

MINUTES OF THE SALT LAKE CITY COUNCIL
Tuesday, September 17, 2024

PENDING MINUTES – NOT APPROVED

The City Council of Salt Lake City, Utah, met in Work Session on Tuesday, September 17, 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, Cindy Lou Trishman – City Recorder, Michelle Barney – Minutes & Records Clerk, Taylor Hill – Constituent Liaison/Policy Analyst, Scott Corpany – Staff Assistant, Brian Fullmer – Constituent Liaison, Policy Analyst, Andrew Johnston – Director of Homelessness Policy and Outreach, Allison Rowland – Public Policy Analyst, Jesse Stewart – Public Utilities Deputy Director, John Anderson – Planning Manager, Jon Larsen – Transportation Director, Joe Taylor – Transportation Planner, Tyler Murdock – Public Lands Deputy Director, Joshua Rebollo – Community Liaison, Andrew Hulka – Principal Planner, Tom Millar – Public Lands Planning & Design Division Director, Kat Andra – Public Lands Planner, Jon Ruedas – Public Services Senior Engineering Construction Program / Projects Manager, Makayla Maponga – Public Lands Planner

The meeting was called to order at 2:09 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.

Josh Rebollo presented the Community Engagement Highlights for the week of September 17, 2024. (A full version of the presentation can be found in the Meeting Materials)

Andrew Johnston presented the Homelessness Update for the week of September 17, 2024. (A full version of the presentation can be found in the Meeting Materials)

Council Members congratulated Michelle Hoon on her new position with the City's Legislative Affairs Team.

Council Member Lopez Chavez asked for clarification on the number of MicroShelter units that would be available when the units reopened and who would be utilizing the units. Andrew Johnston stated, fifty units were to be reopened, most of the individuals who temporarily vacated the units would return, a few units would be available for new tenants who would be selected via a review process overseen by the Homeless Resource Services Provider.

Andrew Johnston reported on the winter beds that would come online beginning in October.

Council Member Puy thanked Andrew Johnston for his work with the MicroShelters, inquired whether or not a final MicroShelter impact report was composed and if it could be shared with other entities. Andrew Johnston stated he would forward the information to Council Members to share with constituents.

2. Ordinance: Monument Signs in Manufacturing Districts Text Amendment ~ 2:15 p.m.
20 min.

The Council will receive a briefing about a proposal that would amend section 21A.46.100 of the *Salt Lake City Code* pertaining to changing the number of monument signs permitted in Manufacturing Districts. The proposal would allow one monument sign for the first 100 feet of street frontage and one additional sign for every additional 250 feet of street frontage, with each sign separated by at least 150 feet. Petitioner: YESCO Sign Company.

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Brian Fullmer gave a brief overview of the proposal.

John Anderson and **Andy Hulka** presented the text amendment. (A full version of the presentation can be found in the Meeting Materials)

Council Member Dugan inquired about the potential number of signs allowed on one property under current zoning, if staff considered a limit to the total number of signs based on street frontage and the total number of allowable signs under the proposed zoning change. Andy Hulka reviewed the number of signs allowed under the current zoning and what would be allowed under the proposed zoning changes. He stated a sign limit was considered; however staff determined the zone would regulate itself in terms of the number of signs as monument style signs were rather expensive, and the Planning Department generally did not receive many requests for large sign permits.

Council Member Lopez Chavez requested language be added to the ordinance to regulate the number of signs one property could have in an effort to prohibit sign saturation.

Council Member Puy asked to explore layers of signage regulations, such as: residential areas would not have much signage, industrial and business areas would have more signage allowed; to determine what the right level signage was for each of these areas.

Council Members and John Anderson discussed the purpose of the monument sign, where monument signs were typically located, different types of signs/sign regulations in the zoning code, and that the subject text amendment affected only the M-1 Zone not other zones in the city.

Charlie Taylor (YESCO Sign Company) reviewed the purpose of the request, stating the current zoning excluded several businesses in the M-1 Zone; directional/business signage would assist semi- truck drivers, warehouse tenants and general traffic improving traffic flow throughout the Inland Port.

3. Informational: Emerald Ribbon Action Plan Update ~ 2:35 p.m.
40 min.

The Council will receive an update from the Public Lands Department about the Emerald Ribbon Action Plan. This plan will guide the implementation of capital investment, operations, and maintenance along 10 miles of the Jordan River Corridor.

