and asked the Council to consider its meaning and purpose while selecting a new Public Lands Director.

Mona M advocated for children's welfare, expressed concerns about the Church of Scientology, and urged Council Members to avoid associating with the church or its affiliates.

Calvin Fars, President of Carpenters Union 101, thanked the Council for their efforts to protect the environment, public investment, and the local workforce.

Annie Isaacson discussed the proposed Mixed-Use (MU) Zoning Consolidation Zoning Text and Map Amendment for the 300 South and 300 East area. She highlighted the impact of construction on historic structures and requested setbacks for new projects adjacent to historic properties.

Bryce Hays spoke in support of the Resolution for Collective Bargaining for the Library Employees Union and urged the Council to approve it as presented.

Ben Engel addressed the Mixed-Use (MU) Zoning Consolidation Zoning Text and Map Amendment, requesting step-backs next to historic structures, equal consideration for national and local historic sites, and the exclusion of rooftop green space from overall green-space calculations.

Bernie Hart stood for a moment of silence.

Lauren Funtanilla spoke on the Mixed-Use (MU) Zoning Consolidation Zoning Text

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and Map Amendment, stressing the importance of providing equal protections for national and local historic sites.

E. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Ordinance: Economic Development Loan Fund - Himalayan Kitchen

The Council will consider adopting an ordinance that would approve a \$350,000 loan for Gorkha Enterprises, doing business as Himalayan Kitchen at 1388 South 300 West, Suite 350 from the Economic Development Loan Fund (EDLF). Himalayan Kitchen is a downtown restaurant specializing in Indian and Nepali food. This loan will assist in the creation of 15 new jobs in the next year and the retention of five current jobs.

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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 Lopez Chavez, seconded by Council Member Dugan to adopt Ordinance 09 of 2025, approving a \$350,000 loan for Gorkha Enterprises, DBA Himalayan Kitchen from the Economic Development Loan Fund.

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F. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **Resolution: Collective Bargaining for the Salt Lake City Public Library Board**
The Council will consider approving the collective bargaining resolution adopted by the Salt Lake City Public Library on ~~December 16, 2024~~ January 29, 2025. The resolution would enable the Library to begin a Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) process with a union following a vote by employees to form a union formally.

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 - Refer to motion sheet(s).

Motion:

Moved by Council Member Young, seconded by Council Member Petro to adopt Resolution 02 of 2025, establishing a collective bargaining structure and process for the Salt Lake City Public Library, as amended and approved by the Library Board of Directors on Wednesday, January 29, 2025.

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

Final Result: 7 – 0 Pass

Council Member Young acknowledged those involved in the process, including the Mayor, Administration, Library Board, AFSCME partners, and Library Staff, and expressed anticipation for the impact this would have on employees.

Council Member Lopez Chavez spoke to the ongoing discussions for expanding the AFSCME union and thanked the librarians for all their work.

Council Member Wharton acknowledged fellow Council Members' comments, referenced the history of unions in Salt Lake City, and noted the significance of introducing a new union

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G. CONSENT:

1. Ordinance Confirmation: Zoning Map Amendments at Approximately 2760, 2800, and 2828 North 2200 West

The Council will confirm the adoption of Ordinance 33 of 2024 as filed with the City Recorder's office that would amend the zoning of properties at approximately 2760, 2800, and 2828 North 2200 West from AG-2 (Agricultural District) to M-1 (Light Manufacturing District). The development agreement execution condition outlined in Ordinance 33 of 2024 is hereby reset to February 4, 2026.

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.

2. Board Appointment: Business Advisory Board – Alyn Toalepai

The Council will consider approving the appointment of Alyn Toalepai to the Business Advisory Board for a term ending December 31, 2029.

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Set Public Hearing Date - n/a

Hold hearing to accept public comment - n/a

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Staff Recommendation - Approve.

Motion:

Moved by Council Member Dugan, seconded by Council Member Young to approve Item G-1 listed on the Consent Agenda.

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

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H. ADJOURNMENT:

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Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm

Minutes Approved:

City Council Chair Chris Wharton

City Recorder Keith Reynolds

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