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reflect changing conditions. The recommended rates and rate design will be important to future City decisions for the Fiscal Year 2026 budget and the Consolidated Fee Schedule.

Austin Kimmel and Laura Briefer introduced and gave a brief overview of the water rate study to the Council.

Jason Brown presented the study's findings and discussed the recommended water and sewer utility rates for the 2026 budget season.

Council Members and staff discussed:

- Rates and water pricing bills in the 2025 General Session
- Simplifying communications to the community
- Strategies for communications and engagement for education about utility rate and pricing setting and what it means to their proposed legislative bills

6. Tentative Break ~ 4:15 p.m.
20 min.

7. Ordinance: Alley Vacation at Approximately 373 West American Avenue ~ 4:35 p.m.
15 min.

The Council will receive a briefing about a proposal that would vacate a City-owned alley situated adjacent to properties located at approximately 373 West American Ave. 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.

Brian Fullmer, Krissy Gilmore, and Meagan Booth presented the alley vacation proposal to the Council.

Jarod Hall (applicant) and Justin Earl (developer) discussed the application proposal to build townhome units along the easement to avoid a blank wall within the project.

Council Request

Council Member Mano requested a review of the final plan, stated that a blank wall created a hostile walking environment, and would like the easement to become a more friendly public walkway.

8. Informational: Public Art Program Maintenance and Conservation Report for Fiscal Year 2024-25 ~ 4:50 p.m.
15 min.

The Council will receive a briefing about the Public Art Program Maintenance and Conservation Report for Fiscal Year 2024-25 and the Maintenance and Conservation Artwork Projections. The Public Art Program recommends to the Finance Department that 20% of the Fiscal Year 2024-25 CIP Percent-for-Art funds (\$40,000) be deposited to the Maintenance Fund based on the information contained in the report.

Sylvia Richards, Renato Olmedo-Gonzalez, and Felica Baca presented the report to the Council.

Council Request

- Council Member Puy requested urgent and essential projects be highlighted to the Council so items could be addressed adequately and proactively.
- Council Member Petro requested a follow-up meeting to discuss art installation maintenance, private and public donors, and guiding criteria for artists and events.

9. Utah Open Meetings Law Training and Government Records Access and Management Act (GRAMA) Training ~ 5:05 p.m.
20 min.

The Council will receive a briefing from the City Attorney's Office about the Utah Open Meetings Law, and from the Recorder's Office about the Government Records Access and Management Act (GRAMA). This briefing will serve as the annual trainings for both the City Council and the Board of Directors of the Redevelopment Agency.

Keith Reynolds presented the GRAMA Training to the Council.

Mark Kitrell presented the Utah Open and Public Meetings Act (OPMA) Training to the Council.

10. Ordinance: Library Budget Amendment No.1 for Fiscal Year 2024-25 ~ 5:25 p.m.
15 min.

The Council will receive a briefing about an ordinance that would amend the budget for the Library Fund for Fiscal Year 2024-25. 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 re-appropriating \$190,000 in the Library's FY25 budget from unused employee benefits to help pay for the Main Library roof renovation project.

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Austin Kimmel introduced the item.

Noah Baskett (Library Executive Director) and **Tyler Bahr** (Library Assistant Director of Finance) presented the 2025 Library budget, including the status of the roof renovation project to waterproof and create the outdoor public area.

- 11. Informational: Waste and Recycling Weekly Residential Collection Route Changes** ~ 5:40 p.m.
15 min.

The Council will receive a briefing from the Sustainability department about changes to the residential waste and recycling collection routes, which will start on February 3, 2025. The route adjustments are intended to better align the daily workload with the typical staffing levels of the collection crews. A citywide communication effort will inform residents of the upcoming changes.

Debbie Lyons and Chris Bell presented the new plans for the waste and recycling collection routes to increase productivity and efficiency and benefit the worker's well-being.

- 12. Advice and Consent: Chief Human Resources Officer - David Buchanan** ~ 5:55 p.m.
10 min.

The Council will interview David Buchanan prior to considering appointment as the Chief Human Resources Officer.

An interview was held. Council Member Wharton said David Buchanan's name would be on the Consent Agenda for formal consideration.

- 13. Advice and Consent: Director of the Community and Neighborhoods Department - Tammy Hunsaker** ~ 6:05 p.m.
10 min.

The Council will interview Tammy Hunsaker prior to considering appointment as the Director of the Community and Neighborhoods Department.

An interview was held. Council Member Wharton said Tammy Hunsaker's name would be on the Consent Agenda for formal consideration.

- 14. Board Appointment: Accessibility and Disability Commission – Nancy Strahan** ~ 6:15 p.m.
5 min

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The Council will interview Nancy Strahan prior to considering appointment to the Accessibility and Disability Commission for a term ending December 28, 2026.

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An interview was held. Council Member Wharton said Nancy Strahan's name would be on the Consent Agenda for formal consideration.

Standing Items

15. Report of the Chair and Vice Chair

Report of Chair and Vice Chair.

Council Member Wharton stated that the Council Retreat scheduled for January 14, 2025, would discuss multiple topics for the next year and laid out the proposed schedule for the day.

16. 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:

- Newsletters for Public Utilities;
- Financial Disclosure;
- Legislative Action; and
- Scheduling Items.

Jennifer Bruno gave the following updates:

- Council Members could include newsletters in the Public Utilities mailing in specified months – April, August, December
 - **Council Requests**
 - Council Member Young requested the August Newsletter
 - Council Members Mano and Puy requested December
 - Council Member Wharton requested more information on the newsletter publishing timeline compared to the 2025 Council Election.
- Legislative Action during tonight's Formal Meeting regarding Additional Dwelling Units (ADU) and their height restrictions
- Financial Disclosure forms were to be submitted to the Recorder

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17. 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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Meeting adjourned at 6:31 pm

Minutes Approved:

City Council Chair Chris Wharton

City Recorder

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