

MINUTES OF THE SALT LAKE CITY COUNCIL
Tuesday, February 13, 2024

The City Council of Salt Lake City, Utah, met in Work Session on Tuesday, February 13, 2024.

The following Council Members were present:

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

Present Legislative leadership:

Jennifer Bruno – Deputy Director, Lehua Weaver – Associate Deputy Director

Present Administrative leadership:

Mayor Erin Mendenhall, Rachel Otto – Chief of Staff

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, Andrew Johnston – Director of Homelessness Policy and Outreach, Ben Luedtke – Senior Public Policy Analyst, Brian Fullmer – Constituent Liaison, Policy Analyst, Mary Beth Thompson – Chief Financial Officer, Cassie Younger – Senior Planner, Wayne Mills – Planning Manager, Angela Price – Legislative Affairs Director, Jorge Chamorro – Public Services Director, Julie Crookston – Public Services Deputy Director, Ben Buckley – Associate Planner, Aaron Bentley – Chief Information Officer

The meeting was called to order at: 4:15 pm.

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Work Session Items

1. Informational: Updates from the Administration ~ 4:00 p.m.
20 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.

Andrew Johnston provided information regarding:
Homelessness Update

- Disruption to Encampment Impact Mitigation (EIM) and Rapid Intervention Team (RIT) work last week due to inclement weather
- Folsom Trail and 1000 West along the Jordan River being a focal point for EIM and RIT work this coming weekend
- Successful Resource Fair held last week at the Rescue Mission
- No Code-Blue were called due to the current mild weather
- State Legislative Funding Requests Impacts
 - Recap on Public Safety & Emergency Services recommendations from the Governor's budget to the Legislature
 - Items impacted by funding/not funding the Governor's recommendations – winter emergency shelter beds were generally at 99% capacity (including winter shelter beds, medically vulnerable population (MVP), and Code Blue beds totaling 825 beds)
 - At minimum, 625 of these beds could be eliminated in the summertime and going forward without additional funding
 - Deeply affordable housing requests
 - 40K of Utah renters were extremely low-income renters (30% AMI or below)
 - Homelessness could not be solved without housing and services
- Funding was needed to continue winter emergency shelter beds

2. Ordinance: Rezone and Master Plan Amendment at 803, 805, 807, and 815 West Simondi Avenue and 802, 806, 810, and 814 West 300 North ~ 4:20 p.m.
20 min.

The Council will receive a briefing about a proposal that would amend the zoning of properties located at approximately 803, 805, 807, and 815 West Simondi Avenue and 802, 806, 810, and 814 West 300 North from R1/7000 (Single-Family Residential) to RMF-30 (Low Density Multi-Family). The proposal would also amend the Northwest Community Master Plan Future Land Use Map. The proposal would allow greater flexibility in housing types to develop these properties. Consideration may be given to rezoning the property to another zoning district with similar characteristics. The project is within Council District 2. Petitioner: NeighborWorks.

For more information visit <http://tinyurl.com/SimondiAve300NorthRezone>.

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Brian Fullmer provided an introduction to the proposal.

Cassie Younger and **Wayne Mills** provided information regarding:

- Vicinity map including subject properties, current/proposed zoning, and project description
- Existing condition; all properties were currently vacant with an alley that runs through the center
- The applicant was proposing to amend the Future Land Use Map be updated to Medium Density Residential
- Housing typologies between the the zones (R-1-7000 and RMF-30)
- Comparison of development standards for R-1-7000 and RMF-30
- Planning Commission having forwarded a positive recommendation for the zoning map and Master Plan amendment
- Affordable housing considerations for new development on the properties

David Foster (Applicant, NeighborWorks) and **Maria Garciaz** (NeighborWorks) provided information regarding:

- Examples of buildings that previously occupied the properties (fourplex, former gas station, garages, etc.)
- Examples of past townhomes built by NeighborWorks
- Examples of the proposed ideas for the vacant property
- Seeking a deal with Salt Lake City Redevelopment Agency for a community land trust to bring the units in under \$400,000
- Plans to maintain the alley and to activate street level with front porches

3. Ordinance: Zoning Terms and Definitions Amendment ~ 4:40 p.m.
20 min.

The Council will receive a briefing about a proposal that would amend various sections of Title 21A of *Salt Lake City Code* pertaining to the zoning ordinance. The proposal would remove Chapter 21A.60 List of Terms and would also amend Chapter 21A.62 Definitions. Other amendments are made throughout Title 21A for clarity and consistency. No zoning standards or land use regulations are changed by this text amendment.

