

MINUTES OF THE SALT LAKE CITY COUNCIL
Thursday, June 6, 2024

The City Council of Salt Lake City, Utah, met in Work Session on Thursday, June 6, 2024.

The following Council Members were present:

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

The following Council Members were absent:

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, Jill Love – Chief Administrative Officer

Present City Staff:

Kimberly Chytraus – Senior City Attorney, 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, Mary Beth Thompson – Chief Financial Officer, Roberta Reichgelt – Business Development Director, Debbie Lyons – Sustainability Director, Sophia Nicholas – Sustainability Deputy Director, Laura Briefer – Public Utilities Director, Lorena Rizzo – Director of Economic Development, Christopher Bell – Waste & Recycling Division Director, Felicia Baca – Arts Division Director, Jacob Maxwell – Economic Development Deputy Director, Rachel Molinari – Capital Improvement Program & Impact Fee Manager, Michael Atkinson – Capital Asset Planning Manager, Tom Millar – Planning & Design Division Director, Aaron Price – Deputy Chief Financial Officer

The meeting was called to order at 1:11 pm.

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Work Session Items

[Click Here for the Mayor's Recommended Budget for Fiscal Year 2024-25](#)

1. Fiscal Year 2024-25 Budget: Sustainability Department and Refuse Fund ~ 1:00 p.m.
45 min.

The Council will receive a briefing about the proposed Sustainability Department budget and Refuse Fund for Fiscal Year 2024-25.

For more information visit tinyurl.com/SLCFY25.

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

Briefing - Thursday, June 6, 2024

Set Public Hearing Date - Tuesday, May 7, 2024

Hold hearing to accept public comment - Tuesday, May 21, 2024 and Tuesday, June 4, 2024 at 7 p.m.

TENTATIVE Council Action - TBD

Ben Luedke provided an introduction.

Debbie Lyons, Sophia Nicholas, and Chris Bell presented information regarding: **Sustainability Department Budget FY25**

- Organizational structure for the department
- Divisions and employee information
 - Waste & Recycling (W & R) Division
 - Environment & Energy (E & E) Division
 - 65 Full-time employees (FTEs)
 - 3.68 Part-time employees
- Refuse Enterprise Fund overview – revenue and expenses for both E & E and W & R
- FY25 Expense budget decrease: 7.9%
- Revenue insights/key changes summary
- Proposed expense insights/key changes summary
- E & E FY25 proposed budget by program (not including personal services)
- W & R top three budget items
 - Capital equipment replacement (revenue and expense insights)
 - Service fee increase (revenue) – 10% increase across the board/3% increase only for curbside glass recycling
 - Public Utility Billing System allocation (expense) – total increase: \$889,104
 - \$219,104: Transfer to Public Utilities for billing residential waste and recycling fees
 - \$670,000: Ongoing/time limited (3-years) expense – upgrade to billing system

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- W & R Operating revenue & expense summary (current fiscal year and 5-year outlook)
- Study regarding Electric Vehicle (EV) charging stations was in the final stages and would be provided to Council Members in a future briefing

2. Fiscal Year 2024-25 Budget: Department of Economic Development ~ 1:45 p.m.
45 min.

The Council will receive a briefing about the proposed budget for the Department of Economic Development for Fiscal Year 2024-25.

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Lorena Riffo-Jenson, Roberta Reichgelt, Felicia Baca, and Jake Maxwell provided information regarding:

Department of Economic Development Budget FY25

- Organizational structure for the Department
- Overview of changes – General Fund expenditures
- Key changes/insights:
 - Sister Cities – request for one part-time employee to support increasing need for diplomacy in the City – \$77,000
 - Arts Council – Arts Council Program support cost and City Arts Grants Program increases – \$200,000
 - Open Streets – continued recovery support for businesses in the City – \$400,000 (ongoing)
 - Main Street Promenade economic analysis – a study to better understand the return on investment and economic impact – \$115,000 (one-time)
 - Construction Mitigation – for construction projects that severely impact the city’s small business community – \$100,000 (one-time)
- Departmental and non-departmental budget impacts/changes
- Reasoning for expanding the Open Streets Program within the city
- Details of the \$45,000 short-fall in the Arts Council being covered by emergency/rainy day funding

Council Member Petro suggested placing the \$400,000 for the Open Streets Program into a holding account until policy discussion could be held regarding expectations of the program.

