

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

PENDING MINUTES – NOT APPROVED

The City Council of Salt Lake City, Utah, met in Formal Session on Tuesday, December 10, 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, Lindsay Nikola – Deputy Chief of Staff, Megan Yuill – Deputy 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

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm

A. OPENING CEREMONY:

1. Council Member Victoria Petro 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 August 27, 2024; September 3, 2024; September 10, 2024; September 17, 2024; and October 8, 2024.

Motion:

Moved by Council Member Puy, seconded by Council Member Wharton to approve the minutes.

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

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5. Recognition of City Council Member Victoria Petro for her service to Salt Lake City as 2024 Council Chair.

Council Member Wharton recognized Council Member Petro as Council Chair for 2024, commending Council Member Petro for her leadership, presented Council Member Petro with a shadowbox filled with items representing the Westside, projects Council worked on, entities Council engaged with and programs Council attended throughout 2024.

Council Members took a moment to thank Council Member Petro for the passion, service and dedication she showed in serving the residents of Salt Lake City.

Council Member Petro thanked each Council Member for things they had taught her and expressed gratitude for the opportunity to serve as Council Chair.

6. The Council will consider adopting a joint ceremonial resolution with the Mayor recognizing the contributions that City Attorney Katherine Lewis has made to Salt Lake City.

Council Member Petro read the resolution.

Council Members each took a moment to thank Katie Lewis for her dedication and service to the City of Salt Lake.

Mayor Mendenhall thanked Katie Lewis for representing Salt Lake City, serving with such dignity and integrity and for all the work Katie had accomplished over the years.

Katie Lewis, Salt Lake City Attorney; thanked her family, Mayor, Attorney's Office Staff, and Council for all the support/trust she had received over the years; spoke to the many experiences she had over the years, the things/people she would miss and looking to the future.

Council presented Katie Lewis with gift of appreciation for her services; a bowl carved from trees which fell during the 2020, windstorm.

Motion:

Moved by Council Member Dugan, seconded by Council Member Lopez Chavez to adopt Joint Resolution 46 of 2024.

AYE: Alejandro Puy, Chris Wharton, Daniel Dugan, Darin Mano, Sarah Young, Eva Lopez Chavez, Victoria Petro **Final Result:** 7 – 0 Pass

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B. PUBLIC HEARINGS:
NONE.

C. POTENTIAL ACTION ITEMS:

1. Ordinance: Title 18 Text Amendments

The Council will consider adopting an ordinance that would amend the text of Titles 2, 5, 18 and 21A of the *Salt Lake City Code* to update references to state adopted code, modify building code enforcement appeal process, add and increase building enforcement fines and penalties to match zoning enforcement and cost of operations. The changes are necessary to bring the City's building regulations into compliance with state law.

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

Briefing - Thursday, May 30, 2024 and Tuesday, December 3, 2024

Set Public Hearing Date - Tuesday, May 21, 2024

Hold hearing to accept public comment - Tuesday, June 4, 2024 at 7 p.m.

TENTATIVE Council Action - Tuesday, December 10, 2024

Staff Recommendation - Refer to motion sheet(s).

Motion:

Moved by Council Member Wharton, seconded by Council Member Dugan to adopt Ordinance 91 of 2024.

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

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2. Ordinance: Budget Amendment No.2 for Fiscal Year 2024-25

The Council will 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 creating a new fund dedicated to the Capital City Downtown Revitalization Zone sales tax, 12 new police officers partially funded by a Community Oriented Policing Services or COPS program grant from the U.S. Department of Justice, a donation from the University of Utah related to the construction of a baseball stadium at Sunnyside Park, and funding for the City's vehicle fleet among other projects. The Council will also receive a presentation about the State Transit Transportation Investment Fund or TTIF and four capital projects receiving TTIF grants, including a multiuse trail on 400 South to better connect Poplar Grove and Downtown, among other projects.

For more information visit tinyurl.com/SLCFY25.

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

Briefing - Tuesday, November 19, 2024; Tuesday, December 3, 2024; and Tuesday, December 10, 2024

Set Public Hearing Date - Tuesday, November 19, 2024

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

TENTATIVE Council Action - Tuesday, December 10, 2024

Staff Recommendation - Refer to motion sheet(s).

Motion:

Moved by Council Member Dugan, seconded by Council Member Lopez Chavez to adopt Ordinance 93 of 2024 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. Council Member Dugan further moved that Council adopt a legislative intent statement requesting the Administration provide a written report to Council evaluating the management, budget, policy, oversight and other considerations for the City Prosecutor's Office structure and operations under the existing interlocal agreement model vs alternative models including bringing the functions

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back into the City Attorney's Office.

