

MINUTES OF THE SALT LAKE CITY COUNCIL  
Tuesday, August 8, 2023

**PENDING MINUTES – NOT APPROVED**

The City Council of Salt Lake City, Utah, met in Work Session on Tuesday, August 8, 2023.

**The following Council Members were present:**

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

**The following Council Members were absent:**

Ana Valdemoros

**Present Legislative leadership:**

Cindy Gust-Jenson – Executive Director, Jennifer Bruno – Deputy Director, Lehua Weaver – Associate Deputy Director

**Present Administrative leadership:**

Mayor Erin Mendenhall, Rachel Otto – Chief of Staff, Lisa Shaffer – Chief Administrative Officer

**Present City Staff:**

Katherine Lewis – City Attorney, Matthew Brown – Minutes & Records Clerk, Michelle Barney – Minutes & Records Clerk, Thais Stewart – Deputy City Recorder, Isaac Canedo – Public Engagement Communication Specialist, Taylor Hill – Constituent Liaison/Policy Analyst, Scott Corpany – Staff Assistant, Andrew Johnston – Director of Homelessness Policy and Outreach, Ben Luedtke – Senior Public Policy Analyst, Zalmay Mallyar – Know Your Neighbor Resettlement Support, Roxana Orellana – Policy Advisor for Refugees & New Americans, JP Goats – Deputy Director Public Services, Julie Crookston – Deputy Director Public Services, Katherine Schnell – Mayor's Office Executive Assistant

The meeting was called to order at 3:53 pm

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**Work Session Items**

**1. Informational: Updates from the Administration** ~ 4:00 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.

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

Briefing - Recurring Briefing

Set Public Hearing Date - n/a

Hold hearing to accept public comment - n/a

TENTATIVE Council Action - n/a

**Katie Schnell** provided information regarding:

**Community Engagement Highlights**

- Ways to engage with the City at [www.slcc.gov/feedback/](http://www.slcc.gov/feedback/)
- Planning Department projects/events
  - Adaptive Reuse Ordinance
- Public Lands projects/events
  - North Temple Boulevard: Madsen Park
  - Glendale Regional Park Master Plan
  - Liberty Park Playground
  - Making the Emerald Ribbon
- Arts Council
  - West Side Art Project
- Mayor's Office
  - August Community Office hours and locations
- August 2023 City events

**Andrew Johnston** provided information regarding:

**Homelessness Update**

- Resource Center utilization data
- Rapid Intervention/Encampment Impact Mitigation locations
- Resource Fair to be held Friday August 11, 2023, at Library Square
- Kayak Court to be held August 18, 2023, on the Jordan River
- State of Utah 5-Year Homeless Strategic Plan –  
<https://jobs.utah.gov/homelessness/homelessnessstrategicplan/pdf>
- Salt Lake Valley Coalition to End Homelessness (SLVCEH) Strategic Plan
- Salt Lake Valley '23-24 Winter Services Plan
- Outdoor Resources Center (Sanctioned Camp Pilot)
- Cooling station information

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**2. Informational: Equity Update**

~ 4:15 p.m.  
20 min.

The Council will hold a discussion about various initiatives led by the City's Office of Equity and Inclusion. These initiatives include, but are not limited to, improving racial equity and justice in policing. Discussion may also include updates on the City's other work to achieve equitable service delivery, decision-making, and community engagement through the Citywide Equity Plan, increased ADA resources, language access, and other topics addressed in the ongoing work of the Human Rights Commission and the Racial Equity in Policing Commission.

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Briefing - Recurring Briefing

Set Public Hearing Date - n/a

Hold hearing to accept public comment - n/a

TENTATIVE Council Action - n/a

**Roxana Orellana** and **Zalmay Mallyar** presented the Equity update highlighting:

- Welcoming week – September 8-17, 2023
  - Official calendar of all events will be available on SLCGov.com
  - Welcoming Walk, Tree Planting and Dedication scheduled for September 14, from 12:00 pm to 1:30 pm at Washington Square
- Welcoming new immigrants and refugees – please send welcoming messages to [Roxana.Orellana@slcgov.com](mailto:Roxana.Orellana@slcgov.com) by August 28, 2023

Council Members asked for the information pamphlets to pass out to residents.

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3. **Resolution: Capital Improvement Program Projects Follow-up**

~ 4:35 p.m.  
60 min

The Council will receive a follow-up briefing about the City's Capital Improvement Program (CIP), which involves the construction, purchase or renovation of buildings, parks, streets or other City-owned physical structures. Generally, projects have a useful life of at least five years and cost \$50,000 or more. The Council approves debt service and overall CIP funding in the annual budget process, while project-specific funding is approved by September 1 of the same calendar year.

For more information on this item visit <https://tinyurl.com/SLCFY24CIP>.

**FYI – Project Timeline:** (subject to change per Chair direction or Council discussion)  
Briefing - Tuesday, June 6, 2023; Tuesday, July 11, 2023; Tuesday, July 18, 2023; and Tuesday, August 8, 2023

Set Public Hearing Date - Tuesday, June 13, 2023

Hold hearing to accept public comment - Tuesday, July 18, 2023 and Tuesday, August 8, 2023 at 7 p.m.

