

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

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

**The following Council Members were present:**

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

**Present Legislative Leadership:**

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

**Present Administrative Leadership:**

Mayor Erin Mendenhall

**Present City Staff:**

Katherine Lewis – City Attorney, Cindy Lou Trishman – City Recorder, DeeDee Robinson – Minutes & Records Clerk, Thais Stewart – Deputy City Recorder, Taylor Hill – Constituent Liaison/Policy Analyst, Scott Corpany – Staff Assistant, Ben Luedtke – Senior Public Policy Analyst

The meeting was called to order at 7:00PM.

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**A. OPENING CEREMONY:**

1. Council Member Darin Mano will conduct the formal meeting.
2. Pledge of Allegiance.  
*Item not held.*
3. Welcome and Public Meeting Rules.
4. The Council will approve the formal meeting minutes of October 17, 2023, and November 7, 2023.

**Motion:**

**Moved by Council Member Petro, seconded by Council Member Dugan to approve the formal meeting minutes of October 17, 2023, and November 7, 2023.**

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

**Final Result:** 7 – 0 Pass

5. Recognition of Ana Valdemoros for her service as Council Member for District 4 from January 2019 to December 2023.

Council Member Ana Valdemoros provided a video, played during the meeting detailing District 4/Council accomplishments and gratitude for her family, colleagues, staff, etc.

Council Member Mano provided a statement from the City Council detailing Council Member Valdemoros' achievements and contributions, gratitude for her service to the City, and presented a gift to the outgoing Council Member.

Council Member Puy thanked Council Member Valdemoros for her service to the City and commitment to the community.

6. Recognition of City Council Member Darin Mano for his service to Salt Lake City as 2023 Council Chair.

Council Member Petro provided her congratulations and gratitude to Council Member Mano as the Council Chair, detailed many of his accomplishments, and presented a gift from Council Staff.

Council Member Valdemoros offered her gratitude and said it was a honor to serve on the Council and work alongside Council Member Mano.

Council Member Puy said he looked forward to Council Member Mano's continued service on the Council and noted the sacrifices of holding the Chair/Vice Chair positions.

Council Member Wharton thanked Council Member Mano for his collaboration on

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challenging issues facing the Council and for his leadership.

Council Member Dugan thanked Council Member Mano for his collaboration throughout his time as Council Chair.

**B. PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

**1. Ordinance: Budget Amendment No.3 for Fiscal Year 2023-24**

The Council will accept public comment and consider an ordinance amending the final budget of Salt Lake City, including the employment staffing document, for Fiscal Year 2023-24. The proposed amendment includes four new full-time paramedic employees in the Fire Department's Medical Response Team, creation of a Legislative Division with four new full-time employees in the City Attorney's Office, over \$6 million of additional transportation impact fees for reconstructing 2100 South through the Sugar House Business district and the 600 North / 700 North corridor transformation project among other items. The Council may also consider a resolution requesting admission to the firefighters retirement system for emergency medical service personnel and social workers, as well as an ordinance amending Chapter 2.08.040 of the *Salt Lake City Code* creating a Legislative Affairs Division and clarifying functions of the City Attorney's Office. The resolution and ordinance are related to items proposed in the budget amendment.

For more information visit <https://tinyurl.com/SLCFY24>.

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

Briefing - Tuesday, December 5, 2023 and Tuesday, December 12, 2023

Set Public Hearing Date - Tuesday, November 14, 2023

Hold hearing to accept public comment - Tuesday, December 12, 2023 at 7 p.m.

TENTATIVE Council Action - TBD

Staff Recommendation - Refer to motion sheet(s).