Ben Buckley provided information regarding:

- Details of the project request; removal of Chapter 21A.60 List of Terms, amendments to 21A.62.040 and to related provisions throughout Title 21A
- No zoning standards or land use regulations were being impacted by this amendment
- Planning Commission having forwarded a positive recommendation
- Proposed changes include definitions being amended or clarified as well as where building heights were measured from

4. Informational: State Legislative Briefing ~ 5:00 p.m.
30 min.

The Council will receive a briefing about issues affecting the City that may arise during the 2024 Utah State Legislative Session.

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Angela Price provided information regarding:

- The Legislative Affairs team was tracking 253 bills and working on over 50 bills currently
- Ranked Choice Voting Bill – The City being in opposition to the bill, as it would roll back the pilot program for ranked choice voting, cutting the pilot program in May 2024
- Homeless and Housing Appropriations Bills
 - House Bill (HB) 42 – Homelessness Amendments, having passed out of committee last week, the City had ongoing concerns with this bill and was currently working with the sponsor through Utah League of Cities and Towns (ULCT)
 - HB 298 – passed by the House and waiting for the Senate, Homelessness Appropriations would potentially be tied to this bill, hence the reason for its status
- Land Use Bills
 - HB 476 – Municipal Land Use Regulations – heard this morning in committee
 - HB 465 – Housing Affordability Revisions – having passed out of committee this morning
- The Council having issued a statement regarding the State Board of Education and the Legislative team was watching this closely to see if the Legislature would take action
- Various/multiple social bills that could impact how the City operated and how employees were cared for both religious freedoms and utilization of gender specific language – all being watched closely, working on amendments, and building coalitions/partnerships regarding these bills

5. Government Records Access and Management Act (GRAMA) Training

~ 5:30 p.m.

20 min.

The Council will receive a briefing from the Recorder's Office about the Government Records Access and Management Act (GRAMA). This briefing will serve as the annual training for both the Board of Directors of the Redevelopment Agency and the City Council.

Cindy Lou Trishman provided information regarding:

GRAMA, Records Retention, 2023 Statistics

- GRAMA having been enacted into law in 1991 under Title 63G, Chapter 2 with a balanced effort to support:
 - Right to access by the public
 - Guidelines for necessary restrictions
 - Prevention of abuse of confidentiality in government
- Retention schedules
 - Records having retention periods defined by time and value

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- Records being retained according to the periods identified by the City Recorder's Office in coordination with department records managers
- Governing retention included identification and destruction processes (paper and digital) for records and data
- Records include anything that was received, prepared, owned, or retained such as books, letters, recordings, electronic data, maps, etc.
- There are some materials not defined as records under GRAMA based on the requirement to respond to the request, but these records are still evaluated for value and duration of life cycle
- GRAMA Specifics
 - 10 business days to respond (not counting day of receipt, holidays, or weekends)
 - Five business days to respond to expedited requests
 - Extensions could be requested
 - Fee waivers were evaluated in conjunction with the Recorder's Office and the department providing responsive records
- Denials & Appeals
 - Issued for a variety of reasons (based on classification of records, including private, controlled, or confidential records)
 - Requester has 30 calendar days to appeal a decision
 - City having 10 business days to respond to an appeal
 - Requester may appeal City's decision to the State Records Committee or District Court
- Statistics and Additional Information
 - 15,620 GRAMA requests received in 2023 (a 5% decrease from the previous year)
 - Police records being the highest area of GRAMA requests
 - 30 appeals requested in 2023
 - Five GRAMA requests went to the State Records Committee (SRC) of which three were mediated/withdrawn, and two were heard by the SRC, but upheld that the City had the correct classification and record decision

