

MINUTES OF THE SALT LAKE CITY COUNCIL
Thursday, May 25, 2023

The City Council of Salt Lake City, Utah, met in Work Session on Thursday, May 25, 2023.

The following Council Members were present:

Ana Valdemoros, Victoria Petro, Daniel Dugan, Chris Wharton, Alejandro Puy, Darin Mano

The following Council Members were absent:

Amy Fowler

Present Legislative leadership:

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

Present Administrative leadership:

Lisa Shaffer – 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, Taylor Hill – Constituent Liaison/Policy Analyst, Scott Corpany – Staff Assistant, Ben Luedtke – Senior Public Policy Analyst, Angela Price – Policy Director, Community and Neighborhood, Ruedigar Matthes – Project and Policy Manager, Community and Neighborhoods, Tammy Hunsaker – Director of Community Services, Debbie Lyons – Director Sustainability and Environment, Sophia Nicholas – Deputy Director of Sustainability, Christopher Bell – Waste and Recycling Division Director

The meeting was called to order at 3:05 pm

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Work Session Items

Click Here for the Mayor's Recommended Budget for Fiscal Year 2023-24

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| 1. Ordinance: New Five-Year Housing Plan, <i>Housing SLC</i> | ~ 3:00 p.m.
60 min. |
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The Council will receive a briefing about an ordinance that would adopt the proposed new five-year housing plan, *Housing SLC*. The City's current housing plan, *Growing SLC*, expires at the end of the fiscal year, and a new moderate income housing plan is needed to meet State code requirements and receive priority consideration for State funding resources.

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

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

Briefing - Thursday, May 25, 2023

Set Public Hearing Date - Tuesday, May 23, 2023

Hold hearing to accept public comment - Tuesday, June 6, 2023 at 7 p.m.

TENTATIVE Council Action - Tuesday, June 13, 2023

Angela Price gave a brief overview of the Community and Neighborhood Department and timeframe for the proposal.

Ruedigar Matthes presented the five-year housing plan for Housing SLC including:

- Overview of three goals
 - Supported by 18 moderate-income housing strategies
 - Supported by 47 unique action items
 - Implemented over five years
- Guiding Framework
 - Preserve affordable housing
 - Protect tenants
 - Produce new affordable housing
 - Expand capacity for tenant support
 - Collaborate to maximize impact
 - Advocate for tenants and affordable housing
- Goals
 - Make progress toward closing the housing gap of 5,500 units of deeply affordable housing and increase the supply of housing at all levels of affordability
 - Increase housing stability factors throughout the City
 - Increase opportunities for homeownership and other wealth and equity-building opportunities
- State requirements
- Housing SLC Requirements
- Public comment period timeline

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- Public feedback
- Responses to Public Comments
- Planning Commission having forwarded a favorable recommendation to the City Council

Council Members, Angela Price, **Tammy Hunsaker** and Ruedigar Matthes discussed:

- Council wanting the breakdown on the for and against public comments
- What did the salary breakdowns mean for a Salt Lake City resident that would allow people to apply for funding
- Percentage of the population that would be assisted in the City with the proposal
- If the City was catching up to the rest of the State in helping residents with housing or was it falling behind
- Types of housing, if that housing would help in the long run, how housing was changing over the years
- Council wanted to see the problems answered, to get other jurisdictions in the State to assist with housing issues
- Options for turning unused offices into apartments
- Funding for home ownership in the City and the nation
- City was required to do five strategies and had already accomplished 18
- Upcoming policies Housing would be working on to promote homeownership possibilities
- Advocating for existing homes as well as new construction to be part of the proposals
- Housing needed to be a priority and balanced to help those less fortunate
- Insurance requirements that blocked the development of condos and townhomes

2. Fiscal Year 2023-24 Budget: Sustainability Department and Refuse Fund

~ 4:00 p.m.

30 min

The Council will receive a briefing about the proposed Sustainability Department budget and Refuse Fund for Fiscal Year 2023-24.

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Set Public Hearing Date - Tuesday, April 18, 2023

Hold hearing to accept public comment - Tuesday, May 16, 2023 and Tuesday, June 6, 2023 at 7 p.m.

TENTATIVE Council Action - TBD

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Ben Luedtke gave a brief overview of the budget request:

- Proposed budget to be \$28,493,792 - \$3,541,121 or 14% more than last fiscal year
 - Increase was due to:
 - Collection fee adjustments to cover higher costs for existing services
 - Nearly \$2.4 million for new capital purchases (new vehicles replacing old vehicles)
 - Re-appropriating prior year funding for new vehicle purchases that couldn't be used because of manufacturer supply constraints
 - Two new full-time employees (FTEs) are proposed bringing the total Department staff level to 65 FTEs
- The Department consisting of two Divisions:
 - The Waste & Recycling Division Enterprise Fund which operated like a business where revenues must cover expenses. It provides weekly collection of recycling, yard waste, and garbage as well as for special events, operates a bulk waste collection program ("Call 2 Haul"), supports the municipal landfill, provides education and permitting, and oversees implementation of City ordinance requirements for commercial recyclers. There are 56 FTEs in the Waste & Recycling Division with one new FTE proposed for a total of 57 FTEs. This Division covers over 90% of the Department's budget.
 - The Environment & Energy Division was transitioning away from relying on landfill dividends as a revenue source to be fully covered by the General Fund, and FY2024 was planned to be the last year of the transition. The Division seeks to advance the City's sustainability and electrified transportation goals jointly adopted by the Mayor and Council (see Staff Report for goals). It assists departments with environmental assessments typically performed by consultants and compliance, develops strategies to reduce emissions and improves energy efficiency for City operations and resident's activities, address food insecurity, and facilitates greater access to renewable energy. There are seven FTEs in the Environment & Energy Division with one new FTE proposed for a total of eight.

