

MINUTES OF THE SALT LAKE CITY COUNCIL
Thursday, June 1, 2023

The City Council of Salt Lake City, Utah, met in Work Session on Thursday, June 1, 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:

Rachel Otto – Chief of Staff, Lisa Shaffer – Chief Administrative Officer

Present City Staff:

Katherine Lewis – City Attorney, Cindy Lou Trishman – City Recorder, Stephanie Elliott – Minutes & Records Clerk, Thais Stewart – Deputy City Recorder, Taylor Hill – Constituent Liaison/Policy Analyst, Scott Corpany – Staff Assistant, Allison Rowland – Public Policy Analyst, Andrew Johnston – Director of Homelessness Policy and Outreach, Lorena Rizzo Jenson – Economic Development Director, Sylvia Richards – Public Policy Analyst, Jake Maxwell – Deputy Director Economic Development, Felicia Baca – Arts Division Director, Jorge Chamorro – Director of Public Services, Chief Karl Lieb – Attendee, Natasha Thomas – Attendee

The meeting was called to order at 1:05 pm

Work Session Items

[Click Here for the Mayor's Recommended Budget for Fiscal Year 2023-24](#)

1. Fiscal Year 2023-24 Budget: Fire Department ~ 1:00 p.m. 45 min

The Council will receive a briefing about the proposed Fire Department budget for Fiscal Year 2023-24.

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

Briefing - Thursday, June 1, 2023

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

Jennifer Bruno introduced **Karl Lieb (Fire Chief)** who presented the Fiscal Year 2023-24 Fire Department Budget and the following information:

- 14 fire stations around SLC
- Community Health Access Team (CHAT) response ability
- Medical Response Team (MRT)
- Budget request for 5 full-time employees (FTE) – 4 social workers and 1 medical divisions captain

Council Member Dugan asked Chief Leib to clarify the department's request for 5 FTE. **Chief Lieb** expressed that the added employees and social workers will aid in response time from CHAT and MRT. Chief Lieb stated social work intervention has proven to be an asset to the first responders and does not delay the MRT that is required to stay.

Council Member Valdemoros expressed excitement for this pilot program and asked for clarification on the following;

- How are they finding new full-time employees?
 - **Natasha Thomas** explained the department was in contact with newly graduated or graduating students in search of a career after graduation and that they will work during the day.
- How is the department recruiting social workers for this role and could the City incentivize this program or create an apprenticeship?
 - Chief Lieb was in contact with universities and other entities to create an incentive program and or apprenticeships.

Council Member Petro thanked the Fire Department for their clear and presentable metrics.

Fiscal Year 2023-24 Budget: Department of Economic ~ 1:45 p.m.

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2. Development

45 min

The Council will receive a briefing about the proposed budget for the Department of Economic Development for Fiscal Year 2023-24.

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Silvia Richards introduced the proposed Fiscal Year 2023-24 Budget for the Department of Economic Development.

Lorena Rizzo Jenson and **Jake Maxwell** presented the following information regarding the budget:

- 22 total staff members
- Key Initiatives & Projects
 - Youth Career Pathways
 - Community Gardens
 - West Side Art
 - Twilight Concert Series
 - Open Streets
- Request of \$80,000
- Strategic Plan to clearly define objectives, organizational structure, project and programs execution of SLC priorities

Jake Maxwell discussed the Bio-Tech Career and Technical Education Program (CTE) success looking to expand the program within high schools. Jake Maxwell expressed that Youth Summit is a great way to introduce the arts children in the community an spark interest.

Felicia Baca discussed the art assessment of areas for future art installations and the audit discrepancy from last year. The Art Council has put procedures in place to ensure the accuracy of the entries in future reports and are working directly with Mary Beth Thompson on these audit issues.

Council Members discussed the following;

- Using mitigation funds and construction funds and how these finds were used last year
- How Salt Lake plans to offset the pains of local small businesses
- Iconic west side art projects and special assessment areas.

Council Member Puy requested reports for the following;

- What was learned from last year's budget
- The next steps in the projects

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- How Salt Lake City measures success
- What was the specific goal of the Economic Development Department
- How the department ensures no further audit discrepancies occur

Council Member Mano requested to flag the construction budget as a potential addition in the budget.

Council Member Valdemoros requested a Tax Return report be included in the Economic Development Strategic Plan to show what the return would be if Salt Lake City invests a certain amount in a plan.