For more information visit emeraldribbonplan.com.

Allison Rowland gave a brief overview of the plan.

Tyler Murdock and **Makayla Maponga** presented the Emerald Ribbon Action Plan update. (A full version of the presentation can be found in the Meeting Materials)

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Council Member Young asked for clarification on the management districts and if all residents were accounted for in the districts. Makayla Maponga explained the management districts corresponded with public lands, regional parks and the athletic complex. Council Member Young inquired about the three design concepts and how all the components were being incorporated into the overall plan. Makayla Maponga stated Public Lands hoped to reflect all components through the values listed in the proposal. Council Member Young asked how Public Lands planned to ensure community feedback was balanced between the community's desired, aspects of the park, the concepts in the proposal and safety. Makayla Maponga stated balance was what Public Lands was working to decipher with the gathered information, the natural landscape of the Jordan River offered hiding places for crime, and it was important for people to feel safe in the area. **Council Member asked for the plan to note the City's investment of additional resources into and working with Salt Lake City Police Department, it's outreach teams and the community to create areas where people felt safe along the Jordan River corridor.**

Council Member Puy stated he loved seeing the area come to life; assurance was needed that once the project was started, continued maintenance and activation would be provided to maintain the area and keep it running for generations to come.

Council Member Mano expressed excitement for the plans and investment into the Jordan River corridor; inquired about the status of funding for the project. Makayla Maponga stated the current estimate was roughly \$9M, however a total budget for the project would not be available until the final plan was determined and the presentation was a visionary program. **Council Member Mano stated he would a budget amount for what it would take to construct something in all five areas for budgeting purposes and suggested changing the name of the proposal to the Jordan River plan as Emerald Ribbon and the Green Loop were too similar.**

Council Member Dugan thanked Makayla Maponga and Tom Millar for their work on the project and interaction with the community; and asked for the overall vision of construction for the project. Makayla Maponga stated a consultant team would be formed to determine which projects to move forward urgently, while working to be geographically equitable, ensuring not just one area of the river was being improved.

Council Member Wharton stated investments into every zone were important but maintenance along the entire ribbon was important and a big concern of the public.

Council Member Dugan asked how the Fisher Mansion upgrades fit into the plan. Makayla Maponga stated the vision was for the mansion to be a community place, Public Lands was currently working with the community to learn what they visioned the mansion to be and then would be working on funding construction of that vision and renovation of the mansion.

Council Member Petro requested to discuss active communication with the communities, ensuring that updated project status and park access was provided specifically during construction. Tyler Murdock reviewed the issues with construction of the bridge on 500 North and stated community communication was an area Public Lands would work on.

Council Member Petro stated Council Members were willing to assist City Departments with notification of constituents through Council newsletters/publications.

4. **Informational: Glendale Park Progress Update** ~ 3:15 p.m.
30 min.

The Council will receive an update from the Public Lands Department on the Glendale Park progress. The goal of this project is to create a new park that serves nearby neighborhoods and also has amenities that create a regional attraction. A portion of this park must open to active use by April 2024.

For more information visit slc.gov/parks/projects/glendale-waterpark.

Tom Millar, Kat Andra, and Jon Ruedas presented the Glendale Park Progress update. (A full version of the presentation can be found in the Meeting Materials)

Council Member Puy spoke to the pickleball community on the Westside of Salt Lake and frustration the community faced with not having pickleball courts available in the neighborhood, thanked Public Lands staff for attending Community Council meetings to address project delays, requested continued communication with the public and offered to assist City Departments with notification of constituents through Council newsletters and publications.

Council Member Young asked what was being done with the Phase II site regarding safety and security of the space until the site was developed. Kat Andra stated a safety and security plan was being drafted for Phase II that would be applied when Phase I opened to the public.

Council Members and Tom Millar discussed the number of Public Lands proposals being presented to City Council that required funding, suggestions for prioritizing funding and executing each plan to ensure all the projects were completed at a higher level. Tom Millar reviewed the Strategic Capitol Acquisition and Asset Management Plan that would give Public Lands the ability to plan ahead, schedule projects more efficiently and address maintenance and operations.

Council Member Lopez Chavez stated every project should be tied back to the urban forest to help cool the city and maintain tree growth. Kat Andra stated the proposal ensured the urban forest was populated densely, prioritized large trees on the site and improved the natural ecosystem.

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5. **Tentative Break** ~ 3:45 p.m.
20 min.