3. Fiscal Year 2024-25 Budget: Governmental Immunity ~ 2:30 p.m.
30 min.

The Council will receive a briefing about the proposed Governmental Immunity budget for Fiscal Year 2024-25, which is the City's self-insurance fund for liability claims.

For more information visit tinyurl.com/SLCFY25.

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Hold hearing to accept public comment - Tuesday, May 21, 2024 and Tuesday, June 4, 2024 at 7 p.m.

TENTATIVE Council Action - TBD

Jennifer Bruno provided information regarding:

Governmental Immunity Budget FY25

- The City being self-insured and requiring excess liability from the private market – a fund that paid for things such as sidewalk settlements and Officer Involved Critical Incidents (OICI) settlements

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- The fund was at about \$4M for FY 25 – increases relate to 10 full-time employees (FTE's) in the Attorney's Office that were assigned to this fund and salary increases that were related to those FTEs
- In FY23 it was shifted from a fund that was a General Fund transfer to a stand-alone property tax – charged to every property owner in the city to fund claims (with the amount being set by the Council)

4. Tentative Break ~ 3:00 p.m.
20 min.

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Briefing -
Set Public Hearing Date -
Hold hearing to accept public comment -
TENTATIVE Council Action -

5. Fiscal Year 2024-25 Budget: Capital Improvement Program Overview ~ 3:20 p.m.
30 min.

The Council will receive a briefing about the City's Capital Improvement Program (CIP), which involves the construction, purchase or renovation of buildings, parks, streets or other city-owned physical structures. Generally, projects have a useful life of at least five years and cost \$50,000 or more. The Council approves debt service and overall CIP funding in June with the annual budget process, while project-specific funding is approved by September 1 of the same calendar year.

FYI – Project Timeline: (subject to change per Chair direction or Council discussion)
Briefing - Thursday, June 6, 2024
Set Public Hearing Date - Tuesday, June 11, 2024
Hold hearing to accept public comment - Tuesday, July 9, 2024 at 7 p.m. and Tuesday, August 13, 2024 at 6 p.m.
TENTATIVE Council Action - Tuesday, August 20, 2024

Ben Luedtke provided an introduction and highlighted the following information:

- Comparison of CIP Funding Sources by fiscal year (2022 to 2025)
- Community Development & Capital Improvement Program (CDCIP) Board funding recommendations with Mayor's additional recommended funding
- Projects with funding only recommended by the Mayor

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- Number of projects requested by constituents and internal City Departments

Rachel Molinari, Mary Beth Thompson, and Mike Atkinson provided information regarding:

- FY25 Application map – including locations where CIP projects were applied for
- FY25 Application summary –
 - Total requested \$90M
 - 72 applications – 32 were internal, 40 were from constituents
 - 31 total number of projects recommended
 - Nine constituent projects recommended
- 2025 Requests by constituents at \$18M (by district or citywide and by dollar amount breakdown by division/department)
- 2025 Requests by internal departments at \$72,600,000 (by district or citywide and by dollar amount breakdown by division/department)
- Ongoing expenses estimated at \$16,000,000 (including debt service)
- 2025 Available funding (including General Fund, Class C, impact fees, Funding Our Future, quarter-cent tax, capital maintenance)
- FY25 Mayor recommendations (by Council District and by constituent vs. internal)
- Overview of projects recommended by the Mayor (including from which departments/divisions, which Council Districts, total recommended funding, and CDCIP score)
- Capital Asset Planning (CAP) team requesting one additional full-time employee (FTE) to manage and report on Impact Fees
- Financing for maintenance of capital assets and newly acquired assets – Capital Asset Planning Committee to review all unfunded maintenance for the entire General Fund
- Listing of examples of new properties that required maintenance
- Looking forward
 - Workday integration/new software
 - Impact Fee Facilities Plan (IFFP) was in the process of being updated
 - Needing to revise Resolution 29 of 2017 and cost overrun language in collaboration with the Council

Council Member Wharton inquired regarding the urgent upgrades to Memory Grove recommended by the Mayor but not by the CDCIP Board, if the City was still honoring those agreements to maintain some monuments/memorials. **Aaron Price** said they would ensure this was still occurring and would provide more details when possible.

Council Member Puy said he too also wanted more information on the agreements for Memory Grove and was interested in obtaining more information on what the \$2M would be used for at the International Peace Gardens.

