

MINUTES OF THE SALT LAKE CITY COUNCIL  
Tuesday, January 16, 2024

The City Council of Salt Lake City, Utah, met in Formal Session on Tuesday, January 16, 2024.

**The following Council Members were present:**

Alejandro Puy, Chris Wharton, Daniel Dugan, Darin Mano, Sarah Young, Victoria Petro, Eva Lopez Chavez

**The following Council Members were absent:**

**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, Taylor Hill – Constituent Liaison/Policy Analyst, Isaac Canedo – Public Engagement Communication Specialist, Sylvia Richards – Public Policy Analyst, Scott Corpany – Staff Assistant

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm

**A. OPENING CEREMONY:**

**B.** Council Member Victoria Petro will conduct the formal meeting.

**C.** Pledge of Allegiance.

**D.** Welcome and Public Meeting Rules.

**E.** The Council will approve the work session meeting minutes of November 7, 2023, as well as the formal meeting minutes of November 14, 2023.

**Motion:**

**Moved by Council Member Dugan, seconded by Council Member Puy to approve the work session meeting minutes of November 7, 2023 as well as the formal meeting minutes of November 14, 2023.**

**AYE:** Alejandro Puy, Chris Wharton, Daniel Dugan, Darin Mano, Sarah Young, Victoria Petro, Eva Lopez Chavez

**Final Result:** 7 – 0 Pass

**B. PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

**1. Grant Application: 2023 Marathon Community Investment Programs - First Responder Grant**

The Council will accept public comment for a grant application request from the Police Department to Marathon Petroleum. If awarded, the grant would fund a drone to train first responders to prepare for an emergency response.

**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 - Tuesday, January 9, 2024 at 7 p.m.

TENTATIVE Council Action - n/a

Staff Recommendation - Close and refer to future consent agenda.

**Sylvia Richards** gave a brief overview of the proposal.

*There were no public comments.*

**Motion:**

**Moved by Council Member Puy, seconded by Council Member Dugan to close the Public Hearing and refer Item B-1 to a future Consent Agenda for action.**

**AYE:** Alejandro Puy, Chris Wharton, Daniel Dugan, Darin Mano, Sarah Young, Victoria Petro, Eva Lopez Chavez

**Final Result:** 7 – 0 Pass

**C. POTENTIAL ACTION ITEMS:**

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

The Council will 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; Tuesday, December 12, 2023; Tuesday, January 9, 2024 and Tuesday, January 16, 2024

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 - Tuesday, January 16, 2024

Staff Recommendation - Refer to motion sheet(s).

**Motion:**

**Moved by Council Member Dugan, seconded by Council Member Young to adopt Ordinance 02 of 2024 Budget Amendment no. 3 for Fiscal Year 2023-24 amending the final budget of Salt Lake City including the Staffing document only for items as shown on the motion sheet.**

**AYE:** Alejandro Puy, Chris Wharton, Daniel Dugan, Darin Mano, Sarah Young, Victoria Petro, Eva Lopez Chavez

**Final Result:** 7 – 0 Pass

**2. 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.

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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 - Tuesday, January 16, 2024

Staff Recommendation - Refer to motion sheet(s).

**Motion:**

**Moved by Council Member Puy, seconded by Council Member Dugan to adopt Resolution 01 of 2024, requesting that emergency medical service personnel including paramedics and social workers be admitted to the Tier 2 Firefighter Utah Retirement System.**

**AYE:** Alejandro Puy, Chris Wharton, Daniel Dugan, Darin Mano, Sarah Young, Victoria Petro, Eva Lopez Chavez

**Final Result:** 7 – 0 Pass

**D. COMMENTS:**

1. Questions to the Mayor from the City Council.

*There were no questions.*

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 Petro reviewed the rules of decorum.

**En Canada, Olivia Marron, Dani Erickson, Laurel Hiatt, Ambreen Khan, Omar Alam, Fran Lopez, Aziz Abuyazed, Oswaldo Ponce de León**

**Rae Lubbert, Stewart Robinson, Trinity Silimon, Mick Schoon, Maria Rivera, Christina Perez-Christenson, Bethany Halcomb, Josefa Martinez, Melissa Espinoza, Hafsa Abdikadir, Rita Dosanjh, Jakey Siolo, Claire Adams, Jenna Lieder, Cali Wilson, Daela Taeoalii-Tipton, Fave Wilder, Jenna Martin, Ermira Fenaecian, Emily Heider, Josh Darner, Grae Wason, Kaile Akina, Fern Robin, Jackie Daniels-Brown, Stephanie Miller, Karly Walton, Grant Miller, Leila Mujic, Hana Korkut, Daniel White, Konver Bingham, Abby Carroll, Dalia Salloum, Venus Tea, Zero Romrell, Zeaid Hasan, Natalie Diltz, Cristobal Villegas, Natty Taylor, Lekla Ramic, Jill Alger-James, Marin Gawkoski, Weston Nichols, Areli Gonzalez, Catherine Anderson, Sahar Alshonbaki, Meg Griffes, and Jaz Dumas** stated the following regarding a request for a cease-fire in Gaza:

- The Council needed to represent the constituents of Salt Lake City and call for a cease fire in Gaza
- Help those in Palestine just like the homeless that live on the streets of Salt Lake City
- Not happy with the lack of response from the Council
- People in Gaza needed hospitals, food, and basic aid
- Under represented populations needed to be represented and deserved a voice
- There was mass destruction in Gaza and something needed to be done
- Please give an answer as to why the Council and the Mayor would not sign a Resolution for a cease fire
- The holocaust didn't start with gas chambers – it started with dehumanizing people just like this genocide has done
- Stop sending money to Israel and funding the genocide
- Threats of removing Council Members from office if a Resolution was not provided
- Important to protect the health care workers that were still available for those in Palestine
- Group would not go away and would grow, attending meetings each week until the Council signed a cease fire Resolution
- Why was life only valued when it landed on US soil
- Waiting until the end of the conflict was not the time to provide aid
- People were stuck in Gaza and needed help to get out

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**Fave Wilder** spoke to the need for a cease fire and asked the Council to look at HB 261 Equal Opportunity Bill and HB 257 Trans Bathroom Bill which would not help the queer community.