6. **Informational: Great Salt Lake Restoration** ~ 4:05 p.m.
30 min.

The Council will receive a report on water levels and current conditions at the Great Salt Lake, including State and local efforts to protect and restore the Lake.

Jesse Stewart presented on the Great Salt Lake Restoration. (A full version of the presentation can be found in the Meeting Materials)

Council Member Lopez Chavez and Jessie Stewart discussed if there had been any discussions/investigations to determine if dust monitoring would be required particularly in the Westside communities. Jesse Stewart stated the Salt Lake City Dust Forum would be forwarded to the City Council.

Council Member Dugan and Jesse Stewart discussed the status of State funding for secondary water metering, irrigation for farmers crops, dust mitigation, water banking/water shares and how water use was affected in Salt Lake City. Jesse Stewart reviewed the funding for each area and explained the water shares/banking was a State initiative, currently being discussed with the Legislature.

Council Member Young and Jesse Stewart discussed the historic levels of the lake, the significant drops in the water levels, the amount of water making its way to the lake and ways increase it, the political and legal framework that would need to be followed to increase the flow of water to the lake.

Council Member Puy and Jesse Stewart discussed different ways to limit the amount of evaporation in reservoirs, canals and the Great Salt Lake. Jesse Stewart stated the size of the lake and reservoirs made controlling evaporation almost impossible. **Council Member Puy would like updates regarding the level of the Great Salt Lake sent to the residents of the city through the water bill newsletter and to see programs continued such as the one that helped residents update their sprinkler systems.**

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7. **Informational: Reconnecting Communities Grant** ~ 4:35 p.m.
30 min.

The Council will receive an update from the Administration on a federal Reconnecting Communities Grant, awarded to the City in 2022. The grant will support a planning analysis and prioritization of solutions for the transportation infrastructure surrounding the east-west divide.

Jon Larsen and **Joe Taylor** presented the Critical Connections Healing Salt Lake City's East-West Divide. (A full version of the presentation can be found in the Meeting Materials)

Council Members Puy, Joe Taylor and Jon Larsen discussed the timeline for the proposal, if federal funding would still be available, and the potential for portions of the project to be available for funding prior to the twenty-four-month deadline. Jon Larsen explained the program was ongoing even with potential changes to the Federal Administration and as long as the program existed staff would aggressively apply for funding.

Council Member Petro asked about the selection process for the participants of the program and how it aligned with the infrastructure requests for the Olympics. Joe Taylor reviewed the selection process and stated a Representative Board would represent the community the applicants were from. Jon Larsen reviewed potential rail projects for Salt Lake to be ready for the Olympics and stated the east/west connectivity would be beneficial to the residence of Salt Lake and the Olympics. **Council Member Petro stated it was important to be realistic with expectations for the project as funding was federal, and some areas were not City owned roads and requested that educational/information materials should be made available to the community throughout the process.**

Council Member Dugan asked how the Department of Transportation was going to ensure the project stayed within the projected timeline, and what updates would be provided to the City Council. Jon Larson reviewed the relationship with the Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) and the Project Manager who would keep the project on track, staff would provide as many updates as the Council wished in the form of a report or in person presentation.

Standing Items

8. Report of the Chair and Vice Chair

Report of Chair and Vice Chair.

Council Member Petro thanked everyone for attending the meeting, stated dinner would be provided at 5:30 pm by Rancho Market and San Diablo with a performance by Chitra-kaavya who would perform an Indian classical dance with a specialization in South Indian Bharatanatyam movement as a means of visual poetry.

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.

Item was not held.

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.

Closed Session Started at 5:10 pm

Held at the Sorensen Unity Center, Private Meeting Room (location)

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

City Staff in Attendance: Rachel Otto, Katherine Lewis, Jaysen Oldroyd, Jonathan Pappasidderis, Jennifer Bruno, Lehua Weaver, Ben Luedtke, Sylvia Richards, and Cindy Lou Trishman.

Closed Session ended at 5:35 pm

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Motion:

Moved by Council Member Lopez Chavez, seconded by Council Member Mano to enter into Closed Session for the purposes of strategy sessions to discuss collective bargaining and 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 Mano, seconded by Council Member Lopez Chavez to exit Closed Session.

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

Final Result: 7 – 0 Pass

Meeting adjourned at 4:55 pm

Minutes Approved:

City Council Chair Victoria Petro

City Recorder

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