**Ben Luedtke** provided a brief introduction to the budget amendment.

*There were no public comments.*

**Motion:**

**Moved by Council Member Petro, seconded by Council Member Dugan to close the public hearing adopt Ordinance 81 of 2023 Budget Amendment No. 3 for Fiscal Year 2023-24 as seen on the motion sheet.**

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

**ABSENT:** Alejandro Puy

**Final Result:** 6 – 0 Pass

**C. POTENTIAL ACTION ITEMS:**

**1. Ordinance: Rezone at Approximately 1380 South 900 West**

The Council will consider adopting an ordinance that would amend the zoning of the properties located at approximately 1380 South 900 West, 1361 South 1000 West, and 1367 South 1000 West from R-1/7,000 (Single Family Residential District) to RMF-30 (Low-Density Multi-Family Residential District). The applicant owns the property located at 1380 South 900 West and intends to only develop that property. The other two properties are owned by a separate organization that asked to be included in this request to enable additional development flexibility. This proposal would accommodate a redevelopment proposal to be submitted at a later date. Consideration may be given to rezoning the property to another zoning district with similar characteristics. The project is within Council District 2. Petitioner: Drake Powell of TAG SLC, representing the various property owners. Petition No.: PLNPCM2023-00172.

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

Briefing - Tuesday, November 7, 2023

Set Public Hearing Date - Tuesday, November 7, 2023

Hold hearing to accept public comment - Tuesday, December 5, 2023 at 7 p.m.

TENTATIVE Council Action - Tuesday, December 12, 2023

Staff Recommendation - Refer to motion sheet(s).

**Motion:**

**Moved by Council Member Wharton, seconded by Council Member Dugan to adopt Ordinance 82 of 2023 Rezone at Approximately 1380 South 900 West.**

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

**ABSENT:** Alejandro Puy

**Final Result:** 6 – 0 Pass

**2. Ordinance: Rezone at 2157 South Lincoln Street**

The Council will consider adopting an ordinance that would amend the zoning of the property located at 2157 South Lincoln Street from RB (Residential/Business District) to CSHBD2 (Sugar House Business District). This proposal would facilitate the redevelopment of this, and the adjacent parcels into a multi-family residential project. The property is currently occupied by a Victorian home used as an office building. Under

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the proposal, the home would be preserved and used as part of the project. Consideration may be given to rezoning the property to another zoning district with similar characteristics. The project is within Council District 7. Petitioner: Mark Isaac, representing the property owners. Petition No.: PLNPCM2023-00239

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

Briefing - Tuesday, October 3, 2023

Set Public Hearing Date - Tuesday, October 17, 2023

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

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Staff Recommendation - Refer to motion sheet(s).

**Motion:**

**Moved by Council Member Young, seconded by Council Member Dugan to adopt Ordinance 78 of 2023, subject to the property owner entering a development agreement with the City that includes the following conditions:**

- 1. The property owner shall, at its cost, maintain and repair the exterior of the Victorian home located on the property in approximately its current condition. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the property owner may make exterior improvements on the interior facades (i.e., not facing Lincoln or Elm Streets) in order to comply with current building occupancy codes.**
- 2. In no event shall the owner directly, or through its agents, employees, or tenants (1)-materially alter the architecturally significant exterior features of the Victorian home, (2) increase or decrease the Victorian home's height, or (3) adversely affect the structural integrity of the Victorian home.**
- 3. The property owner shall construct sidewalks a minimum of seven feet wide abutting the Lincoln Street, Elm Avenue, and 1000 East sides of the properties currently owned by the property owner. Park strips abutting the 7-foot sidewalk shall be either maintained in their current turf-covered state, or, if replaced, landscaped with mulch, pavers, or concrete, and street trees shall be installed in order to achieve 33% vegetation at maturation.**
- 4. This development agreement shall run with the land for a period of 50 years.**

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

**ABSENT:** Alejandro Puy

**Final Result:** 6 – 0 Pass

**D. COMMENTS:**

1. Questions to the Mayor from the City Council.

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*There were no questions/comments.*

2. Comments to the City Council. (Comments are taken on any item not scheduled for a public hearing, as well as on any other City business. Comments are limited to two minutes.)

Council Member Mano provided the rules of decorum.

