

MINUTES OF THE SALT LAKE CITY COUNCIL
Thursday, May 29, 2025

The City Council of Salt Lake City, Utah, met in Work Session on Thursday, May 29, 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 – City Attorney, Keith Reynolds – City Recorder, DeeDee Robinson – Minutes & Records Clerk, Thais Stewart – Deputy City Recorder, Taylor Hill – Constituent Liaison/Policy Analyst, Scott Corpany – Staff Assistant, Ben Luedtke – Deputy Chief Financial Officer, Mary Beth Thompson – Chief Financial Officer, Allison Rowland – Public Policy Analyst, Tammy Hunsaker – Deputy Director of Community Services, Lindsey Nikola – Deputy Chief of Staff, Megan Yuill – Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, Jon Larsen – Transportation Director, Jojo Liu – Justice Court Presiding Judge, Michael Sanders – Budget & Policy Analyst, Brian Redd – Chief of Police

The meeting was called to order at 1:10 p.m.

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Work Session Items

[Click Here for the Mayor's Recommended Budget for Fiscal Year 2025-26.](#)

- Fiscal Year 2025-26 Budget: Non-Departmental** ~ 1:00 p.m.
60 min.

The Council will receive a briefing about the proposed Non-Departmental budget for Fiscal Year 2025-26, which accounts for transfers to other funds, grants, and other special revenue funds that do not belong to particular City departments. The briefing will also include the workload needs within the City's court system, specifically the Legal Defenders, Prosecutor's Office, and Justice Court budgets. The City's contract with the Legal Defender Association is reflected in the non-departmental budget.

For more information visit <https://tinyurl.com/SLCFY26>.

FYI – Project Timeline: (subject to change per Chair direction or Council discussion)
Briefing - Thursday, May 29, 2025
Set Public Hearing Date - Tuesday, April 15, 2025
Hold hearing to accept public comment - Tuesday, May 20, 2025 and Tuesday, June 3, 2025 at 7 p.m.
TENTATIVE Council Action - TBD

Summary:

Jennifer Bruno provided a brief introduction.

Mary Beth Thompson provided information on the Non-Departmental budget including an overview of General Fund changes and highlights of key changes for Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-26.

Benjamin Luedtke provided information regarding Justice Court, City Prosecutor's Office, and Legal Defenders Association (LDA), including funding to replace legacy prosecutor software system, two new victim advocates requested in City Prosecutor's Office, Justice Court hearing count comparison from 2014 to 2025/court case filings by fiscal year from 2018 to 2025, and LDA cases by calendar year (comparison from 2018 to 2025).

Richard Morrow (Executive Director, Salt Lake Legal Defenders Association), **Sim Gill** (Salt Lake County District Attorney), and Judge Jojo Liu presented the Project RIO (Re-integration of Offenders) and its integration into the State and County court and jail

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systems, the diverse needs of clients, and the importance of investments and identifying gaps in service to ensure courts have the information and resources to issue effective, well-aligned orders.

Council Requests:

Council Member Petro requested additional information on the accounting for the \$1M Jordan River contingency, clarification on whether the project was moving forward or if funds had already been spent, and an update for the \$500K and the pending requests for proposals.

Council Member Dugan requested more information regarding BioHive Innovation funding of \$100K and what the funding was intended for. Austin Kimmel said he would follow up with Economic Development and return with information.

Council Member Puy requested additional information on the memberships the City holds for outside organizations (Salt Lake Chamber of Commerce, Economic Development Corporation of Utah, World Trade Center, etc.) including what the value of being a member was and what was included in the memberships.

2. Fiscal Year 2025-26 Budget: Police Department ~ 2:00 p.m.
45 min.

The Council will receive a briefing about the proposed Police Department budget for Fiscal Year 2025-26.

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Michael Sanders provided a brief introduction.

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Chief Brian Redd provided information regarding overview of proposed changes/budget requests, overtime increase (\$7.9M), crime monitoring and response technology, development and expansion (on-going and one-time funding), Drone First Responder program (DFR), operating supplies request (inflationary increase), and Airport Division request information.