Items approved in the Budget Amendment listed for reference:

- **A-1: Purchase Additional City Fleet Vehicles (\$3.9 Million one-time from the Fleet Maintenance Fund Balance)**
- **A-2: Enhanced Security Improvements at the Justice Court (\$200,000 from General Fund Balance then ongoing)**
- **A-3: Community Oriented Policing Services or COPS Hiring Grant from the U.S. Department of Justice for Two New Sergeants and 10 New Police Officers (\$1 Million from Nondepartmental Holding Account and \$617,673 from General Fund Balance of which \$689,953 is ongoing)**
- **A-4: Vehicles, Equipment, and Related Police Officer Costs Not Covered by the Homeless Shelter Cities State Mitigation Grant (\$877,832 one-time from General Fund Balance of which \$498,692 is ongoing)**
- **A-5: Downtown Capital City Revitalization Zone 0.5% Sales Tax Budget (\$25,982,860 ongoing in a new dedicated fund)**
- **A-6: 3200 West Complete Street Additions (\$100,000 one-time from the Quarter-cent Sales Tax for Transportation Fund Balance)**
- **D-1: City Hall Earthquake Repair Insurance Funds Rescope (\$3,488,282 rescope in the CIP Fund)**
- **D-2: Fleet Encumbrance Reappropriation (\$10,580,117 from Fleet Fund)**
- **D-4: Landfill Projects (\$7 Million one-time in the CIP Fund; Budget Neutral from County Reimbursements)**
- **D-5: Additional Funding for Kensington Neighborhood Byway (Rescope \$103,182 of CIP funds and \$42,833 of transportation impact fees both from a cancelled project)**
- **D-6: Racial Equity in Policing Commission Recommended Trainings for the Police Department (\$240,950 one-time from the Nondepartmental Public Safety Reform Holding Account)**
- **D-7: Prosecutor's Office Changes since Budget Amendment #1 (\$280,269 back to General Fund Balance; removing City Prosecutor FTE; and Rescope \$50,000 in the CIP Fund for Fifth Floor of City Hall feasibility and structural study)**
- **D-8: 911 Department Reclassifying Two Positions (Budget Neutral)**
- **D-9: University of Utah Donation for Sunnyside Park Improvements (\$4,200,000 one-time)**
- **D-10: Expense Budget Transfer from Non-departmental to the Police Department and Fire Department for Wages (\$2,131,513 from Non-departmental; \$1,047,521 to the Fire Department and \$1,083,992 to the Police Department)**
- **E-1: TTIF 200 South Transit Corridor Project (\$1,800,000 from Misc. Grants Fund)**
- **E-2: TTIF 400 South Multi-Use Trail (\$6,356,000,000 from Misc. Grants Fund)**
- **E-3: TTIF West Temple Bike Transit Connections (\$1,326,000 from Misc. Grants Fund)**

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- **E-4: TTIF Westpointe/Jordan Meadows Neighborhood Byway (\$900,000 from Misc. Grants Fund)**
- **E-5: FY24 COPS Law Enforcement Mental Health and Wellness Act (\$98,786 from Misc. Grants Fund)**
- **E- 6: FY 24 COPS Hiring Program (\$1,500,000 from Misc. Grants Fund)**
- **F- 2: University of Utah Sunnyside Donation (\$4,200,000 from Donations Fund)**
- **G- 1: Mental Health Services to First Responders (\$47,556 from Misc. Grants Fund)**
- **G-2: Utah State Board of Education Snack Grant (\$6,000 from Misc. Grants Fund)**
- **G-3: State of Utah, Department of Public Safety, Bureau of Emergency Medical Services (BEMS) (\$9,642 from Misc. Grants Fund)**
- **G-4: Emergency Management Performance Grant (\$18,000 from Misc. Grants Fund)**
- **I-1: City Hall Physical Security Improvements Holding Account Release (\$123,133 one-time)**
- **I-2: Request to Reappropriate Funds for Reconnecting Communities Federal Grant for Local Match (\$1.24 Million Funding Our Future's (FOF) Fund Balance)**
- **I-3: Ivory University House Student Housing Project (\$330,000 from FOF for Year One/FOF Housing Allocation to CAN for Years Two through Five)**
- **I-4: Informal Public Benefits Analysis: Utility Rate Stabilization Fee Waiver**
- **I-5: Aligning Appointed Pay Plan with the Council Office Staffing Document**

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

Final Result: 7 – 0 Pass

3. Ordinance: Jordan River Fairpark District Zoning Map & Text Amendment

The Council will consider adopting an ordinance that would amend the City's zoning ordinance by creating a new zoning district known as the Jordan River Fairpark (JRF) District at approximately 1500 West North Temple and bounded by the Jordan River, Redwood Road, North Temple, and Interstate 15. The proposal would rezone approximately 93 acres across 32 parcels into a single zone to support the area's redevelopment. The project is located within Council District 2. Petitioner: Snell & Wilmer, representing Larry H. Miller Development. Petition No.: PLNPCM2024-00982.

