

MINUTES OF THE SALT LAKE CITY COUNCIL
Tuesday, September 3, 2024

PENDING MINUTES – NOT APPROVED

The City Council of Salt Lake City, Utah, met in Formal Session on Tuesday, September 3, 2024.

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:

Katherine Lewis – City Attorney, Cindy Lou Trishman – City Recorder, Michelle Barney – Minutes & Records Clerk, Isaac Canedo – Public Engagement Communication Specialist, Ben Luedtke – Senior Public Policy Analyst, Scott Corpany – Staff Assistant

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm

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A. OPENING CEREMONY:

1. Council Member Alejandro Puy will conduct the formal meeting.
2. Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Welcome and Public Meeting Rules.

Council Member Puy announced the September 17, 2024 Council Meeting would be held at the Sorenson Unity Center in-person with no online option available.

Jennifer Bruno reviewed the City's youth baseball sponsorship opportunity that would take place in October at Smith's Ballpark involving baseball teams from Mexico for up to five hundred (500) children in Salt Lake City, the cost of the sponsorship was five thousand dollars (\$5,000), which the budget could absorb. Jennifer Bruno stated staff was looking for Council's approval to move forward with the sponsorship .

Council Members unanimously approved funding five thousand dollars (\$5,000) to be used as a sponsorship for the Smith's Ballpark event.

Council Member Puy reviewed the rules of decorum.

4. The Council will approve the work session meeting minutes of July 2, 2024, as well as the formal meeting minutes of July 9, 2024.

Motion:

Moved by Council Member Dugan, seconded by Council Member Young to approve the work session meeting minutes of July 2, 2024 as well as the formal meeting minutes of July 9, 2024.

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

Final Result: 7 – 0 Pass

5. The Council will consider adopting a joint ceremonial resolution with Mayor Mendenhall recognizing September as National Suicide Prevention and Action Month.

Motion:

Moved by Council Member Wharton, seconded by Council Member Dugan to adopt Joint Resolution 28 of 2024, declaring September 2024 National Suicide Prevention Month in Salt Lake City.

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

Final Result: 7 – 0 Pass

Council Member Mano read the resolution.

Alyssa Burnham (Suicide Prevention Coordinator for Salt Lake County Health Department) spoke to the programs at Salt Lake County to help individuals recognize the warning signs of suicide, the importance of empowering the community, and thanked the Council for recognizing September as Suicide Awareness Month.

B. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

1. Resolution: Notice of Intention to Designate Central Business Improvement Area – 25

The Council will accept public comment about the designation of the Central Business Improvement Area for another three-year period from April 2025 – April 2028 (CBIA-25). The CBIA is a special assessment on commercial properties downtown and will be used for economic promotion activities within the boundary area. This is a public hearing as required by state law and will mark the beginning of a 60-day written protest period during which a property owner in the boundary area may submit a written protest. The City first designated the CBIA in 1991 and a new CBIA has been designated every three years since. The current contract was awarded to the Downtown Alliance in 2022 and will expire in April 2025, coinciding with the conclusion of the current assessment area, CBIA-22. A second special assessment is levied for holiday lighting in the downtown.

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

Briefing - Tuesday, July 2, 2024

Set Public Hearing Date - Tuesday, July 9, 2024

Hold hearing to accept public comment - Tuesday, September 3, 2024 at 7 p.m.

TENTATIVE Council Action - Tuesday, July 9, 2024

Staff Recommendation - Refer to motion sheet(s).

Ben Luedtke gave a brief overview of the resolution.

Rob Larkin (Larkin Mortuary) spoke to concerns regarding the 300 East corridor, specifically the increase in homelessness and crime, questioned whether homelessness would be addressed in the Central Business Improvement Area or throughout the city under the proposal.

Motion:

Moved by Council Member Dugan, seconded by Council Member Petro to close the public protest hearing.

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

Final Result: 7 – 0 Pass

2. Ordinance: Budget Amendment No.1 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 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.

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

Briefing - Tuesday, August 27, 2024 and Tuesday, September 3, 2024

Set Public Hearing Date - Tuesday, August 13, 2024

Hold hearing to accept public comment - Tuesday, September 3, 2024 at 7 p.m.

TENTATIVE Council Action - Tuesday, September 17, 2024

Staff Recommendation - Refer to motion sheet(s).

Ben Luedtke gave a brief overview of Budget Amendment Number 1.

Kasey O'Connor expressed concern over areas of Rose Park Lane not being mowed and asked the City to maintain the property.