Council Requests:

Council Member Puy suggested a Legislative Intent policy discussion related to civil liberties, privacy, retention of documents and associated accountability on the use of drones by the Police Department.

Council Member Wharton suggested a Legislative Intent to include the input of the Racial Equity in Policing Commission and/or Human Rights Commission on innovative changes in policing such as the use of drones.

3. Tentative Break ~ 2:45 p.m.
20 min.

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Briefing -

Set Public Hearing Date -

Hold hearing to accept public comment -

TENTATIVE Council Action -

4. Fiscal Year 2025-26 Budget: Community and Neighborhoods Department ~ 3:05 p.m.
45 min.

The Council will receive a briefing about the proposed Community and Neighborhoods Department budget for Fiscal Year 2025-26.

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Summary:

Allison Rowland provided a brief introduction.

Tammy Hunsaker provided an overview of proposed changes totaling \$41.5 million, including:

- Arts Council and Engineering's transfer to Community and Neighborhoods (CAN)

- Homeless Engagement and Response Team's (HEART) transfer to Public Services

- Youth and Family Summer Programming

- Update to the Shared Mobility Program (scooters)

- Dormant program income allocations

- Hive Pass funding requests

Jon Larsen provided an update regarding the Livable Streets Program, street calming, and Frequent Transit Network ridership information.

Council Requests:

Council Member Petro requested clarification on the classification of employees moving into the CAN Department and where they would be located. Tammy Hunsaker said more information would be provided.

Council Member Puy requested:

- Reporting on the Fix The Bricks program, including resident interest in the program, how many homes were able to be served, and how many homes were still in need

- Information on how much revenue the scooter program brought to the City and if it covered the cost of managing the program. Tammy Hunsaker said she would provide information on the current revenue

- Available data on Hive Pass usage

Council Member Lopez Chavez left the meeting during this agenda item.

5. Fiscal Year 2025-26 Budget: Unresolved Issues ~ 3:50 p.m.
45 min.

The Council will receive a briefing about unresolved issues relating to the proposed

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budget for Fiscal Year 2025-26.

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Summary:

Jennifer Bruno provided an introduction and said the following items would be presented in the Staff Report for the next Council Meeting on June 3, 2025, including adjusting the budget (increasing the budget for various departmental needs), revenue information, Legislative Intent tracking, and contingent appropriations.

6. Fiscal Year 2025-26 Budget: Human Resources Department	Written Briefing
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The Council will receive a written briefing about the proposed Human Resources Department budget for Fiscal Year 2025-26.

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Written briefing only. No discussion was held.

Standing Items

7. Report of the Chair and Vice Chair

Report of Chair and Vice Chair.

Summary:

Council Member Wharton reminded Council Members to bring any unresolved issues to discuss at the next Council Meeting held on Tuesday, June 3, 2025, and prepare to clean up any remaining unresolved items at the following meeting on Thursday, June 5, 2025.

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:

- 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

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- (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.

Summary:

Closed Session started at 4:42 p.m.

Held in the Work Session Room (location) and online via Zoom.

Council Members in Attendance: Young (online), Petro, Wharton, Dugan, Mano, Lopez Chavez (online), and Puy.

City Staff in Attendance: Erin Mendenhall, Jill Love, Rachel Otto, Lindsey Nikola, Megan Yuill, Nick Tarbet, Lehua Weaver, Mark Kittrell, Chief Brian Redd, Mary Beth Thompson, Benjamin Luedtke, Austin Kimmel, Jennifer Bruno, Keith Reynolds, Thais Stewart.

Closed Session ended at 4:58 p.m.

Motion:

Moved by Council Member Dugan, seconded by Council Member Puy to enter into Closed Meeting for the purposes of strategy sessions to discuss pending or reasonably imminent litigation and 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.

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

ABSENT: Eva Lopez Chavez

Final Result: 6 – 0 Pass

Motion:

Moved by Council Member Dugan, seconded by Council Member Mano to Exit the closed meeting.

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: 4:58 p.m.

Minutes Approved: October 7, 2025

City Council Chair – Chris Wharton

City Recorder – Keith Reynolds

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