

MINUTES OF THE SALT LAKE CITY COUNCIL
Thursday, July 13, 2023

The City Council of Salt Lake City, Utah, met in Work Session on Thursday, July 13, 2023.

The following Council Members were present:

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

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, Lindsey Nikola, Mayor's Deputy Chief of Staff

Present City Staff:

Katherine Lewis – City Attorney, Cindy Lou Trishman – City Recorder, Matthew Brown – Minutes & Records Clerk, Michelle Barney – Minutes & Records Clerk, Thais Stewart – Deputy City Recorder, Taylor Hill – Constituent Liaison/Policy Analyst, Scott Corpany – Staff Assistant

The meeting was called to order at 4:33 pm

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Work Session Items

- 1. Council District Seven Vacancy Applicant Interviews** ~ 1:00 p.m.
TBD

The Council will interview applicants for the vacant Council District Seven seat. Each applicant will have up to five minutes to speak to the Council on topics of their choice.

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Council Member Mano reviewed the significance of the selection process, purpose, structure of the meeting and voting process.

Applicants were given five minutes to introduce themselves and explain why they were the best candidate for the position. Speaker order was as follows:

Eric Biggart, Zachary Hildebrand, Hannah Renee Truax, Benjamin Raskin, Adam Steed, Molly Jones, Anthony Joseph Nejman, Carlos Hugo Martins, Alison Einerson, Bryon Lee Bowman, Rainer Huck, Sarah Young, Lisa Yoder, Aimee Horman, and Keith Haney.

Council Members Puy, Valdemoros, and Wharton encouraged all of the applicants to stay involved in their community whether or not they were chosen for the District 7 position, thanked everyone for their applications and reiterated that the District 7 seat would be on the November ballot for election.

Council Member Mano reviewed the voting and ballot process. and Council Members submitted the first set of ballots.

Cindy Lou Trishman read the ballots in the order of District.

Straw Poll: Support for the final two applicants who received votes from each Council Member to move forward to the next round of voting. *No vote was taken.*

Council Member Puy asked to amend the straw poll to allow all three applicants that received five or more votes to move to the next round of voting.

Straw Poll: Support for allowing all three applicants who received five or more votes to move to the next round of voting. Supported by Council Members Puy, Dugan, Mano, Petro, and Valdemoros. Council Member Wharton did not support the straw poll.

Council Member Mano read the six questions applicants would draw from for the second round of interviews.

Sarah Young was asked Question #2: Tell us about a City or District 7 project/program/event that you have been a part of and how that shaped your interest in civic involvement.

Aimee Horman was asked Question #2: Tell us about a City or District 7 project/program/event that you have been a part of and how that shaped your interest in civic involvement.

Lisa Yoder was asked Question #3: In terms of the City's relationship with the Legislature, share what your main priorities are.

Council Members asked the three applicants to answer a second round of questions.

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Sarah Young was asked Question #6: As a City Council Member, you need the cooperation and collaboration of the Council Members to achieve many goals or projects. Describe how you would approach this collaboration.

Lisa Yoder was asked Question #5: In terms of how the issue of homelessness affects the City as a whole, share what your main priorities are.

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Council Members submitted their second ballots.

Council Member Mano reviewed the steps for swearing in the nominated candidate.

Cindy Lou Trishman read the ballots in order of Council District.

Cindy Gust-Jensen stated a majority vote was required as per policy.

Straw Poll: Support for having the top two candidates answer another round of questions. Supported by all Council Members present.

Lisa Yoder was asked Question #4: In terms of how the issue of affordable housing affects the City as a whole, share what are your main priorities.

Sarah Young was asked Question #1: There have been and will be controversial requests before the Council. Describe your approach on taking competing community feedback.

Council Members submitted their third ballots.

Cindy Lou Trishman read the ballots in order of Council District

Sarah Young was appointed as the new District 7 Council Member.

Standing Items

2. Report of the Chair and Vice Chair

Report of Chair and Vice Chair.

Item not held.

3. 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 not held.

4. 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 6:51 pm

Minutes Approved: October 3, 2023


Darin Mano (Oct 10, 2023 15:00 MDT)

City Council Chair Darin Mano



City Recorder



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