Council Member Lopez Chavez inquired regarding some unfunded projects, specifically street lighting projects and how much CIP funding would be portioned for each neighborhood, particularly in the Central 9th neighborhood. Council Staff indicated they would return with information.

Council Member Dugan left the meeting during this agenda item.

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6. **Semiannual Update on Public Lands' Bond Projects** ~ 3:50 p.m.
20 min.

The Council will receive a briefing about updates for several projects managed by the Public Lands Department and funded by the voter-approved Parks, Trails & Open Space Bond and the 2022 Sales Tax Revenue Bond.

For more information visit tinyurl.com/SLCBonds.

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Set Public Hearing Date - n/a

Hold hearing to accept public comment - n/a

TENTATIVE Council Action - n/a

Tom Millar provided information regarding:

Update to Parks, Trails, and Open Space Bond and Sales Tax Revenue Bond

- Cemetery irrigation and roadways replacement project (District 3)
- Pioneer Park currently under design, intending to construct in 2025, completion in 2026 (District 4)
- Glendale Park beginning construction this month or next on Phase I (lasting 9-10 months) (District 2)
- Liberty Park playground design concept survey data via online and in-person (District 5)
- Fairmont Park community engagement and concept design work (construction timeline unknown at this time) (District 7)
- ReImagine Neighborhood Parks, Trails, or Open Spaces highlights, including:
 - Cottonwood Park (District 1) and Peace Labyrinth (District 2) recently completed engagement efforts and a community engagement report was forthcoming
- Tauffer Park playground was recently replaced through sponsored funding (District 4)
- Jefferson Park getting a new playground this summer (2024) (District 5)
- Jordan River Corridor having an Emerald Ribbon Action Plan – community feedback emphasized improvements to the corridor that focused on its natural character and safety, both personal and public

7. **Fiscal Year 2024-25 Budget: Unresolved Issues Follow-up** ~ 4:10 p.m.
45 min.

The Council will receive a follow-up briefing about unresolved issues relating to the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2024-25.

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For more information visit tinyurl.com/SLCFY25.

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Council Member Dugan left the meeting at 2:30pm. Council Member Mano joined the meeting for this agenda item.

Council Member Dugan rejoined the meeting at 3:00 pm, during this agenda item.

Jennifer Bruno and Cindy Gust-Jenson provided information regarding:

- Waiting for final property tax numbers from the State to determine if the budget could be balanced by using Fund Balance or from property taxes
- **Line 19** – Matching funds for Jordan River safety team (implemented in a future budget amendment)
 - **Straw Poll:** Support for adding \$500K from Funding Our Future (FOF) in a holding account for this item. Council Members Mano, Puy, Wharton, Puy, Lopez Chavez were in favor with Council Members Dugan and Young absent
- **Line 23** – Funding for “20 is Plenty” campaign – correcting signage that currently lists 25 MPH as the speed limit and should list 20MPH – \$20K for 100 new signs (straw polled by the Council on June 4, 2024)
 - Council Member Puy suggested to adjust language to: replacing missing signs and prioritize near the perimeter of schools
- **Line 34** – Placeholder for additional funding needed to fulfill union agreements – *Finance deemed this funding not necessary*
- **Line 36** – Recapture some of the “Water Assist” funding – \$100K being budgeted but usage was steady at \$15K-\$20K/year – Council could request additional engagement, keep \$50K in case usage increases, and recapture \$50K one-time
 - Council Members agreed to keep the original budgeted amount due to inflationary costs/potential future need, suggested the Administration provide additional outreach for the program
- **Line 43** – New full-time employees (FTEs)
 - **Straw Poll:** Support for approving all FTEs for lines 44 to 76, except for lines 51 and 48. All Council Members present were in favor with Council Members Dugan and Young absent
 - **Straw Poll:** Support for approving the FTE for line 48. All Council Members present were in favor with Council Members Dugan and Young absent
 - **Straw Poll:** Support for approving the FTE for Line 51. Council Members Wharton, Puy, Petro were in favor, Council Member Lopez Chavez was not in favor, with Council Members Dugan and Young absent
- **Line 37** – Funding to complete 2100 South utility upgrades
 - **Straw Poll:** Support for approving \$3M from FOF with the intention of repayment. All Council Members present were in favor with Council Members Dugan and Young absent
- **Line 75** – Engineer IV to be moved to the Community & Neighborhoods (CAN) Department
 - **Straw Poll:** Support for moving the position to CAN. All Council Members present were in favor with Council Members Dugan and Young absent
- **Potential Legislative Intents** (Page 6 of the Staff Report)
 - **Item #1: Policy Goals for Zero Based Budgeting Exercise**
 - **Straw Poll:** Support for item 1A – Balancing resources in the Public Lands Department, as a Legislative Intent. All Council Members present were in favor with Council Member Young absent

