

MINUTES OF THE SALT LAKE CITY COUNCIL  
Tuesday, March 26, 2024

The City Council of Salt Lake City, Utah, met in Work Session on Tuesday, March 26, 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:**

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

**Present Administrative leadership:**

Mayor Erin Mendenhall, Jill Love – Chief Administrator, Officer Rachel Otto – Chief of Staff

**Present City Staff:**

Katherine Lewis – City Attorney, Cindy Lou Trishman – City Recorder, Stephanie Elliott – Minutes & Records Clerk, Taylor Hill – Constituent Liaison/Policy Analyst, Scott Corpany – Staff Assistant, Ben Luedtke – Senior Public Policy Analyst, Brian Fullmer – Constituent Liaison, Policy Analyst, Nick Tarbet – Senior Public Policy Analyst, Andrew Johnston – Director of Homelessness Policy and Outreach, Kelsey Lindquist – Senior Planner, Daniel Echeverria – Senior Planner, Joshua Rebollo – Community Liaison, Angela Price – Legislative Affairs Director, Lex Traughber – Senior Planner - Community & Neighborhoods, David Salazar – Compensation Manager, Lorena Rizzo Jenson – Director of Economic Development, Katie Matheson – Economic Development Manager - Marketing & Research, Felicia Baca – Arts Division Director, Jacob Maxwell – Deputy Director Economic Development, Jon Larsen – Director of Transportation (Engineer), David Quealy – Senior City Attorney, Ross Chambless – Board Member

The meeting was called to order at 2:02 pm

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**Work Session Items**

**1. Informational: Updates from the Administration** ~ 2:00 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.

**Josh Rebollo** and **Andrew Johnston** gave the following updates:

- Administrative Updates
- Ways to engage with the City: [www.slc.gov/feedback/](http://www.slc.gov/feedback/)
- Planning Department events/projects
- Public Lands Department events/projects
- Mayor's Community Office Hours locations, dates, and times for April 2024
- Homelessness updates
- Code Blue
- Shelter Capacity
- Homeless Resource Center utilization data
- Encampment Impact Mitigation (EIM)
- Resource Fair to be held April 12, 2024 at Pioneer Park, 9:30-12:30pm
- Winter overflow shelter details

**2. Informational: 300 West Corridor and Central Pointe Station Area Plan** ~ 2:15 p.m.  
30 min.

The Council will receive a briefing about the 300 West Corridor and Station Area Plan which covers the blocks adjacent to 300 West between approximately 1000 South and 2100 South. The update of the plan will provide guidance on anticipated development in the area. The City was awarded funding from the Wasatch Front Regional Council (WFRC) for the development of the small area plan.

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**Nick Tarbet** introduced the item.

**Daniel Echeverria** introduced the project and handed the time over to **Jessica Garrow (Community Development Director, Design Workshop)** and **Marianne Stuck (Urban Designer and Planner, Design Workshop)**, who presented the following information:

- Study area located at 300 West Corridor
- Linear Park Public Realm
- Process and community engagement
- Walkable district goals
- Mixed-use redevelopment
- Public/private green spaces
- Housing option varieties
- Maximum heights and density criteria
- 300 West mixed use and commercial
- Trail along TRAX line
- Low scale residential
- Open space

**3. Informational: State Legislative Briefing** ~ 2:45 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.

**Angela Price, David Quealy, and Kate Bradshaw (Holland & Hart LLP)** gave the following presentation regarding the 2024 Legislative Session:

- Bill Statistics
  - 1,487 bills filed
  - 934 bills introduced
  - 591 bills passed
  - SLC tracked 282 bills
  - Over 50 bills amended
  - 44 high-priority bills
  - 1,520 comment solicitations
  - Governor Cox vetoed seven bills
- HB 548 Alcohol Amendments
- HB 491 Data Privacy Amendments
- HB 562 Utah Fairpark Area Investment Homelessness Appropriations
- SB 272 Capital City Reinvestment Zone Amendments
- Gratitude for the Legislative Tracking tool from the Records Office and to Cindy Lou Trishman

**4. Ordinance: Window Requirements for New Construction in The City's Local Historic Districts** ~ 3:15 p.m.  
20 min.

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The Council will receive a briefing about a proposal that would amend various sections of Title 21A of the *Salt Lake City Code* and amend the adopted design standards for residential and multifamily structures pertaining to the regulation of windows in the H Historic Preservation Overlay which includes properties within local historic districts and landmark sites. The proposed amendments add clarity to existing processes in terms of appropriate window materials, window location, and window installation in new construction projects. The City currently has 14 local historic districts and approximately 150 Landmark Sites.

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**Brian Fullmer, Lex Traugher, and Kelsey Lindquist** presented information regarding:

- Wood windows vs. vinyl windows
- Affordability of new construction with the requirements
- Current processes for new construction in historic districts

**5. Informational: Citizens' Compensation Advisory Committee 2024 Annual Report** ~ 3:35 p.m.  
20 min.

The Council will be briefed by the Citizens' Compensation Advisory Committee to review the 2024 Annual Report. The report includes information and recommendations about market comparisons of City employee salaries, compensation strategies, and is presented for consideration each year prior to the City's budget review process.