Council Members thanked the department for their efforts to bring the community together.

3. Fiscal Year 2023-24 Budget: Office of the City Attorney ~ 2:30 p.m.
45 min

The Council will receive a briefing about the proposed Attorney's Office budget for Fiscal Year 2023-24.

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Sylvia Richards introduced the Fiscal Year 2023-24 Budget for the City Attorney Office and the 3 other divisions overseen by the City Attorneys Department – City Recorders, Civil Practice (Prosecutors).

Katie Lewis presented the following budget information:

- Attorney's Office represents every Salt Lake department and both branches of government
- Leadership team of 4 division chiefs
- Asking for office updates that are needed
- 2 new full time employees (FTE) for the department
- Increased salary requests for FTE paid at market value will be supported by the City Attorney

Sim Gill, Ralph Chamness, and Paul Fuller from the Prosecutors office presented information on the Prosecutors Budget requests:

- Priority of Salary parity within the prosecution community and the market rate salary adjustment
- Vacancy rate of 31% with 5 current open prosecutor positions
- A request for a grant for the "Miami Model" Prosecutor position

Council Member Petro and Ralph Chamness discussed why the report and numbers were

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not submitted to the Salt Lake on time and what was done to the culture of the office to increase quality of life of the Prosecutors.

4. Tentative Break ~ 3:15 p.m.
20 min.

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Briefing - n/a

Set Public Hearing Date - n/a

Hold hearing to accept public comment - n/a

TENTATIVE Council Action - n/a

5. Fiscal Year 2023-24 Budget: Unresolved Issues Follow-up ~ 3:35 p.m.
60 min

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

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Briefing - Thursday, May 25, 2023 and Thursday, June 1, 2023

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TENTATIVE Council Action - TBD

Jennifer Bruno, Lisa Shaffer and Andrew Johnston discussed the following information (for full report of unresolved issues refer to the Meeting Materials);

- Redevelopment Agency funding and where that could be used in other projects in Salt Lake
- Added construction budget increase of \$300,00
- Proposed RV Complained Team for RVs parked longer than City code allows,
- RV Compliance Team of 3 ongoing Full Time Employees (FTE) and 1 vehicle – ongoing cost \$325,000 -one time cost \$360,000
- Recourses for current unsheltered individuals
- Sanctioned Camping possibilities, safety issues and other data needed to be gathered

Jennifer Bruno discussed the following projects, the most flexible budget dollars and dormant HUD Funds being used:

- Neighborworks Partnerships
- Citywide Additional Dwelling Units (ADU)
- Switch Pointe Gap Financing
- Sanctioned Camping Grant

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- Naturally occurring affordable housing loan program

Jorge Chamorro discussed the City reporting regarding size and locations of unsheltered camps and the core function of the FTE response team to ensure compliance with the 48-hour rule.

Council Member Puy requested a proposal for Salt Lake to enforce rules, obtain resources and opportunities for those living in Recreational Vehicles (RVs) that the RV Compliance Team respond to, suggested black water vouchers and other possible ways to connect available recourses throughout Salt Lake and the State of Utah.

Council will continue the discussion on sanctioned campgrounds/ camping at a future meeting.

Straw poll

Support for Neighborworks partnership, citywide ADU incentives, naturally occurring affordable housing loan program (funding our future) and RDA housing funding sources. all Council Members present were in favor.

6. Fiscal Year 2023-24 Budget: Governmental Immunity Written Briefing

The Council will receive a written briefing about the proposed Governmental Immunity budget for Fiscal Year 2023-24, which is the City's self-insurance fund for liability claims.

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Item not held

7. Fiscal Year 2023-24 Budget: Human Resources Department Written Briefing

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Written Briefing Only

8. Ordinance: Amendments to the Salt Lake City Consolidated Fee Schedule for Fiscal Year 2023-24 Written Briefing

The Council will receive a written briefing about an ordinance that would amend various fees and fee information set forth in the Salt Lake City Consolidated Fee Schedule.

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Standing Items

9. Report of the Chair and Vice Chair

Report of Chair and Vice Chair.

No Report

10. 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 discussed meeting schedules and the process to fill the District 7 vacancy.

11. 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:

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- 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.

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Meeting adjourned at 4:33 pm
Minutes Approved: August 15, 2023



City Council Chair Darin Mano



City Recorder



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