Motion:

Moved by Council Member Wharton, seconded by Council Member Young to close the public hearing and adopt Ordinance 66 of 2024, Part 1, amending the Fiscal Year 2025 final budget of Salt Lake City including the employment staffing document only for items as shown on the motion sheet. (Listed below for reference)

- **A-1: Attorney's Office Three New FTEs, Leasing Office Space, and Organizational Structure Change (\$522,461 from General Fund Balance for ongoing FTE costs, \$102,000 from General Fund Balance to the IMS Fund for one-time costs, and Rescope and Transfer to the CIP Fund \$472,298 of the Existing Interlocal Agreement Budget to Lease Office Space, Utilities, Tenant Improvements, Furniture, Fixtures, and Equipment)**
- **D-4: Annual Budget Cleanup; Economic Development Loan Fund (EDLF) Operating Budget (\$6,994,737 one-time for New Loans in FY2025 from the Housing & Loan Fund Balance)**
- **D-8: Annual Budget Cleanup; Impact Fees Tracking & Compliance Financial Analyst IV FTE in the Capital Asset Planning Office of the Finance Department (\$143,258 from General Fund Balance, \$140,258 ongoing Reimbursement to the General Fund from Impact Fees, and \$3,000 one-time to the IMS Fund)**
- **D-14: Claims Damage Reimbursement for Tennis Bubble (\$23,634 one-time from the Risk Fund)**
- **D-15: Accelerate 4 Parks Capital Projects (New Parks Impact Fees: \$2 Million to Liberty Park All Abilities Play Park & Playground, \$1 Million of Folsom Trail Landscaping, Irrigation & Completing the Trail, and \$1 Million for Warm Springs & North Gateway Park; and Rescope \$3 Million of Sales Tax Revenue Bond Funds from Smith's Ballpark Plus \$1.96 Million in Bond Interest Earnings to Pioneer Park)**

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

Final Result: 7 – 0 Pass

C. POTENTIAL ACTION ITEMS:

NONE.

D. COMMENTS:

1. Questions to the Mayor from the City Council.
No questions were asked.
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 Puy reviewed the rules of decorum.

Keiko Jones expressed gratitude to the Council for all their work and willingness to hold difficult conversations, stated she was grateful for the opportunity to speak and the

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ability for the public to express their opinions.

Fredrick Jenny echoed Keiko's comments and thanked the Mayor for her involvement in the process, spoke to the need to move the Rio Grande project forward sooner rather than later, and announced there would be a public information event regarding the Rio Grande plan held at the Sorenson Unity Center on September 12, 2024, at 6:00 pm.

Cheneil Hill spoke in opposition to the Church of Scientology, the way the Church functioned and was allowed to misuse police funding and forces to further harass individuals who did not wish to be part of the church.

Ben Crump spoke to concerns over the treatment of homeless individuals, specifically those camping in the foothills; asked the Council to fund additional aid and housing that would provide the homeless a sense of dignity.

Council Member Lopez Chavez left the meeting during this time.

Dirk Lamb stated more needed to be done to address the design of the roads, not only addressing speed but also road deaths, and suggested researching options from other countries to find solutions.

Audrey Evans spoke in favor of the Rio Grande Plan, the positive impact it would have on public transportation, and encouraged all parties to be actively engaged in the process to move it forward.

E. NEW BUSINESS:
NONE.

F. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Legislative Action: Redondo Street

The Council will consider adopting a Legislative Action that would request the Administration review and come back to the Council with a recommendation for the best method to clear up the legal confusion as to the ownership of this part of Redondo Street.

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

Briefing - Tuesday, August 27, 2024

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 Dugan to adopt a Legislative Intent requesting the Administration review and return to the Council with a recommendation for the best method, either a street or alley dedication, for Redondo Street located between approximately 800 East and Windsor Street in order to clear up the legal confusion as to the ownership of this part of Redondo Street.

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

ABSENT: Eva Lopez Chavez

Final Result: 6 – 0 Pass

G. CONSENT:

1. Ordinance: Northpoint Light Industrial Zoning Text Amendment

The Council will set the date of Tuesday, October 1, 2024 at 7 p.m. to accept public comment and consider adopting an ordinance that would amend various sections of Title 21A of the *Salt Lake City Code* creating a new section 21A.28.040 Northpoint Light Industrial (M-1A) Zoning District that aligns with the goals, policies and future land use recommendations established in the Northpoint Small Area Plan. The proposal would include providing an environment for light industrial, office, and research uses, while reducing the impact on adjacent agricultural and residential properties and native habitats. This is a City Council-initiated petition. Other sections of Title 21A – Zoning may also be amended as part of this petition. This project is within Council District 1. Petition No.:PLNPCM2024-00333.

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

Briefing - Tuesday, September 3, 2024

Set Public Hearing Date - Tuesday, September 3, 2024

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

TENTATIVE Council Action - Tuesday, October 15, 2024

Staff Recommendation - Set date.

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

The Council will set the date of Tuesday, September 17, 2024 at 7 p.m. to accept public comment and 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.

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

Briefing - Tuesday, September 3, 2024

Set Public Hearing Date - Tuesday, September 3, 2024

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

TENTATIVE Council Action - Tuesday, October 1, 2024

Staff Recommendation - Set date.

3. Board Reappointment: Arts Design Board – Colour Maisch

The Council will consider approving the reappointment of Colour Maisch to the Arts Design Board for a term ending September 3, 2027.

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

TENTATIVE Council Action - Tuesday, September 3, 2024

Staff Recommendation - Approve.

Motion:

Moved by Council Member Petro, seconded by Council Member Wharton to approve the Consent agenda.

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

ABSENT: Eva Lopez Chavez

Final Result: 6 – 0 Pass

H. ADJOURNMENT:

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Meeting adjourned at 7:37 pm

Minutes Approved:

City Council Chair Victoria Petro

City Recorder

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