

MINUTES OF THE SALT LAKE CITY COUNCIL
Tuesday, September 9, 2025

The City Council of Salt Lake City, Utah, met in Formal Session on Tuesday, September 9, 2025.

The following Council Members were present:

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

Present Legislative Leadership:

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

Present Administrative Leadership:

Rachel Otto – Chief of Staff, Lindsey Nikola – Deputy Chief of Staff

Present City Staff:

Mark Kittrell – City Attorney, Caitlin Carlino – Minutes & Records Clerk, Thais Stewart – Deputy City Recorder, Taylor Hill – Constituent Liaison/Policy Analyst, Scott Corpany – Staff Assistant, Matthew Brown – Deputy City Recorder,

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m.

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A. OPENING CEREMONY:

1. Council Member Chris Wharton will conduct the formal meeting.
2. Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Welcome and Public Meeting Rules.
4. The Council will approve the work session meeting minutes of April 8, 2025 and May 6, 2025.

Motion:

Moved by Council Member Dugan, seconded by Council Member Petro to approve the work session meeting minutes of April 8, 2025 and May 6, 2025.

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

ABSENT: Eva Lopez Chavez

Final Result: 6 – 0 Pass

5. The Council will consider adopting a joint ceremonial resolution with Mayor Mendenhall declaring Sept. 15 - Oct. 15, 2025 as Hispanic Heritage Month in Salt Lake City.

Motion:

Moved by Council Member Puy, seconded by Council Member Petro to adopt Joint Ceremonial Resolution 30 declaring September 15, 2025 through October 15, 2025 as Hispanic Heritage Month in Salt Lake City.

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

ABSENT: Eva Lopez Chavez

Final Result: 6 – 0 Pass

Summary:

Council Member Puy read the Joint Resolution celebrating and honoring Hispanic Heritage Month in Salt Lake City. Council Member Petro made a statement referencing a September 8, 2025 Supreme Court decision and noted contributions made by immigrants and pioneers in Utah. Council Member Puy referenced current affairs and emphasized the importance of unity and supporting one another.

Dr. Jose Enriquez (CEO and Founder of Latinos in Action) accepted the Joint Resolution and delivered remarks in recognition of Hispanic Heritage Month, expressing pride in Hispanic heritage, highlighting the pathways and leadership opportunities Latinos in Action provided for youth, and emphasized the importance of continuing to showcase the positive contributions of Hispanic individuals.

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B. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

1. Ordinance: Budget Amendment No.1 for Fiscal Year 2025-26

The Council will accept public comment and consider an ordinance amending the final budget of Salt Lake City, including the employment staffing document for Fiscal Year 2025-26 Budget. Budget amendments happen several times each year to reflect adjustments to the City's budgets, including proposed project additions and modifications. The proposed amendment includes items which relate to the Main Street fire on August 11, 2025, including funding for an emergency loan fund program, rental assistance, and funding for barriers to allow safe pedestrian passage in front of the buildings burned in the recent fire, among other items.

For more information visit tinyurl.com/SLCFY26.

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

Briefing - Tuesday, September 2, 2025

Set Public Hearing Date - Tuesday, September 2, 2025

Hold hearing to accept public comment - Tuesday, September 9, 2025 at 7 p.m.

TENTATIVE Council Action - Tuesday, September 9, 2025 or Tuesday, October 7, 2025

Staff Recommendation - Refer to motion sheet(s).

Motion:

Moved by Council Member Puy, seconded by Council Member Young to close the public hearing and consider each item separately for Ordinance 54 of 2025, Budget Amendment #1 for FY 2025-26.

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

Final Result: 7 – 0 Pass

Motion:

Moved by Council Member Puy, seconded by Council Member Young to approve Item A-3 for Public Right-of-Way Safety barricades.

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

ABSENT: Eva Lopez Chavez

Final Result: 6 – 0 Pass

Motion:

Moved by Council Member Puy, seconded by Council Member Young to approve Item A-1 for the Emergency Loan Program.

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

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ABSENT: Eva Lopez Chavez

Final Result: 6 – 0 Pass

Motion:

Moved by Council Member Puy, seconded by Council Member Young to defer Item A-4 for Rental Assistance.

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

ABSENT: Eva Lopez Chavez

Final Result: 6 – 0 Pass

Motion:

Moved by Council Member Puy, seconded by Council Member Dugan to request additional information from the Administration on the programs, including a recommendation on how to address the following topics:

- identify criteria for when and why the City would make similar financial assistance programs available in response to other events, tragedies, or community needs,
- identify any requirements for use of the Emergency Loan funds, and
- considerations for higher boarded building fees within the CBD.

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

ABSENT: Eva Lopez Chavez

Final Result: 6 – 0 Pass

There were no public comments.

Council Remarks:

Council Member Puy stated he looked forward to clarification on policy deployment and community outreach to explain the rental assistance tool in Item A-4.

Council Member Lopez Chavez experienced technical difficulties and was unable to vote consistently for this agenda item.

C. POTENTIAL ACTION ITEMS:

1.