**Brandon Dew and David Salazar** presented the following information:

- Economic factors and budget requests
- Labor shortage
- Cost of labor
- Inflation
- Budget forecasts

**6. Tentative Break** ~ 3:55 p.m.  
20 min.

**7. Informational: Sister Cities Annual Report 2023** ~ 4:15 p.m.  
20 min.

The Council will receive a briefing about the Sister Cities Annual Report. The report includes a summary of the accomplishments achieved in 2023 and an outline of potential objectives and priorities for the future.

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**Lorena Riffio Jenson, Katie Matheson, and Ross Chambless** presented the following information:

- Established by President Eisenhower in 1956
- SLC having six active Sister Cities
- Goal to promote peace through mutual respect, understanding, and cooperation
- Sister Cities collectively holding tremendous potential and being vital assets for our City on the world stage
- Enhancement of SLC growth
- Sister Cities included:
  - Torino, Italy
  - Matsumoto, Japan
  - Trujillo, Peru
  - Chervivtsi, Ukraine

Council Member Mano proposed the Council consider inviting international investors to come to Salt Lake City to further invest in Japan Town.

Council Member Wharton requested more information to give to citizens about starting the process of applying for a sister city and how to set expectations throughout the City.

Lorena Riffio Jenson stated that the Government of Peru announced the opening of an official Consulate of Peru in Salt Lake City.

Council Member Puy requested that the International Peace Gardens be considered a possible connection between the Sister Cities and the community.

**8. Informational: Cultural Core and THE BLOCKS Update** ~ 4:35 p.m.  
20 min.

The Council will receive an update on the Cultural Core initiative, now known as “THE BLOCKS.” The update will include an executive summary of year seven and the budget plan for year eight. The annual update is a requirement of the interlocal agreement between Salt Lake City and Salt Lake County to develop, improve and market arts and cultural activities in downtown Salt Lake City. The goal of the Cultural Core initiative is to enhance downtown as a key cultural center for the city, region, and nation.

**Felicia Baca, Jake Maxwell, and Britney Helmers (The Blocks Program Director)** presented the following information:

- The Green Loop
- Steppin’ On Main – Eccles lobby and front steps
- Providing resources to bolster the community with new ideas
- Building new programs and creating events
- San Diego trip to see the “courtyard”
- Growing the downtown arts district
- Look into Fiscal Year 2025 – Year 8

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- Locally Made – Locally Played – SLC Film Society partnership starting on April 26, 2024
- Farmers market collaboration to highlight local musicians
- \$600,000 total budget

## 9. **Ordinance: Temporary Closure of 7200 West Between Interstate 80 and California Avenue** ~ 4:55 p.m. 20 min.

The Council will receive a briefing about temporarily closing a segment of 7200 West between I-80 and California Ave to mitigate unsafe conditions. State law allows temporarily closing certain streets until the unsafe conditions are mitigated or up to two years, whichever is less. Recurring illegal dumping activity on and adjacent to the road has worsened the risk of fire and caused mitigation expenses to the City.

**Ben Luedtke, Jorge Chamorro, and Jon Larsen** presented the following information:

- Temporary closure
- Proposed to be closed from April 2024 – March 2026
- Possible traffic impacts addressed
- Property owners being notified
- Public safety to retain access for emergencies
- Three primary property owners surrounding the closure
  - Union Pacific Railroad
  - Kennecott (Rio Tinto)
  - Waste Management of Utah
- Impacts of illegal dumping

Council Member Puy requested the department look into more signage around the area to inform and deter dumping.

## 10. **Informational: Council Retreat Follow-up** ~ 5:15 p.m. 30 min.

The Council will review the list of projects that were raised at the Council's annual retreat on Tuesday, January 23, 2024, and discuss priorities and next steps.

**Lehua Weaver** presented the following information:

- Recap of the Council Retreat
- Goals and priorities of the Council
- How to efficiently and effectively implement the processes
- Communication throughout Departments and Council
- Liaison coordination
- Scoping document

Council Member Young requested a way to indicate a category or range for budget, staff involvement, and time in the scoping document.

Council Member Wharton stated a need to rank what was most important for the City to accomplish.

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- 11. Board Appointment: Business Advisory Board – Kristen Lavelett** ~ 5:45 p.m.  
5 min

The Council will interview Kristen Lavelett prior to considering appointment to the Business Advisory Board for a term ending December 25, 2028.



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Interview held. Council Member Petro stated that Kristen Laveletts' name would be on the Consent Agenda for formal consideration.

**Standing Items**

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

Report of Chair and Vice Chair.

*There were no reports from the Chair or Vice Chair.*

**13. 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.

**Jennifer Bruno** asked if the Council supported the travel and payment for the Council Chair to travel to Los Angeles with the Mayor. All Council Members present supported the payment and travel of Council Member Petro to attend.

**14. 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

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(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.

**Motion:**

**Moved by Council Member Wharton, seconded by Council Member Puy to enter into Closed Session for the purposes of discussion regarding deployment of security personnel, devices, or systems; and attorney-client matters.**

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

**Final Result:** 7 – 0 Pass

**Motion:**

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

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

**Final Result:** 7 – 0 Pass

Closed Session started at 6:00 pm, ending at 6:45 pm. Minutes and Recording not created pursuant to UCA 52-4-206(6)(b).

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Meeting adjourned at 5:45 pm

Minutes Approved: June 4, 2024

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City Council Chair Victoria Petro

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