1. **Zoning Map & Text Amendment:** The JRF district would allow buildings up to 400 feet tall. No minimum lot size, setbacks, or open space requirements are proposed, and developments would be exempt from meeting the City's

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general plans.

2. **Development Agreement:** The proposed Development Agreement addresses access to the Jordan River, open space, roads, and infrastructure improvements and establishes review processes for development applications. Under new state law, an agreement must be reached by December 31, 2024, for expedited land use reviews related to a qualified stadium and related uses. If no agreement is made, the JRF District will not be subject to the City's zoning regulations.

For more information visit <https://tinyurl.com/JRFDistrict>.

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

Briefing - Tuesday, November 12, 2024; Tuesday, November 19, 2024; Tuesday, December 3, 2024; and Tuesday, December 10, 2024

Set Public Hearing Date - Tuesday, November 12, 2024

Hold hearing to accept public comment - Tuesday, November 19, 2024 and Tuesday, December 3, 2024 at 7 p.m.

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Staff Recommendation - Refer to motion sheet(s).

Motion:

Moved by Council Member Puy, seconded by Council Member Dugan to adopt Ordinance 92 of 2024, establishing the Jordan River Fairpark zoning District and rezone 93 acres at approximately 1500 W North Temple to the JRF zoning district. Council Member Puy further moved that Council requested the administration enter into a development agreement with the applicant, as outlined in Attachment A of this agenda item. Council Member Puy further moved that Council requested an annual audit/review of the project area that could be posted on the City website, outlining the cost of City services provided to UFAIR District and revenue in property and sales tax diverted to the district so the public could be made aware of how those funds were used.

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

Final Result: 7 – 0 Pass

Each Council Member took a moment to speak to the work/discussions it had taken to create the agreement between the Salt Lake City and the Larry H Miller Group, the improvement the development would be to the area and the benefits the proposal would bring to the Westside. Council Members thanked everyone involved in the process and stated there were minor items to be addressed as the agreement was finalized in the next few days.

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D. COMMENTS:

1. Questions to the Mayor from the City Council.

No questions were asked of 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 Petro reviewed the rules of decorum.

Oswaldo Ponce de Leon Landa asked Council to take action to protect undocumented citizens by making a public statement of support; to not cooperate with law enforcement in deportation activities and to re-allocate law enforcement funds to protect undocumented residents.

Taylor Larsen advocated for the Green Loop to be developed along with the Rio Grande Plan.

Andrew Marwick spoke to funding for the Larry H. Miller arena project, stating funding could be used to complete other projects prior to the Olympics coming to Salt Lake City.

Oscar Arvizu encouraged Larry H. Miller to incorporate green space into the design of the Fairpark development, along with owner occupied units, that would promote investment in the neighborhoods future.

Mona M spoke to concerns/problems with the Church of Scientology.

Jay Larsen spoke to zoning/height issues with construction of a Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints temple in Texas.

Cheneil Hill spoke to concerns/problems with the Church of Scientology's tax exempt status.

Cameron Elwood spoke against Governor Cox's deportation speech, asked Council to make a statement against the plan and protect the immigrants in Salt Lake City.

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Mary Allison Sutinis spoke against Governor Cox's deportation speech; asked Council to make a statement against the plan and protect the immigrants in Salt Lake City.

En Canada spoke to issues immigrants would face regarding deportation and asked Council to stand with the community members looking for a better life.

Erin O'Farrell spoke against Governor Cox's speech regarding deportation; asked Council to make a statement against the plan and protect the immigrants in Salt Lake City.

Nathan McCaghlin speech regarding deportation; asked Council to make a statement against the plan and protect the immigrants in Salt Lake City.

Dr. Stephanie Miller-Tejada speech regarding deportation; asked Council to make a statement against the plan and protect the immigrants in Salt Lake City.

Camden McDonald spoke against Governor Cox's deportation speech; asked Council to make a statement against the plan.

Kate Wilson-Burnett spoke to Governor Cox's deportation speech, the need to ensure Utah immigrants were kept safe, treated with dignity and allowed to be part of the community.

Milana Ortega spoke to the need to protect local immigrants from being deported, encouraged Council to take a stand with the community and address deportation alongside the residents of Salt Lake.

Trent Powelson asked Council whether they supported mass deportations and requested Council's help in preventing immigrants families from being separated.