6. Dinner Break ~ 5:50 p.m.
30 min.

7. Ordinance: Budget Amendment No.4 for Fiscal Year 2023-24 ~ 6:20 p.m.
30 min.

The Council will receive a briefing about Budget Amendment No.4 for the Fiscal Year 2023-24 Budget. Budget amendments happen several times each year to reflect adjustments to the City's budgets, including proposed project additions and modifications. The proposed amendment includes over \$1.8 million for police officer overtime related to the Clean Neighborhoods Program, three new full-time mechanics in the Fleet Division, \$230,000 to expand a City air quality incentives program, and a new software tool to identify non-compliant short-term rentals among other items.

For more information visit tinyurl.com/SLCFY24.

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Ben Luedtke and **Mary Beth Thompson** provided information regarding the Budget Amendment, and Council Members discussed the following items:

- **Item A-1** – \$230K Air Quality Incentives Program Expansion for Electric Bikes and Indoor Air Purification (from nondepartmental holding account and satisfying condition on the funds)
 - Council Member Puy said although he wanted access to e-bikes for the public, there were other crises facing the City, and he struggled with this item as a budget amendment
 - Council Member Petro said she was interested in meeting (with the Administration) to discuss the structural necessity for maintaining e-bikes for emerging Americans and people who would potentially become part of the bike culture, particularly in her district
 - **Straw Poll:** Support to approve funding Item A-1 for this fiscal year only and the intention is to signal to the administration, that this **would not be** an ongoing function and specifically the Council was interested in potentially making changes to the 50/50 breakdown (income qualified vs. not income qualified.) All Council Members were in favor.
- **Item A-9** – \$194K Mobile Phone Data Extraction Software (IMS Fund Balance)
 - **Straw Poll:** Support to approve Item A-9. All Council Members were in favor.
- **Item A-10** – \$203,148 Versaterm Case Service Software Upgrade (IMS Fund Balance)
 - **Aaron Bentley** explained that this software would be used for public safety cases only and would allow for access up to 30 different languages for verbal communication and up to 60 languages for texting and the form, confirmed this would consolidate services and existing mobile apps would expire at the end of this year
 - **Straw Poll:** Support to approve Item A-10. All Council Members were in favor.
- **Item A-7** – \$400K Increase in Fleet Maintenance Capacity (General Fund)
 - **Jorge Chamorro** and **Julie Crookston** explained the correlation of billable and maintenance hours that determined the need for additional staff needed for the increased work, confirmed that the current Fleet building had capacity to take on the additional requested employees with one projected to be a mobile mechanic
 - Council Member Puy offered his support for this item but wanted to discuss for the future, if it would benefit the City to lease vehicles vs. purchasing retired fleets from other agencies
 - **Straw Poll:** Support to approve Item A-7. All Council Members were in favor.

8. Informational: SLC Emergency Management Update 2024 ~ 6:50 p.m.
90 min.

The Council will receive an annual report of the City's emergency procedures, the Council's role in an emergency, and an overview of Emergency Management's current programs and efforts.

Item not held.

Standing Items

9. Report of the Chair and Vice Chair

Report of Chair and Vice Chair.

Item not held.

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.

Item not held.

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:

- 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.

Motion:

Moved by Council Member Mano, seconded by Council Member Puy to enter into Closed Session for the purposes of discussion regarding the deployment of security personnel, devices, or systems and advice of counsel.

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

Final Result: 7 – 0 Pass

Closed Session started at 6:10 pm, ending at 6:40 pm. Minutes and Recording not created pursuant to UCA 52-4-206(6)(b).

Motion:

Moved by Council Member Lopez Chavez, seconded by Council Member Dugan to exit Closed Session.

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

Final Result: 7 – 0 Pass

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Meeting adjourned at: 6:40 pm.

Minutes Approved: April 16, 2024.

City Council Chair – Victoria Petro

City Recorder – Cindy Trishman

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