Ordinance: Zoning Map Amendment at Approximately 247 North 800 West

The Council will consider adopting an ordinance that would amend the zoning for the properties at approximately 247 North 800 West from R-1/7,000 (Single-Family Residential) and SR-3 (Special Development Pattern Residential) to R-1/5,000 (Single-Family Residential) and SR-3 (Special Development Pattern Residential). The proposal would enable development to the west of the existing single-family home. Any new development will be accessed from Hoyt Place, which is a private road. Consideration

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may be given to rezoning the property to another zoning district with similar characteristics. The project is within Council District 2. Petitioner: Bert Holland, representing the property owner. Petition No.:PLNPCM2024-00629.

Motion:

Moved by Council Member Petro, seconded by Council Member Puy to adopt Ordinance 56 of 2025 for a Zoning Map Amendment at approximately 247 North 800 West.

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

ABSENT: Eva Lopez Chavez

Final Result: 6 – 0 Pass

2.

Ordinance: Alley Vacation at Approximately 373 West American Avenue

~~The Council will consider adopting an ordinance that would vacate a City-owned alley situated adjacent to properties at approximately 373 West American Avenue. The proposal would close the alley to public use and allow the property owner of three of the four adjacent properties to potentially redevelop this site (the other adjacent property owner also supports the alley vacation.) The alley cannot be used as a mid-block connection because the 900 South viaduct is directly to the south. Located within Council District 5. Petitioner: Jarod Hall. Petition No.: PLNPCM2023-00636.~~

This item was removed from the agenda.

3.

Ordinance: Zoning Text Amendment Public Lands (PL) and Street Vacation - West High School

The Council will consider adopting the proposed Text Amendment and Street Vacation ordinances at approximately 240 West 200 North, related to the reconstruction of West High School.

The proposed changes include:

- Zoning Text Amendment: The amendments alter building height restrictions, buffering requirements, and allowed uses. This would apply to all PL zoning districts. Additionally, new construction would be exempt from review associated with the Historic Preservation Overlay District. Petition No.: PLNPCM2025-00320.
- Street Vacation: Street vacation for a 130-foot-wide and 530-foot-long portion of 200 North between 300 West and 200 West, which is currently incorporated into West High School's campus. This application would vacate public ownership and interest of a portion of the street. Petition No.: PLNPCM2025-00321.

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For more information visit <https://tinyurl.com/2fdcpe2z>.

Motion:

Moved by Council Member Puy, seconded by Council Member Petro to postpone action to a future Council Meeting.

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

ABSENT: Eva Lopez Chavez

Final Result: 6 – 0 Pass

4.

Ordinance: Zoning Map Amendment for Delta Center Arena Parking Garage at Approximately 301 West South Temple

The Council will consider adopting an ordinance that would approve a Master Development Agreement for the construction of the Delta Center parking garage at approximately 301 West South Temple. The proposal includes the construction of a seven-story parking garage with approximately 452 parking stalls at the southwest corner of the site, which is intended to provide parking for patrons of the Delta Center Arena and improve the site's functionality. The applicant is requesting approval of the development agreement associated with the project, which establishes specific rules for constructing the parking garage at the Delta Center Arena. If approved, the proposed development agreement could supersede several of the City's rules and regulations. Located within Council District 4. Petitioner: Jazz Arena Investors LLC. Petition No.: PLNPCM2025-00619.

Motion:

Moved by Council Member Puy, seconded by Council Member Petro to adopt Ordinance 57 of 2025 for a Zoning Map Amendment / Development Agreement for the Delta Center Parking Garage at approximately 301 West South Temple.

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

ABSENT: Eva Lopez Chavez

Final Result: 6 – 0 Pass

Council Remarks:

Council Member Petro thanked staff and the Applicant for their work and communication on the item, emphasized the need for future planning related to bicycle and pedestrian travel and safety, and encouraged taking a holistic view of the project and surrounding block.

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Council Member Puy spoke of the strong coordination and communication between Council and the Applicant while drafting the development agreement but emphasized the need for future mindful planning with a focus on developing westward.

Council Member Lopez Chavez attempted to convey her nay vote via electronic means; however, due to technical difficulties the vote was not cast during the meeting.

D. COMMENTS:

1. Questions to the Mayor from the City Council.

There were no questions.

2. Comments to the City Council. (This is a one-hour time slot for the public to comment on any City business not scheduled for a public hearing. Each person will have two minutes to talk. General comment registration closes at 7:30 p.m.)

Public Comments:

Stephen Otterstrom spoke in opposition to the Delta Center Arena Parking Garage ordinance, citing concerns about public funding, revenue impacts, and the need for additional parking.

Josh Velasquez, representing the Downtown Community Council, spoke in opposition to the Delta Center Arena Parking Garage ordinance, stating it lacked ground-floor activation, conflicted with the City's vision plan, and primarily benefited private owners rather than residents.