Council Member Puy spoke to the number of volunteers that served the Utah Food Bank on Martin Luther King Jr. Day, the number of bills that would be coming from the Legislature in the next few weeks that the Council would be paying attention to, and thanked the Council for the work they would be doing in the next 45 days to protect their neighbors.

Council Member Wharton stated the following (in summary): thanked the members of the community that spoke tonight for their comments and reviewed the mixed cultures of people who had reached out with comments/concerns over the trauma in Gaza, expressed sympathy with the events in Gaza and spoke to the first duty by law of a Salt Lake Council Member was to keep the residents of Salt Lake City safe. Expressed concern over the rise in hate crimes for Islamic people and spoke to the importance of people feeling safe no matter who they were or what race they were.

**E. NEW BUSINESS:**  
**NONE.**

**F. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**  
**NONE.**

**G. CONSENT:**

**1. Ordinance: Rezone at 357 and 375 East 500 South, 464-466 South 400 East, and 460-462 South 400 East**

The Council will set the date of Tuesday, February 6, 2024 at 7 p.m. to accept public comment and consider adopting an ordinance that would amend the zoning of properties located at approximately 357 and 375 East 500 South, 464-466 South 400 East, and 460-462 South 400 East from RMU-45 (Residential/Mixed Use) to TSA-UC-C (Transit Station Area Urban Center Core) zoning district. This proposal would allow for ground-floor retail with residential units above the first floor, though the applicant has not included development plans with this request. Consideration may be given to rezoning the property to another zoning district with similar characteristics. The project is within Council District 4. Petitioner: Zachary Jones of Cowboy Partners, on behalf of the property owners. Petition No. PLNPCM2023-00403

For more information visit <http://tinyurl.com/500South400EastRezone>.

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

Briefing - Tuesday, January 9, 2024

Set Public Hearing Date - Tuesday, January 16, 2024

Hold hearing to accept public comment - Tuesday, February 6, 2024 at 7 p.m.

TENTATIVE Council Action - Tuesday, February 20, 2024

Staff Recommendation - Set date.

2. **Grant Holding Account Items (Batch No.3) for Fiscal Year 2023-24**

The Council will consider approving Grant Holding Account Items (Batch No. 3) for Fiscal Year 2023-24.

**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

TENTATIVE Council Action - Tuesday, January 16, 2024

Staff Recommendation - Approve.

3. **Board Appointment: Business Advisory Board – Barri Allaire**

The Council will consider approving the appointment of Barri Allaire to the Business Advisory Board for a term ending December 27, 2027.

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Set Public Hearing Date - n/a

Hold hearing to accept public comment - n/a

TENTATIVE Council Action - Tuesday, January 16, 2024

Staff Recommendation - Approve.

4. **Board Appointment: Business Advisory Board – Sheridan Mordue**

The Council will consider approving the appointment of Sheridan Mordue to the Business Advisory Board for a term ending December 27, 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.

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5. **Board Appointment: Arts Council Board – Travis English**

The Council will consider approving the appointment of Travis English to the Arts Council Board for a term ending January 16, 2027.

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Briefing - Tuesday, January 16, 2024

Set Public Hearing Date - n/a

Hold hearing to accept public comment - n/a

TENTATIVE Council Action - Tuesday, January 16, 2024

Staff Recommendation - Approve.

6. **Board Appointment: Human Rights Commission – Lisia Santini**

The Council will consider approving the appointment of Lisia Santini to the Human Rights Commission Board for a term ending December 25, 2028.

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

Briefing - Tuesday, January 16, 2024

Set Public Hearing Date - n/a

Hold hearing to accept public comment - n/a

TENTATIVE Council Action - Tuesday, January 16, 2024

Staff Recommendation - Approve.

7. **Board Appointment: Human Rights Commission – Lucia Rodriguez**

The Council will consider approving the appointment of Lucia Rodriguez to the Human Rights Commission Board for a term ending December 25, 2028.

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

Briefing - Tuesday, January 16, 2024

Set Public Hearing Date - n/a

Hold hearing to accept public comment - n/a

TENTATIVE Council Action - Tuesday, January 16, 2024

Staff Recommendation - Approve.

**Motion:**

**Moved by Council Member Puy, seconded by Council Member Wharton to approve the Consent agenda.**

**AYE:** Alejandro Puy, Chris Wharton, Daniel Dugan, Darin Mano, Sarah Young, Victoria Petro, Eva Lopez Chavez

**Final Result:** 7 – 0 Pass

**H. ADJOURNMENT:**

Meeting adjourned at 9:24 pm

Minutes Approved:

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City Council Chair Victoria Petro

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City Recorder

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