Debbie Lyons, Sophia Nicholas and Chris Bell presented the proposed budget highlighting:

- Environment and energy costs by program
- Waste and recycling expenses by program
- Environment and energy insight summary
- Air Quality Incentives Program
 - Lawn mower exchange program
 - Electric (E) – bike program
- Waste and Recycling Insight Summary
 - Increase in costs for maintenance, fuel, tipping and compensation
 - Capital increase
 - Container maintenance
 - Residential service fees
 - Special event service fee

Council Members, Ben Luedtke, Debbie Lyons, Sophia Nicholas and Chris Bell discussed:

- Council wanting more information on the Call 2-Haul program and how illegal dumping was being addressed

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- How to address spring cleaning of neighborhoods, illegal dumping and removal of bulk waste throughout the City
 - Current program offers recycling and smaller more efficient equipment
- The multi-family residential recycling program and the number of people that opted in for the service
- The City's ordinance regulating recycling services for apartment complexes/large developments and how it was enforced
- The options for glass recycling and the option to include the cost in base service
- Encouraging gas stations to offer recycling options
- Food waste disposal
- Renewable energy percentages outlined in the budget book and where the jump in percentage resulted from
 - The increase in percentage was a result of the solar farm coming online
- E-bikes were being stolen at an alarming rate, need weatherproof places for storage to be available to City residents
 - Could be addressed in the City Parking Ordinance requirements for bikes
- It was time to look at what could be done with plastic bags in the City
- Providing carts/wagons for children for rental along with the bike services
- Offering income-funded programs for E-bikes and scooters
- Guidance for teaching people how to maintain a bike
 - Bicycle Collective currently offers this service
- Incentivize electric mower sales with retailers

3. Fiscal Year 2023-24 Budget: Unresolved Issues Written Briefing
TENTATIVE

The Council will receive a written briefing about unresolved issues relating to the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2023-24.

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TENTATIVE Council Action - TBD

Jennifer Bruno reviewed the Unresolved Issues as presented in the Staff Report and tracking sheet highlighting:

- Ongoing items for discussion:
 - Increase salary for Prosecutors and Legal Defenders – clarified the dollar amounts for the positions and the purpose of making these position equitable in pay with County employees
 - Post – 911 call text messaging report/survey system
 - Increase funding for Economic Development to partner with smaller non-profits

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- Increase funding for lifestyle savings account for all employees (\$731,934 for enterprise fund)
- Additional funding to ensure Police Department substations were fully funded on North Temple and Downtown
- Correct Bio Hive funding
- One time items for discussion:
 - Funding to establish a low or no interest loan program for repairs on naturally occurring affordable housing units for the owners to guarantee the ongoing affordability of those units – \$1,000,000
 - City-wide Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) Incentive Program - to incentivize construction of ADUs City-wide – \$ 1,000,000
 - Funding for Partnership with Neighborworks for an equity-sharing workforce housing project (RDA/Westside Community Initiative) – \$2,000,000
 - Partnership with Salt Lake County to add housing to the planned Sunday Anderson senior center reconstruction project (9 Line) – TBD (\$3,000,000)
 - Funding for an addition to current Switchpoint facility on North Temple - the addition would house services and case management for residents. Current funding gap at \$500,000
 - Sanctioned camping grant to supplement State and County efforts – \$250,000
 - Black Water Tank Voucher Program – \$10,000
 - Re-appropriating downtown street activation approved in Budget Amendment #5 – \$500,000
 - Re-appropriating building security money not yet spent from FY 23 amount – \$409,450

Council Members and Jennifer Bruno discussed:

- Dollar amounts for the Legal Defenders Association (LDA) and City Prosecutors and if the position should be funded equally to match the County pay scale
 - Council asked for funds to be placed in a holding account for these positions until the final dollar amounts could be determined to raise the position to match County pay scales
 - Council wanted more information on why this information was not provided to Council in a timely manner to streamline the process in the future
- Updates on unresolved items would be sent to the Council as they arrived
- Overall balance of the proposed budget
 - Staff will send updated figures to Council in the next week

Council determined they wanted the following:

- First – Defense Attorneys and City Prosecutors working in the same office, courtroom and cases should make the same salary amount
- Second – City Prosecutors working alongside County Prosecutors, under the District Attorney's office should have parity in regard to salary amounts with priority given to the first direction

Standing Items

4. Report of the Chair and Vice Chair

Report of Chair and Vice Chair.

Nothing to report.

5. 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.

Nothing to report.

6. 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.

Item not held.

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Meeting adjourned at 5:17 pm

Minutes Approved: July 18, 2023


Victoria Petro (Aug 13, 2023 17:12 MDT)

City Council Vice Chair


Thais Stewart (Aug 14, 2023 08:27 MDT)

Deputy City Recorder



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