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- **Straw Poll:** Support for Item 1B – Evaluating expenditures for Public Safety alternative response programs, to include Downtown Ambassadors/Park Rangers/any partner for alternative response programs, as a Legislative Intent. All Council Members present were in favor with Council Member Young absent
- **Straw Poll:** Support for item 1C – Staffing vacancy analysis, as a Legislative Intent. All Council Members were in favor with Council Member Young absent
- **Item #2: Compensation Plan Evaluation**
 - **Straw Poll:** Support for this item being added as a Legislative Intent. All Council Members present were in favor with Council Member Young absent
- **Item #3: Evaluation of Charging Stations for Electric Vehicles**
 - **Straw Poll:** Support for this item being added as a Legislative Intent. Council Members Puy, Petro, Mano, Lopez Chavez and Dugan were in favor, Council Member Wharton was not in favor, with Council Member Young absent
- **Item #4: Plan to Address Noise Enforcement** (vehicular and non-vehicular)
 - **Straw Poll:** Support for this item being added as a Legislative Intent. All Council Members present were in favor with Council Member Young absent
- **Item #5: Discussion on Neighborhood District Signs**
 - **Straw Poll:** Support for this item being added as a Legislative Intent. Council Members Puy, Wharton, Dugan, Petro, and Lopez Chavez in favor, Council Member Mano was not in favor, with Council Member Young absent
- **Item #6: Request for Additional Evaluation of Consolidated Fee Schedule**
 - **Straw Poll:** Support for this item being added as a Legislative Intent. All Council Members present were in favor with Council Member Young absent
- **Item #7: Water Quality** *(added to the Staff Report on June 6, 2024)*
 - **Laura Briefer** clarified that Public Utilities on behalf of Salt Lake City had jurisdictional obligations under the Clean Water Act and were regulated by the Utah Division of Water Quality and Utah Department of Environmental Quality to carry out the MS4 permit (municipal storm/sewer system permit), regulating everything that happens in the City with water. Additionally, under the MS4 permit, the Jordan River was being monitored and assessed for E-Coli, addressing the issue along the Jordan River that runs through the City
 - **Straw Poll:** Support for this item being added as a Legislative Intent. All Council Members present were in favor with Council Member Young absent
- **Item #8: Council Member compensation** *(added to the Staff Report on June 6, 2024)*
 - *(No straw poll at this time – Council Members determined the item would be further discussed at the next Work Session and a larger*

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discussion would take place after the current budget season)

- **Potential Conditional Appropriations**

- **Item #1: Trails contingency**

- *(No straw poll at this time – deferring to Council Member Wharton to determine updated language for the item)*

- **Item #2: Continued contingency for all Funding Our Future (FOF) – sales tax funds**

- **Straw Poll:** Support for this conditional appropriation. All Council Members were in favor with Council Member Young absent

- 2100 South in Sugar House – City to front funding for work in the public right-of-way (utilities), and charge property owners later as they began to apply for permits/develop parcels. Bids for this work had come in higher than anticipated (original amount not to exceed: \$7M) and would now be not to exceed \$10M – to be repaid as development took place in the area. A possible source for this funding could be Funding Our Future Fund Balance

- **Straw Poll:** Support for adding \$3M from Funding Our Future Fund Balance with the stipulation that the expense was repaid through future development. All Council Members present were in favor with Council Members Young and Dugan absent

- Shifting the Engineer IV position from the Public Services Department to the Community & Neighborhoods (CAN) Department. The position itself was straw polled previously for approval by Council Members and both Department Directors agreed upon the decision.

- **Straw Poll:** Support for moving the Engineer IV position from Public Services to CAN. All Council Members present were in favor with Council Members Young and Dugan absent

Standing Items

8. Report of the Chair and Vice Chair

Report of Chair and Vice Chair.

Item not held.

9. 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.

Tentative Closed Session

10. 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;
- 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.

Item not held.

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Meeting adjourned at 4:40 pm.

Minutes Approved: August 13, 2024.

City Council Chair – Victoria Petro

City Recorder – Cindy Trishman

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