

MINUTES OF THE SALT LAKE CITY COUNCIL  
Tuesday, September 12, 2023

The City Council of Salt Lake City, Utah, met in Work Session on Tuesday, September 12, 2023.

**The following Council Members were present:**

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

**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, Cindy Lou Trishman – City Recorder, Michelle Barney – Minutes & Records Clerk, Thais Stewart – Deputy City Recorder, Isaac Canedo – Public Engagement Communication Specialist, Taylor Hill – Constituent Liaison/Policy Analyst, Scott Company – Staff Assistant, Allison Rowland – Public Policy Analyst, Andrew Johnston – Director of Homelessness Policy and Outreach, Brian Fullmer – Constituent Liaison, Policy Analyst, Tim Cosgrove – Community Liaison, Laura Briefer – Public Utilities Director, Angela Price – Policy Director, Community and Neighborhood, John Anderson – Planning Manager, Diana Martinez – Senior Planner

The meeting was called to order at 5:07 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.

**Tim Cosgrove** provided information regarding:

**Community Engagement Updates**

- Ways to engage with the City [www.slc.gov/feedback/](http://www.slc.gov/feedback/)
- 9/11 Day of Service – future volunteer opportunities <https://www.slc.gov/mayor/slc-corps/>
- Mayor's Office Community Office Hours locations/dates/times
- 2023 September events in the City

**Andrew Johnston** provided information regarding:

**Homelessness Update**

- Resource Center utilization data
- Rapid Intervention/Encampment Impact Mitigation locations
- Resource Fair to be held Friday September 8, 2023, at Pioneer Park
- Kayak Court to be held September 22, 2023, on the Jordan River with one more in October

**Laura Briefer** presented the Drought and Water Supply Update:

- Drought and climate status
- Salt Lake City water supply statistics
- Salt Lake City water demand
- Water conservation tips for Fall

**2. Ordinance: The Anti-Gentrification and Displacement Plan, *Thriving in Place*** ~ 4:15 p.m.  
90 min.

The Council will receive a briefing about an ordinance that would adopt the *Thriving in Place* plan as part of the City's general plan. *Thriving in Place* is the City's proposed anti-displacement and mitigation plan, developed with public engagement and feedback from experts and community organizations.

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**Allison Rowland** gave an overview of the plan and schedule for approval.

**Angela Price** presented the plan, highlighting:

- Purpose
- How the plan was developed
- Analysis
- Documenting the severity of the challenge
- Key takeaways
- Challenges
- Action Framework
- Replacing the Housing Loss Mitigation Ordinance
- Next steps for implementation
- Action priorities
- Three City action teams
- Two partnership platforms
- Two-year Action Plan
- Community feedback
- Planning Commission feedback

Council Members, Allison Rowland, and Angela Price discussed:

- How the Council could better serve the residents of Salt Lake City at the State level
- Working with other cities to promote affordable housing
- The importance of keeping people housed and the cost of doing so
- Challenges that renters faced in obtaining units and the cost of application fees
- Prioritizing the goals and the approval process
- Implementation Team operations
- How adopting the plan could potentially add costs to the General Fund balance
- Other entities that could assist with funding portions of the programs
- Timing for implementing/funding the programs
- The logic of the State's "Three Day Pay or Quit" policy, how other Cities were assisting tenants to avoid eviction and the impact the policy had on renters
- If the Good Landlord program could help address the Three Day Pay or Quit policy
- The replacement of the Housing Loss Mitigation Plan by the Community Benefit Policy
- Using the Council Members' expertise to help move the plan forward
- Council will making it a priority to address these programs as they were brought for review
- Suggestion to add a tax to short term rentals, who could add that tax and how could those funds be used for affordable housing

*Council Member Petro took over as Chair at 6:04 pm when Council Members Mano and Puy left the meeting.*

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**3. Advice and Consent: 911 Dispatch Executive Director – Lisa Kehoe** ~ 5:45 p.m.  
10 min.

The Council will interview Lisa Kehoe prior to considering appointment as the 911 Dispatch Executive Director.

Interview was held. Council Member Petro said Lisa Kehoe's name was on the was on the Consent Agenda for formal consideration.

**4. Board Appointment: Police Civilian Review Board - Elizabeth Hanna** ~ 5:55 p.m.  
5 min

The Council will interview Elizabeth Hanna prior to considering appointment to the Police Civilian Review Board for a term ending September 7, 2026.

Interview was held. Council Member Mano said Elizabeth Hanna's name was on the Consent Agenda for formal consideration.

**5. Board Appointment: Transportation Advisory Board - Isaac Astill** ~ 6:00 p.m.  
5 min

The Council will interview Isaac Astill prior to considering appointment to the Transportation Advisory Board for a term ending September 28, 2026.

