



South Salt Lake City Council Work Meeting Agenda

Public notice is hereby given that the **South Salt Lake City Council** will hold a Work Meeting on **Wednesday, June 11, 2025** in the City Council Chambers, 220 East Morris Avenue, Suite 200, commencing at **6:30 p.m.**, or as soon thereafter as possible.

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Conducting: Council Chair Bynum

Matters for Discussion:

1. Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget Q & A	Crystal Makin
2. Discussion – An Ordinance of the South Salt Lake City Council Amending Section 3.11.100 of the South Salt Lake City Municipal Code to Modify Culinary Water Utility Fees	Craig Giles

Adjourn

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**CITY OF SOUTH SALT LAKE
CITY COUNCIL WORK MEETING**

COUNCIL MEETING

**Wednesday, June 11, 2025
6:30 p.m.**

CITY OFFICES

**220 East Morris Avenue
South Salt Lake, Utah 84115**

PRESIDING:

Council Chair Sharla Bynum

CONDUCTING:

Council Member Ray deWolfe

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sharla Bynum (Zoom), LeAnne Huff, Corey Thomas,
Nick Mitchell, Clarissa Williams, and Ray deWolfe

COUNCIL MEMBERS EXCUSED:

Paul Sanchez

STAFF PRESENT:

Mayor Cherie Wood
Josh Collins, City Attorney
Terry Addison, Fire Chief
Jared Christensen, Deputy Fire Chief
Crystal Makin, Finance Director
Kelli Meranda, Promise Director
Jen Hill, Executive Assistant
Spencer Redden, Police Officer
David Wirthlin, Police Officer
Ariel Andrus, City Recorder
Sara Ramirez, Deputy City Recorder

Matters for Discussion

1. Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget Q & A.

Finance Director, Crystal Makin, answered several budget-related questions that Council Member Mitchell had submitted.

Did we lose the BBTC Refresh Grant? No, the City applies for it in November, and the grant is generally awarded in January. Once the City receives notification of the award, the budget is adjusted to reflect that. This grant helps cover new technology for the Best Buy Teen Tech Center up to \$10,000.

Why is there an increase of \$100,000 in salaries in the Arts Council? During this current fiscal year, one of the Arts Council staff members retired early in the year. They are budgeting to hire an Executive Director for the Arts Council in FY26.

In general, how much grant money did we lose, and what is the plan to cover those losses? The City is currently waiting for notification of grant awards for several of its applications. Since a lot of the City's grant funding is tied to funding that is included in the current federal budget, many grantors are delaying awarding funding until the budget bill is finalized. Additionally, the City is identifying and applying for funding from other sources, both public and private, and is also working on a contingency plan.

Ms. Makin also answered some new questions posed by Council Members Williams and Mitchell.

Council Member Mitchell asked if the City would receive additional grant money if the tax bill is passed.

Ms. Makin said that it's hard to answer because the federal bill goes through so many changes before the final result.

Mayor Wood also added that the City has been aggressive in looking for additional funding to diversify its funding sources for its grant-run programs or initiatives.

Council Member Williams asked which programs would be the most impacted by grant funding.

Ms. Makin said that the 21st Century grant funding is the most uncertain source of funding at the moment. However, the City's Promise program has been structured so that no one grant runs one center. The Promise program uses one grant to cover salaries, another grant to cover programming, and will use between 2-3 grants to cover salaries for one center so that the City can ensure that each center can keep running on its own as much as possible.

Mayor Wood also added that the City has the option to condense programs together when necessary.

This matter will be up for final action in the Regular Meeting that follows.

2. Discussion – An Ordinance of the South Salt Lake City Council Amending Section 3.11.100 of the South Salt Lake City Municipal Code to Modify Culinary Water Utility Fees.

Public Works Director, Craig Giles, along with HDR Engineering VP, Shawn Koorn, reviewed the matter that was discussed at a previous Work Meeting. There have been a couple of key changes in the recommendations since the last time it was discussed.

