

MINUTES OF THE SALT LAKE CITY COUNCIL
Tuesday, February 11, 2025

The City Council of Salt Lake City, Utah, met in Work Session on Tuesday, February 11, 2025.

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 – Executive Director, Lehua Weaver – Deputy Director, Nick Tarbet – Deputy Director

Present Administrative leadership:

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

Present City Staff:

Mark Kittrell – Acting City Attorney, Keith Reynolds – City Recorder, Stephanie Elliott – Minutes & Records Clerk, Andrew Johnston – Director of Homelessness Policy and Outreach, Allison Rowland – Public Policy Analyst, Angela Price – Legislative Affairs Director, Tony Milner – Housing Stability Division Director, Heather Royall – Housing Stability Division Deputy Director, Matt Kammeyer – Golf Division Director, Tom Millar – Planning & Design Division Director, Kathryn Sonntag – Associate Landscape Architect II, Dennis Rutledge – Community Development Grant Supervisor

The meeting was called to order at 2:30 pm

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Work Session Items

- 1. Informational: Winter Shelter Plans Update** ~ 3:00 p.m.
15 min.

The Council will receive an update from the Administration on the State homeless winter shelter plans.

Summary:

Andrew Johnston provided the homelessness update and gave a presentation on how responsibilities related to homelessness are distributed among the state, county, and city to create balance and best support the community. Council Members and Andrew discussed community needs, policy, and responsibility of assistance, employee funding, infrastructure, deferred maintenance, and strategies to reintegrate individuals from jail back into society through placement in treatment facilities or shelters.

- 2. Informational: R-1 Single-Family Residential Districts
Proposed Zoning Text Amendment** ~ 3:15 p.m.
30 min.

The Council will receive a briefing from the Planning Division about a proposal to consolidate and simplify the R-1 Single-Family Residential districts, including updates to the residential flag lot standards and the addition of new housing options.

Item moved to a future meeting.

- 3. Informational: Upcoming Liberty Park Cultural Landscape
Report and Vision Plan Update** ~ 3:45 p.m.
30 min.

The Council will receive a briefing on the Liberty Park planning process, which is currently getting underway. This is an opportunity to learn about the goals, activities, timeline, and potential funding for this project at an early stage in the process.

Summary:

Allison Rowland introduced the item.

Public Comments:

Kelly Reem and **Tina Bishop** from Mundus Bishop Landscape Architecture presented with Tom Millar and Kathryn Sonntag.

Council Requests:

Council Member Lopez Chavez suggested collaboration between Salt Lake City and Tracy Aviary throughout the project.

Council Member Young requested more Council District and community outreach to best serve and facilitate the needs of Liberty Park.

Council Member Puy requested the public engagement portion be used as an educational tool to inform the public about the process, timeline, and other park projects.

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4. Informational: Proposed Golf Fee Increases ~ 4:15 p.m.
30 min.

The Council will receive a briefing on an Administration proposal to increase certain fees charged by the Golf Division, which runs Salt Lake City's six public golf courses. These changes are expected to provide nearly \$553,000 in new revenue to the Golf Fund if implemented by the beginning of the coming golf season. The Division continues to face a critical backlog of deferred capital maintenance, and it prefers to fund these projects through user fees rather than larger general fund subsidies.

Summary:

Allison Rowland and Matthew Kammeyer presented the following information:

- 2017 decision to change the golf fee approval process to increase fees as needed
- Golf Course facility updates
- 2018 estimate of \$35 million for deferred maintenance projects
- 2018-2024 playable days and revenue statistics
- Green fees and revenue increase proposal for the 2025 season
- Senior citizen age requirements of 60 years old, and discounts available

Council Requests:

Council Member Young requested that a community notice and message be issued to inform the community about the reasons for the increases and the resources available at the public golf courses and parks.

5. 2025-29 Housing and Urban Development Consolidated Plan Follow-up ~ 4:45 p.m.
20 min.

The Council will receive a follow-up briefing about creating the City's next five-year Consolidated Plan for 2025-29 as required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The Consolidated Plan details the City's goals and objectives that determine funding eligibility and prioritize how to spend four federal grants: Community Development Block Grants (CDBG), Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG), Home Investment Partnerships, and Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS (HOPWA). Tony Milner, Heather Royal and Dennis Rutledge introduced and presented the follow-up:

- Boundary evaluation and reviews
- Next steps and timeline of plan
- Funding briefing held on March 18, 2025
- Second briefing held on March 25, 2025
- Council consideration and vote scheduled for April 15, 2025
- HUD Federal deadline for May 15, 2025

6. Informational: State Legislative Briefing Follow-up ~ 5:05 p.m.
30 min.

The Council will receive a follow-up briefing about issues affecting the City that may arise during the 2025 Utah State Legislative Session.

Summary:

Council Members Wharton and Petro left the meeting during this item.

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Kate Bradshaw (Director of Government Affairs, Holland & Hart, LLP) and Angela Price discussed the following House and Senate Bills affecting the City, including, but not limited to:

- HB267 – High concern to the City, impacting over 60% of City workforce represented by unions
- HB355 – High concern to the City regarding expansion ability and impacts to air quality, watersheds, and land use within the City
- HB333 – City working on amendments to the bill regarding the language
- SB26 – City following closely to ensure HTRZs in the City would be in compliance with any requirements of the bill
- SB181 – Possibly effecting single family neighborhoods
- HB368 – Could have impacts to the City on staffing and staff resources (changes plan review timing and bonding process)
- HB118 – City following this one closely, reduces the amount that non-shelter cities contribute to homeless mitigation fund
- HB329 – Makes changes to homeless mitigation fund, imposes stricter rules on homeless shelters
- HB362 – City following this one closely, ensures equal rights for homeless individuals
- City tracking any bill regarding public safety
- Renewable Energy Bills – including HB72, HB201, HB212, SB132, etc.

Council Requests:

Council Member Mano requested separate meetings with Angela Price and Kate Bradshaw to discuss land use bills affecting the City.

Standing Items

7. Report of the Chair and Vice Chair

Report of Chair and Vice Chair.
Item not held.

8. 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.

9. 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:

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- 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 12, 2025

City Council Chair Chris Wharton

City Recorder

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