Interview was held. Council Member Mano said Isaac Astill's name was on the Consent Agenda for formal consideration.

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6. <b>Dinner Break</b>	~ 6:05 p.m. 30 min.
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7. <b>Ordinance: Alley Vacation at Approximately 2167 South 800 East</b>	~ 6:35 p.m. 20 min
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The Council will receive a briefing about a proposal that would vacate a portion of a City-owned alley situated adjacent to properties at 801 East, 809 East, 815 East, and 825 East Wilmington Avenue. Located within Council District 7. Petitioner: Denise Vance.

**Brian Fullmer** reviewed the petition, highlighting:

- The location and size of the property located in Council District Seven
- The remaining section of alley was part of a separate alley vacation petition currently under review
- The alley segment had been used as a driveway for the home at 2167 South 800 East for more than twenty years
- A gate at the rear of that property blocks the alley making it impassable

**Diana Martinez** reviewed the petition, highlighting:

- Details of the request
- Recommendation for approval
- Existing utility agreement would remain

Council Members, Brian Fullmer, and Diana Martinez discussed:

- Who would own the property being vacated
- The community response to the petition

8. <b>Ordinance: Alley Vacation at Approximately 827 East Wilmington Ave</b>	~ 6:55 p.m. 20 min
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The Council will receive a briefing about a proposal that would vacate a portion of a City-owned alley situated adjacent to properties at 825 East, 827 East, and 829 East Wilmington Avenue, and 820 East, 826 East, and 830 East Elm Avenue. If approved, this section of the alley would be divided and given to the property owners abutting the area of the alley vacated. Petitioner: Russell Bollow.

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**Brian Fullmer** reviewed the petition, highlighting:

- The location and size of the property located in Council District Seven
- The remaining section of alley was part of a separate alley vacation petition currently under review
- The alley segment was blocked by a fence behind the petitioner's property at 827 East Wilmington Avenue which was removed
- Fences and structures at other abutting properties partially block the alley
- This along with grade changes in the alley make it impassable by vehicles
- Some properties closer to 900 East use the alley segment for garage access
- Vehicle access to those properties would not be impacted by the current alley vacation request

**Diana Martinez** reviewed the petition, highlighting:

- Details of the request
- Recommendation for approval
- Existing utility agreement would remain

Council Members, Brian Fullmer, **John Anderson**, and Diana Martinez discussed:

- Current fence lines protruding into the alley way and what would happen if the petition was not approved
- Access to the properties if the alley were completely vacated
- The property owners on both sides being in favor of the alley vacation

**Rusty Balow** (applicant) stated the alley ran east to west and the TRAX line was a block away therefore, access to the alley was not really necessary for people to move around the area.

9. **Informational: Capital Asset Plan Early Check-In for Policy Guidance**

~ 7:15 p.m.

30 min.

The Council will receive a briefing about the process, goals, and prioritization criteria to create a Capital Asset Plan. It would prioritize projects over a five-year period to implement the City's visions from Council-adopted master plans. Prioritized projects would go through the annual open and competitive Capital Improvement Program (CIP) to receive funding. A Capital Asset Plan would help bridge the gap between 20-year master plan aspirations and the annual CIP process, such as identifying efficiencies of combining projects across departments and plans, tracking metrics for high-level policy goals, and aligning funding sources with eligible uses.

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*Item not held*

**Standing Items**

**10. Report of the Chair and Vice Chair**

Report of Chair and Vice Chair.

*No report*

**11. 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.

*No report*

**12. 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 7:15 pm  
Held via Zoom and in the Work Session Room (location)

Council Members in Attendance: Council Members Dugan, Petro, Valdemoros, Wharton, and Young. Council Members Puy and Mano joined at 7:44 pm

City Staff in Attendance: Rachel Otto, Lindsey Nikola, Chief Mike Brown, Katie Lewis, Cindy Gust-Jenson, Jennifer Bruno, Lehua Weaver, Whitney Gonzalez-Fernandez, and Cindy Lou Trishman.

Closed Session ended at 7:55 pm

**Motion:**

**Moved by Council Member Wharton, seconded by Council Member Dugan to enter into Closed Session for the purposes of attorney-client matters and advice of Counsel.**

**AYE:** Ana Valdemoros, Victoria Petro, Daniel Dugan, Chris Wharton, Sarah Young

**ABSENT:** Alejandro Puy, Darin Mano

**Final Result:** 5 – 0 Pass

**Motion:**

**Moved by Council Member Dugan, seconded by Council Member Valdemoros to exit Closed Session.**

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

**Final Result:** 7 – 0 Pass

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Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm

Minutes Approved: October 17, 2023

  
Darin Maro (Oct 27, 2023 13:23 MDT)

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City Council Chair



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City Recorder



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