Mr. Koorn reviewed the alternative option to the water rates. He explained that since their last discussion, there have been a couple of key changes. Part of it involves going through and recovering costs appropriately by establishing a cost basis for the rates to fund operating capital. It also included maintaining the required conservation-based rate structure and how it applies between the different types of customers that the City serves. The 2-Rate design breaks down into service charges and consumption charges.

Their recommendation for a proposed rate structure is to have tier sizes ranging from 0-30,000 gallons. Users of 0-30,000 gallons would be charged at \$3.25, users of 30,000-125,000 gallons would be charged at \$5.20, and users of 125,000 gallons and above would be charged at \$5.75.

Council Member deWolfe asked about the table of the annual revenue adjustment percentage from year to year and for Mr. Koorn to explain how it eventually tapers off.

Mr. Koorn said that there are a couple of components that are driving the percentages. Partly is by adequately funding the ongoing operations and maintenance expenses, and getting rates up to a sufficient level to fund the debt service that's assumed to make the necessary capital improvements.

There were no further questions or comments from the Council Members.

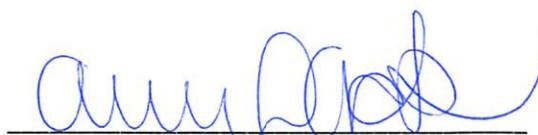
The matter will be up for final action in the Regular Meeting that follows.

A copy of the Ordinance is attached and incorporated by this reference.

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.



Sharla Bynum, Council Chair



Ariel Andrus, City Recorder

11-Jun-25

****Please sign in for each meeting****

CITY COUNCIL - WORK MEETING

LIST OF ATTENDEES

NAME

CITY/TOWN

REPRESENTING

Clinton McLarver

Sandy / Utah

Utah Safety Council

John Wójcikowski

Sand / Utah

Utah Safety Council



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COUNCILMEMBER QUESTIONS – NICK MITCHELL

QUESTION: Did we lose the BBTC Refresh Grant?

ANSWER: No. This grant helps cover new technology for the Best Buy Teen Tech Center up to \$10,000. We apply for it in November and it's generally awarded in January. Once we receive notification of award, the budget will be adjusted.

QUESTION: Why is there an increase of \$100,000 in salaries in the Arts Council?

ANSWER: In FY25, one of the Arts Council staff retired early in the year, so we had only budgeted for their salary through their retirement date. In FY26, we are proposing to hire an executive director for the Arts Council so we have budgeted for their full salary.

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COUNCILMEMBER QUESTIONS – NICK MITCHELL

QUESTION: In general, how much grant money did we lose and what is the plan to cover those losses?

ANSWER: We are currently waiting for notification of grant awards for several of our applications. Since much of our funding is tied to funding that is included in the current federal budget bill, many of our grantors are delaying awarding funding until the budget bill is finalized. In the meantime, we are identifying and applying for funding from other sources, public and private. We are also building a contingency plan; in case our final funding numbers aren't sufficient.

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-_____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE SOUTH SALT LAKE CITY COUNCIL AMENDING SECTION 3.11.100 OF THE SOUTH SALT LAKE CITY MUNICIPAL CODE TO MODIFY CULINARY WATER UTILITY FEES.

WHEREAS, the South Salt Lake City Council (the “City Council”) is authorized to enact and amend ordinances establishing regulations related to the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of the City of South Salt Lake (the “City”); and

WHEREAS, the City engaged a consultant to conduct a study of the City’s culinary water utility fees in order to determine how to provide sufficient revenue to operate and maintain the City’s water infrastructure, develop proportional and cost-based rates that reflect customer and system characteristics, reflect prudent financial planning criteria including funding renewal and replacement needs, maintain target minimum reserve levels, and meet debt service coverage requirements; and

WHEREAS, the City’s consultant studied key issues such as how to adequately fund annual operating expenses, provide sufficient annual renewal and replacement funding, cost-based proportional rates, and annual rate adjustments are necessary over the next five years; and

WHEREAS, the City’s consultant reviewed and analyzed the key issues using accepted responsible methodology; and

WHEREAS, on May 28, 2025, the City’s consultant presented the results of the study to the Council; and