TENTATIVE Council Action - Tuesday, August 15, 2023

**Ben Luedtke** reviewed the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) information including:

- CIP Budget Book pages
- New information since the last briefing
- Potential funding scenarios for Council-identified priority projects and how each project would be funded:
  - #7 Livable Streets Program – new total would be \$1,644,136
  - #21 Rose Park Lane Beautification, Trail and Safety Improvements – for two driver feedback signs
  - #22 Richmond Park Playground – combine with Parks, Trails & Open Space Bond funding for District Four ReImagine neighborhood parks
  - #27 North Temple Arts and Tourism District Improvements – combine with Parks, Trails & Open Space Bond funds for Folsom Trail
  - #32 Sugar House Safe Side Streets Part 2 – fully funds the second phase
  - #46 Safety Enhancements to Westside of Foothill Drive – for Blaine Avenue and 2500 East
  - #57 Ensign Peak Nature Park Improvements – fully funds the request
- Attachment 10 regarding the Concrete Replacement 50/50 program (located in the Staff Report/Meeting Materials)

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Council Members and Ben Luedtke discussed:

- The proposed funding scenario would spend the entire dollar amount allocated to CIP
- The impact of funding on the projects and ensuring it was being used in the best way
- Procedure for allocating funding for traffic calming and moving it toward a more data driven process rather than political
- Creating a Legislative Intent for a data driven approach to traffic calming
  - Staff will draft the Legislative Intent to put in place prior to the next round of CIP applications
- Data in the Staff Report regarding other projects
- If the 50/50 plan estimate properly reflected the homeownership rates in the districts
  - Correlated to the household income rather than homeownership rates
  - Differences in bid rates for the City versus the cost/bids residents were receiving
    - Differences may come from the City's use of bonded contractors that guaranteed work in the public way and completed to City standards
  - **JP Goates** and **Julie Crookston** reviewed:
    - The 50/50 program
    - Funding
    - Material fees
    - ADA compliance regulations
  - Funding for sidewalks in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) areas
  - ADA compliance projects
  - Importance of reviewing ways to repair and fund sidewalks while taking into account financial issues of residents
  - The difference in the requests and jobs completed in the 50/50 program
  - How sidewalk damage was tracked and if residents were contacted with information regarding the programs to assist with sidewalk repairs
  - Exploring a graduated income-based program to assist with sidewalk repair
    - Staff will return with information on potentially changing the policy to allow additional funding for sidewalk repair and the 100 percent CDBG program
  - Dollar amounts for sidewalk repair per district
  - How trees affected sidewalks and addressing those issues with Urban Forestry Division
- Project #4 Transit Capital for Frequent Transit Routes
  - Cost and possible funding
  - Working with Wasatch Front Regional Council on plans for the project

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4. **Ordinance: Economic Development Revolving Loan Fund – Leavity LLC** Written Briefing

The Council will receive a written briefing about an ordinance that would approve a \$100,000 loan for Leavity, LLC., at 47 South Orange Street, #B1, from the Economic Development Loan Fund (EDLF). Leavity LLC., is a wholesale sourdough bread bakery. This loan will assist in the creation of one new job in the next year and the retention of one current job.

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Set Public Hearing Date - n/a

Hold hearing to accept public comment - n/a

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*Written briefing only. No discussion was held.*

## **Standing Items**

### **5. Report of the Chair and Vice Chair**

Report of Chair and Vice Chair.

*No report.*

### **6. 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.

**Cindy Gust-Jensen** stated the Council Meeting on September 8, 2023, would start at 2:30 pm instead of 2:00 pm due to the Council photograph session.

### **7. 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;

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- 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 4:56 PM

Held via Zoom and in the Work Session Room (location)

Council Members in Attendance: Council Members Dugan, Puy, Petro, Wharton, Young, and Mano (online).

City Staff in Attendance: Mayor Mendenhall, Katherine Lewis, Rachel Otto, Lindsey Nikola, Andrew Johnston, Cindy Gust-Jenson, Jennifer Bruno, Lehua Weaver, Allison Rowland, Ben Luedtke, Nick Tarbet, Tammy Huntsaker, Danny Walz, Kimberly Chytraus, Blake Thomas, Mary Beth Thompson, Whitney Gonzalez Fernandez, Matthew Brown, and Thais Stewart.

Closed Session ended at 6:12 PM

**Motion:**

**Moved by Council Member Wharton, seconded by Council Member Puy to enter into Closed Session for the purposes a strategy sessions to discuss pending or reasonably imminent litigation; 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.**

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

**ABSENT:** Ana Valdemoros

**Final Result:** 6 – 0 Pass

**Motion:**

**Moved by Council Member Dugan, seconded by Council Member Young to end the closed session.**

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

**ABSENT:** Ana Valdemoros, Darin Mano

**Final Result:** 5 – 0 Pass



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Meeting adjourned at 6:12 pm

Minutes Approved:

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City Council Chair

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City Recorder

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