**En Canada** (District 5 resident), **Jaz Dumas** (District 6 resident), **Josefa Martinez**, **Frank Vales**, **Ambreen Khan** (District 2 resident), **William** (no last name), **Stephanie Mortensen**, **Olivia Marron**, **Tania Heisten**, **Christina Christensen**, **Tensor Elmikawy**, **Venus Tea**, **Cael Crosby**, **Annastina Sims**, **Leafa Vai**, **Darik Avak**, **Aziz Guzay**, **Cristobal Villegas**, **Cael Crosby**, **Annastina Sims**, **Leafa Vai**, **Darik Avak**, **Aziz Guzay**, and **Naomi** (no last name), spoke regarding the current conflict in Palestine. Comments included: the Council needing to represent their residents by supporting a cease-fire, an ordinance or resolution was needed to end all foreign aid to Israel, Egypt and any nations involved in the genocide, supporting a cease-fire was needed to release hostages, atrocities were being committed in Palestine, lives could be saved by setting a precedence that Salt Lake City stood with human rights, a statement in support of Palestine from the Council would be meaningful and would set an example for the way cities could use their platform to spread important messages, and the Council had failed its constituents by continuing to fund the Israeli occupational forces across seas.

**Daniel McRae** thanked first responders for assisting his family member involved in an accident, expressed appreciation to the Mayor for visiting the family member in the hospital, and detailed ongoing issues/concerns with the Salt Lake City Engineering and Planning Departments.

**Stan Holmes** spoke regarding Consent Item – G1 (Landscaping and Buffers Chapter Text Amendment ordinance) and provided a handout further detailing his comments regarding the item, including water conservation information, Urban Forestry cooperation issues, landscaping requirements being burdensome for low-income families, etc.

**Trent** (no last name) spoke to the history of Utah and its connections to the genocide of indigenous people and urged the Council to be on the right side of history.

**C Brown** spoke of appreciation to the community for coming out to speak/sharing their voices and hoped the Council would listen and stand on the right side of history by calling for a cease-fire in Gaza.

Council Member Petro took a moment of personal privilege and asked the community to stay curious and invited them to consider what a cease-fire demand looked like (what would be significant) to them and to provide the Council with suggestions, and furthermore consider how would the Council still protect its constituents while staying on the right side of history.

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**E. NEW BUSINESS:**

**1. Resolution: Code of Conduct**

The Council will consider approving a resolution that would adopt the Code of Conduct.

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

Briefing - n/a

Set Public Hearing Date - n/a

Hold hearing to accept public comment - n/a

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Staff Recommendation - Suspend the rules and consider options.

**Motion:**

**Moved by Council Member Dugan, seconded by Council Member Puy to adopt Resolution 36 of 2023, officially adopting a Code of Conduct for the Salt Lake City Council.**

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

**Final Result:** 7 – 0 Pass

**2. Ordinance: Enacting Temporary Zoning Regulations**

The Council will consider adopting an ordinance authorizing a temporary shelter community at approximately 255 South 600 West for up to six months. The temporary shelter is a pilot program managed in collaboration with the State Office of Homeless Services. The site has 27 portable living structures intended to provide temporary living quarters for up to 50 persons experiencing homelessness and office space for at least two on-site support staff.

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

Briefing - n/a

Set Public Hearing Date - n/a

Hold hearing to accept public comment - n/a

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Staff Recommendation - Suspend the rules and consider

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motions.

**Motion:**

**Moved by Council Member Wharton, seconded by Council Member Valdemoros to adopt Ordinance 79 of 2023 enacting temporary land use regulations authorizing a temporary shelter community at approximately 255 South 600 West Street.**

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

**Final Result:** 7 – 0 Pass

**F. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**1. Tentative Resolution: Requesting Emergency Medical Service Personnel Admission to the Firefighters Retirement System**

The Council may consider adopting a resolution requesting that emergency medical service personnel including paramedics and social workers be admitted to the Tier 2 Firefighter Utah Retirement System. This resolution relates to an item in Budget Amendment No.3 proposing new civilian single-role paramedic full-time employees in the Fire Department.

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

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Set Public Hearing Date - n/a

Hold hearing to accept public comment - n/a

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Staff Recommendation - Refer to motion sheet(s).