WHEREAS, on June 11, 2025, the Council considered the results of the study and the City’s needs in a work study and in its regular meeting; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that, after a review and assessment of the City’s costs and needs, the City’s consolidated fee schedule, codified in South Salt Lake Municipal Code 3.11.100, should be updated to reflect the current economic status of the City’s services and costs in maintenance and administration of its utilities; and

WHEREAS, the City Council hereby determines that amending section 3.11.100 of the South Salt Lake Municipal Code to modify utilities fees as shown in “Exhibit A,” which is attached hereto and incorporated by this reference, is in the best interest of the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of South Salt Lake City.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the City Council of the City of South Salt Lake as follows:

SECTION 1. Enactment. Section 3.11.100 is hereby amended, as attached hereto and incorporated by reference in “Exhibit A.”

SECTION 2. Severability. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this ordinance is, for any reason, held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such provision shall be deemed a separate, distinct, and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

SECTION 3. Conflict with Existing Ordinances, Resolutions, or Policies. To the extent that any ordinances, resolutions, or policies of the City of South Salt Lake conflict with the provisions of this ordinance, this ordinance shall prevail.

SECTION 4. Effective Date. This ordinance shall become effective upon Mayor's signature and publication, or after fifteen days of transmission to the office of the Mayor if neither approved nor disapproved by the Mayor, and thereafter, publication.

[signatures appear on next page; remainder of page intentionally left blank]

DATED this _____ day of _____, 2025.

BY THE CITY COUNCIL:

Sharla Bynum, Council Chair

ATTEST:

Ariel Andrus, City Recorder

City Council Vote as Recorded:

Huff	_____
Thomas	_____
Bynum	_____
Mitchell	_____
Sanchez	_____
deWolfe	_____
Williams	_____

Transmitted to the Mayor's office on this _____ day of _____ 2025.

Ariel Andrus, City Recorder

MAYOR'S ACTION: _____

Dated this _____ day of _____, 2025.

Cherie Wood, Mayor

ATTEST:

Ariel Andrus, City Recorder

Exhibit A: (Presented as Alternative 2 Rate Design)

3.11.100 Utilities.

A. Water.

Culinary water	
Meter size (5,000-gallon allowance for all meters)	Minimum monthly fee
0.75" meter	\$15.00
1" meter	\$23.00
1.5"	\$36.00
2" meter	\$51.00
3" meter	\$93.00
4" meter	\$140.00
6" meter	\$271.00
Metered hydrant use	\$91.00
Excess water (all meter sizes and uses)	
Usage between 5,000 and 30,000 gal.	\$4.25 per 1,000 gallons
Usage greater than 30,000 gal.	\$4.75 per 1,000 gallons

Culinary Water – Minimum Monthly Fee					
<u>Meter Size</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>	<u>2027-2028</u>	<u>2028-2029</u>	<u>2029-2030</u>
0.75" meter	\$15.00	\$18.00	\$21.60	\$22.79	\$24.04
1" meter	\$25.05	\$30.06	\$36.07	\$38.06	\$40.15
1.5"	\$49.95	\$59.94	\$71.93	\$75.89	\$80.05
2" meter	\$79.95	\$95.94	\$115.13	\$121.47	\$128.13
3" meter	\$150.00	\$180.00	\$216.00	\$227.90	\$240.40
4" meter	\$250.05	\$300.06	\$360.07	\$379.91	\$400.75
6" meter	\$499.95	\$599.94	\$719.93	\$759.59	\$801.25
8" meter	\$799.95	\$959.94	\$1,151.93	\$1,215.39	\$1,282.05

Consumption Charge – Residential* (cost per 1,000 gallons)					
<u>Usage</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>	<u>2027-2028</u>	<u>2028-2029</u>	<u>2029-2030</u>
0-5,000 gallons	\$1.15	\$1.40	\$1.70	\$1.80	\$1.90
5,000 – 15,000 gallons	\$4.95	\$5.95	\$7.15	\$7.55	\$7.95
Over 15,000 gallons	\$5.45	\$6.55	\$7.85	\$8.30	\$8.75

* Effective January 1, 2026. Prior to January 1, 2026, all residential customer consumption charges shall be calculated at the rates in effect June 11, 2025.