Rylee Marron spoke to the dangers of deportation and asked everyone to denounce Governor Cox's statements.

E. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Ordinance: Economic Development Loan Fund - Frontier Fruit, LLC.

The Council will consider adopting an ordinance that would approve a \$350,000 loan for Frontier Fruit, LLC at 1388 South 300 West from the Economic Development Loan Fund (EDLF). Frontier Fruit, LLC is a taproom offering craft beers and artisanal spirits. This loan will assist in the creation of 19 new jobs in the next year and the retention of 11 current jobs.

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discussion)

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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 Mano to adopt Ordinance 94 of 2024, approving a \$350,000 loan for Frontier Fruit, LLC, from the Economic Development Loan Fund.

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

Final Result: 7 – 0 Pass

F. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1.

Municipal Services Interlocal Agreement between Salt Lake City and the Utah Fairpark Area Investment and Restoration District

The Council will consider approving an interlocal agreement between Salt Lake City and the Utah Fairpark Area Investment and Restoration District to provide municipal services, such as water, sewer, police, fire, and homelessness assistance to the Fairpark District boundary.

In 2024, the Utah State legislature passed House Bill 562, the Utah Fairpark Area Investment and Restoration District (the Act), which created the Fairpark District and, among other things, requires the City and the District enter into an agreement by December 31, 2024. This interlocal agreement provides that the District reimburse the City for the cost of municipal services. This reimbursement would be in addition to the City receiving the base taxable value and 25% of the enhanced property tax from the Fairpark District boundary.

Motion:

Moved by Council Member Wharton, seconded by Council Member Dugan to adopt Resolution 47 of 2024, authorizing the Administration to enter into an interlocal agreement with the Utah Fairpark Area Investment and Restoration District to provide municipal services to the Fairpark District Boundary.

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

Final Result: 7 – 0 Pass

2. **Resolution: Ranked Choice Voting for 2025 Municipal Election**

The Council will consider approving a resolution to participate in the State-authorized Municipal Alternative Voting Method Pilot Program project, otherwise known as ranked choice voting or instant runoff voting. Under ranked choice voting, voters rank the candidates in order of preference. Election equipment counts the preference numbers for each ballot. If none of the candidates receive more than 50% of the overall vote after the first round, the candidate with the least number of votes is eliminated. The voters who had selected the eliminated candidate as their first choice would then have their votes counted for their second-choice candidate. This process of elimination continues until a candidate crosses the 50% threshold and is declared the winner.

[For more information on this item visit \[https://city.slccity.org/minutes/minutes/2024/\]\(#\).](#)

Motion:

Moved by Council Member Puy, seconded by Council Member Dugan to adopt Resolution 44 of 2024, requesting Salt Lake City's participation in the Municipal Alternative Voting Methods Pilot Project to use ranked choice voting for the 2025 municipal election.

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

Final Result: 7 – 0 Pass

3. Resolution: Americans with Disabilities Act Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan

The Council will consider a resolution approving the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan. The proposal assesses the City's compliance with the ADA and identifies steps to eliminate accessibility barriers in City programs, facilities, and public spaces.

Motion:

Moved by Council Member Wharton, seconded by Council Member Young to adopt Resolution 43 of 2024, confirming the Salt Lake City ADA Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan.

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

ABSENT: Alejandro Puy

Final Result: 6 – 0 Pass

Council Member Puy left the meeting during this item.

4. Resolution: Council Policy Manual - Travel Section Update

The Council will consider adopting a resolution amending the Council Policy regarding Travel, Training, and Capacity Building.

Motion:

Moved by Council Member Wharton, seconded by Council Member Dugan to adopt Resolution 45 of 2024, amending the Council Policy regarding Travel, Training and Capacity Building.

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

ABSENT: Alejandro Puy

Final Result: 6 – 0 Pass

5. Tentative Resolution: Council/Board Leadership Structural Changes

The Council will consider adopting a resolution that would adjust Council/Board leadership positions.

Tabled to a future Council meeting.

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G. CONSENT:

1.

Grant Holding Account Items (Batch No. 2) for Fiscal Year 2024-25

The Council will consider approving Grant Holding Account Items (Batch No. 2) for Fiscal Year 2024-25.

2.

Board Appointment: Art Design Board – Nate King

The Council will consider approving the appointment of Nate King to the Art Design Board for a term ending December 10, 2027.

Motion:

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

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

ABSENT: Alejandro Puy

Final Result: 6 – 0 Pass

H. ADJOURNMENT:

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Meeting adjourned at 8:34 pm

Minutes Approved:

City Council Chair Chris Wharton

City Recorder

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