**Motion:**

**Moved by Council Member Dugan, seconded by Council Member Petro to defer action to a future date.**

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

**Final Result:** 7 – 0 Pass

**2. Tentative Ordinance: Creating a Division of Legislative Affairs and Clarifying Functions of the City Attorney's Office**

The Council may consider adopting an ordinance that would amend *Salt Lake City Code*

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2.08.040 creating a Division of Legislative Affairs and clarifying functions of the City Attorney's Office, including the City Recorder and outside executive or legislative counsel.

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Set Public Hearing Date - n/a

Hold hearing to accept public comment - n/a

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Staff Recommendation - Refer to motion sheet(s).

**Motion:**

**Moved by Council Member Wharton, seconded by Council Member Dugan to adopt Ordinance 80 of 2023 amending section 2.08.040 of the Salt Lake City Code creating a Division of Legislative Affairs and clarifying functions of the City Attorney's Office.**

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

**Final Result:** 7 – 0 Pass

**G. CONSENT:**

**1. Ordinance: Landscaping and Buffers Chapter Text Amendment**

The Council will set the date of Tuesday, January 9, 2024 at 7 p.m. to accept public comment and consider adopting an ordinance that would amend various sections of Title 21A of the *Salt Lake City Code* pertaining to Landscaping and Buffers chapter amendments. The proposed amendments would seek to reduce water consumption, enhance the urban forest, and improve air quality and green infrastructure city-wide. The proposal would also seek to clarify, simplify, and reorganize the landscaping and buffer chapter to be more user-friendly. The City Council may consider modifications to other related sections of the code as part of this proposal.

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

Briefing - Tuesday, December 5, 2023 and Tuesday, December 12, 2023

Set Public Hearing Date - Tuesday, December 12, 2023

Hold hearing to accept public comment - Tuesday, January 9, 2024 at 7 p.m.

TENTATIVE Council Action - TBD

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Staff Recommendation - Set date.

**2. Board Appointment: Planning Commission – Brian Scott**

The Council will consider approving the appointment of Brian Scott to the Planning Commission for a term ending December 12, 2027.

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Set Public Hearing Date - n/a

Hold hearing to accept public comment - n/a

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Staff Recommendation - Approve.

**3. Board Appointment: Arts Council Board – Lana Taylor**

The Council will consider approving the appointment of Lana Taylor to the Arts Council Board for a term ending December 12, 2026.

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

Briefing - Tuesday, December 12, 2023

Set Public Hearing Date - n/a

Hold hearing to accept public comment - n/a

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Staff Recommendation - Approve.

**4. Board Appointment: Arts Council Board – Sabrina Martinez**

The Council will consider approving the appointment of Sabrina Martinez to the Arts Council Board for a term ending December 12, 2026.

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

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Set Public Hearing Date - n/a

Hold hearing to accept public comment - n/a

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Staff Recommendation - Approve.

5. **Board Appointment: Airport Board – Luz Escamilla**

The Council will consider approving the appointment of Luz Escamilla to the Airport Board for a term ending December 12, 2027.

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

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Set Public Hearing Date - n/a

Hold hearing to accept public comment - n/a

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Staff Recommendation - Approve.

6. **Board Reappointment: Cultural Core Finance Committee – Durga Ekambaram**

The Council will consider approving the reappointment of Durga Ekambaram to the Cultural Core Finance Committee Board for a term ending December 12, 2027

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

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Set Public Hearing Date - n/a

Hold hearing to accept public comment - n/a

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Staff Recommendation - Approve.

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**Motion:**

**Moved by Council Member Dugan, seconded by Council Member Valdemoros to approve the Consent agenda except for items G2 and G5.**

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

**Final Result:** 7 – 0 Pass

**Motion:**

**Moved by Council Member Wharton, seconded by Council Member Valdemoros to approve item G2.**

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

**RECUSED:** Darin Mano

**Final Result:** 6 – 0 Pass

**Minutes:**

Council Member Mano noted that Item G5 would be revisited when the board appointee could be interviewed and recused himself for the vote on Item G2.

**H. ADJOURNMENT:**

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Meeting adjourned at 8:28 PM.

Minutes Approved: February 6, 2024.

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City Council Chair

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City Recorder – Cindy Trishman

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