Consumption Charge – Non Residential (cost per 1,000 gallons)					
<u>Usage</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>	<u>2027-2028</u>	<u>2028-2029</u>	<u>2029-2030</u>
0-30,000 gallons	\$3.25	\$3.90	\$4.70	\$4.95	\$5.20
30,000 – 125,000 gallons	\$5.20	\$6.25	\$7.50	\$7.90	\$8.35
Over 125,000 gallons	\$5.75	\$6.90	\$8.30	\$8.75	\$9.25

Storm water utility fee	
Per equivalent residential unit	\$6/month

Fire line	
3" line	\$13.65/month
4" line	\$18.15/month
6" line	\$27.22/month
8" line	\$36.29/month
10" line	\$45.36/month
12" line	\$54.44/month
16" line	\$72.58/month
22" line	\$99.80/month
36" line	\$163.31/month
Tampered fire line fee	\$100.00

Inspection of new fire line installation	\$50.00
Fire flow test	\$175.00

Other fees	
Reconnection and new service reconnection	
Monday—Friday 8:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.	\$25.00
Monday—Friday after 3:00 p.m.; any time on weekends or holidays	\$65.00
Tenant water deposit	\$75.00 or 60-day usage, whichever is greater
Active deployment fee waiver	\$75.00/month waived
Bankruptcy deposits (based on prior 12 months' history)	60-day usage
Service of disconnection notice w/in 12 months of prior notice	\$15.00

B. Sewer and Industrial Waste.

User fee (all users)	Base fee
Base User Fee (calculated using average winter water usage or actual usage, whichever is greater)*	\$10.00 per 1,000 gallons
Beginning July 1, 2020, Base User Fee (calculated using average winter water usage or actual usage, whichever is greater)*	\$10.00 per 1,000 gallons

* New residential accounts are charged based on actual usage or for five thousand (5,000) gallons per unit per month until an average winter water usage amount is determined, whichever is greater. New accounts for multi-family residential dwellings are calculated using previous average winter water usage or five thousand (5,000) gallons per unit per month, whichever is greater. New business accounts are charged based on the average winter consumption for the previous business or the actual monthly consumption if the business type has changed, until a winter average history can be obtained. Average winter water usage may be prospectively adjusted during the year if the customer provides proof of leakage, repair, and data supporting lower water usage.

C. Industrial Waste Fee.

Additional fees for industrial waste:

Sewer connections, which are included in the categories below, will be subject to an industrial waste fee based on a strength multiplier. The base user fee will be multiplied by the following multiplier based on category:

Large grocery stores with meat/bakery functions	1.22
Nursing homes/care centers	1.23
Restaurants/fast food/food preparation facilities	1.34

D. High Strength Contributors Fee.

Certain connections are considered high strength contributors and will be assessed a strength component based on individual samples and the information below:

Additional fees for industrial waste	
Total suspended solids (TSS)	(Sample in mg/l - 250) × 8.34 × (sewer average in thousands of gals./1,000,000) × (rate assessed by Central Valley)
Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD)	(Sample in mg/l - 200) × 8.34 × (sewer average in thousands of gallons/1,000,000) × (rate assessed by Central Valley)
* Classification and frequency of sampling is determined by the City.	

E. Cost Recovery Fees.

Sample costs	As per cost to City
Labor charge	
Composite	\$154.00/sample
Grab	\$77.00/sample

F. Household Waste and Recyclable Waste Containers.

Residential service (including one waste container, one recyclable)	\$14.00/month
Additional waste container (waste or recycling)	\$14.00/month per additional can
New can delivery fee/redelivery fee after nonpayment	\$25.00/trip
Late payment fee	\$10.00
Special permit inspection fee	\$25.00
Glass recycling fee	\$8.00 per customer per month
Glass recycling container fee, initial service or reinstatement	\$25.00