Council Remarks:

Council Member Puy spoke about the Delta Center Arena Parking Garage, highlighting its role in supporting the City's overall success. He noted that sales tax revenue from the site would benefit residents through city services, such as street repair and upkeep, and help maintain a vibrant downtown, which was essential to prevent decline experienced in other cities. He also emphasized the Ordinance included a path for amendment.

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E. NEW BUSINESS:
NONE.

F. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:
NONE.

G. CONSENT:

1.

Ordinance: Partial Street Vacation at Approximately 1101 West 400 South

The Council will set the date of Tuesday, October 7, 2025 at 7 p.m. to accept public comment and consider adopting an ordinance that would close a portion of the public right-of-way on both 1100 West and 400 South adjacent to the property located at 1101 West 400 South. The closure would facilitate the future construction of a new single-family residence on the property. The petitioner is requesting to purchase this portion of the right-of-way and include it in their property boundary. The area is approximately five feet between the property boundary and the public sidewalk. The sidewalk would not be impacted by this request. Located within Council District 2. Petitioner: Erik Sansom, property owner. Petition No.: PLNPCM2025-00178.

2.

Ordinance: Modify Residential Buffer Prohibitions Text Amendment

The Council will set the date of Tuesday, October 21, 2025 at 7 p.m. to accept public comment and consider adopting an ordinance that would amend various sections of Title 21A of the *Salt Lake City Code* relating to residential buffer prohibitions. The proposal would review the land uses that are subject to, or should be subject to, the 1,000-foot prohibition from residential zoning districts. The proposal also included reviewing whether other land uses should be subject to the provision and clarifying how the distance is measured. Other sections of Title 21A may also be amended as part of this petition. Petition No.: PLNPCM2024-01357.

3.

Ordinance: Utility Installation Exemptions Text Amendment

The Council will set the date of Tuesday, October 21, 2025 at 7 p.m. to accept public comment and consider adopting an ordinance that would amend various sections of Title 21A of the *Salt Lake City Code* relating to utility installation exemptions. The proposal would clarify the application of utility exemptions and standardize the footnotes in

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related land use tables. Other sections of Title 21A may also be amended as part of this petition. Petition No.: PLNPCM2024-01352.

4.

Resolution: Substantial Amendment to the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan

The Council will set the date of Tuesday, October 7, 2025 at 7 p.m. to accept public comment and consider adopting a resolution that would reallocate \$230,306 in U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) HOME-American Rescue Plan (ARP) funds. Since these funds were allocated in 2024, Housing Stability Division staff and the service providers have recognized the need for case management to support some of the households receiving Tenant-Based Rental Assistance. Shifting funds to the Supportive Services category will enable the contracted organizations to provide this additional service while remaining within the City's existing HUD allocation.

5.

Ordinance: Alley Vacation at Liberty Heights Plat

The Council will set the date of Tuesday, October 7, 2025 at 7 p.m. to accept public comment and consider adopting an ordinance that would vacate a portion of City-owned alley between approximately 1430 East and 1500 East, and between 1300 South and Sherman Avenue. The alley segment is not utilized for access by any abutting property and is obstructed at multiple points. Located within Council District 6. Petitioner: Philip Wilkes, adjacent property owner. Petition No.: PLNPCM2025-00219.

6.

Ordinance: Local Landmark Site Designation for Sampson-Altadena Apartments

The Council will set the date of Tuesday, October 7, 2025 at 7 p.m. to accept public comment and consider adopting an ordinance that would establish the Sampson and Altadena Apartments as a local landmark site. The site consists of two buildings on one lot at approximately 276 East 300 South and 310 South 300 East. Located within Council District 4. Petitioner: The Sampson-Altadena Condominiums Homeowner Association. Petition No.: PLNHLC2025-00357.

7.

Board Appointment: Arts Council – Anthony Wright

The Council will consider approving the appointment of Anthony Wright, resident of District 6, to the Arts Council for a term ending September 9, 2028.

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8.

Board Appointment: Arts Council – Denise Begue

The Council will consider approving the appointment of Denise Begue, resident of District 3, to the Arts Council for a term ending September 9, 2028.

9.

Board Appointment: Arts Council – Pablo Cruz-Ayalo

The Council will consider approving the appointment of Pablo Cruz-Ayalo, resident of District 5, to the Arts Council for a term ending September 9, 2028.

10.

Board Appointment: Arts Council – Nicholas Pedersen

The Council will consider approving the appointment of Nicholas Pedersen, resident of District 2, to the Arts Council for a term ending September 9, 2028.

11.

Board Reappointment: Parks, Natural Lands, Trails, and Urban Forestry Advisory Board – Aaron Wiley

The Council will consider approving the reappointment of Aaron Wiley, resident of District 1, to the Parks, Natural Lands, Trails, and Urban Forestry Advisory Board for a term ending September 9, 2028.

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Motion:

Moved by Council Member Puy, seconded by Council Member Dugan to approve the Consent Agenda..

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

ABSENT: Eva Lopez Chavez

Final Result: 6 – 0 Pass

H. ADJOURNMENT:

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Meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Minutes Approved: November 18, 2025

City Council Chair – Chris Wharton

City Recorder – Keith Reynolds

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