

MINUTES OF THE SALT LAKE CITY COUNCIL  
Tuesday, July 8, 2025

The City Council of Salt Lake City, Utah, met in Formal Session on Tuesday, July 8, 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:**

Lehua Weaver – Deputy Director, Nick Tarbet – Deputy Director

**Present Administrative Leadership:**

Rachel Otto – Chief of Staff

**Present City Staff:**

Mark Kittrell – City Attorney, Matthew Brown – Deputy City Recorder, DeeDee Robinson – Minutes & Records Clerk, Taylor Hill – Constituent Liaison/Policy Analyst, Sylvia Richards – Public Policy Analyst, Scott Corpany – Staff Assistant, Kate Werrett – Budget & Policy Analyst

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 pm.

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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 March 4, 2025, and March 18, 2025.

**Motion:**

**Moved by Council Member Puy, seconded by Council Member Dugan to approve the work session meeting minutes of March 4, 2025 and March 18, 2025.**

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

**Final Result:** 7 – 0 Pass

**B. PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

**Items B1 – B4 will be heard as one public hearing.**

**1. Grant Application: Fiscal Year 2026 Homeless Shelter Cities Mitigation Grant Application**

The Council will accept public comment for a grant application request from the Police Department to the Department of Workforce Services Homeless Services. If awarded, the grant would continue to fund 19 existing full-time positions (15 Officers, 3 Sergeants, and 1 Lieutenant).

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

Briefing - n/a

Set Public Hearing Date - n/a

Hold hearing to accept public comment - Tuesday, July 8, 2025 at 7 p.m.

TENTATIVE Council Action - n/a

Staff Recommendation - Close and refer to future consent agenda.

*See Item B4 for Council action.*

**2. Grant Application: Fiscal Year 2026 Salt Lake County Youth Advocacy Anti-Drug Coalition Grant**

The Council will accept public comment for a grant application request from the

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Department of Community and Neighborhoods to the Salt Lake County Health Department. If awarded, the grant would fund anti-drug advocacy projects for the 2025-26 school year and travel to the Community Anti-Drug Coalitions.

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

Briefing - n/a

Set Public Hearing Date - n/a

Hold hearing to accept public comment - Tuesday, July 8, 2025 at 7 p.m.

TENTATIVE Council Action - n/a

Staff Recommendation - Close and refer to future consent agenda.

*See Item B4 for Council action.*

**3. Grant Application: Utah State Board of Education Summer Food Service Program Grant**

The Council will accept public comment for a grant application request from the Department of Community and Neighborhoods-Youth and Family Division to the Utah State Board of Education. If awarded, the grant would fund reimbursement to provide snacks to Youth City participants during the summer of 2025.

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

Briefing - n/a

Set Public Hearing Date - n/a

Hold hearing to accept public comment - Tuesday, July 8, 2025 at 7 p.m.

TENTATIVE Council Action - n/a

Staff Recommendation - Close and refer to future consent agenda.

*See Item B4 for Council action.*

**4. Grant Application: Utah Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force Affiliate Funding Grant**

The Council will accept public comment for a grant application request from the Police Department to the Utah Attorney General's Office – Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force. If awarded, the grant would fund detective overtime, travel, and local training to assist in the efforts to combat internet facilitated offenses against children.

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The project period of the award is for 12 months.

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

Briefing - n/a

Set Public Hearing Date - n/a

Hold hearing to accept public comment - Tuesday, July 8, 2025 at 7 p.m.

TENTATIVE Council Action - n/a

Staff Recommendation - Close and refer to future consent agenda.

**Motion:**

**Moved by Council Member Dugan, seconded by Council Member Lopez Chavez to close the public hearing and refer Items B1 through B4 to a future Consent Agenda.**

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

**Final Result:** 7 – 0 Pass

**Summary:**

Sylvia Richards provided a brief introduction to the grant applications.

*There were no public comments.*

**5. Resolution: Capital Improvement Program**

The Council will accept public comment and consider adopting a resolution for project funding allocations in the 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.

For more information visit <https://tinyurl.com/SLCFY26CIP>.

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

Briefing - Thursday, June 5, 2025; Tuesday, July 1, 2025; and Tuesday, July 8, 2025

Set Public Hearing Date - Tuesday, April 15, 2025 and Tuesday, June 10, 2025

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Hold hearing to accept public comment - Tuesday, May 20, 2025; Tuesday, June 3, 2025; and Tuesday, July 8, 2025 at 7 p.m.

TENTATIVE Council Action - Tuesday, June 10, 2025 and Tuesday, August 19, 2025

Staff Recommendation - Refer to motion sheet(s).

**Motion:**

**Moved by Council Member Dugan, seconded by Council Member Lopez Chavez to close the public hearing and approve the following changes to the CIP budget:**

- Remove the second tranche of Public Lands GO Bonds from the Key Changes document.
- Allow the Administration to use \$300,000 for CPTED lighting.
- All other funding will be discussed at the briefings as scheduled and approved at the August 19<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting.

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

**Final Result:** 7 – 0 Pass

**Summary:**

Kate Werrett provided a brief introduction.

**Public Comments:**

**Rachel Taylor** spoke to a CIP application submitted for a potential nature park located on the west side of the Bonneville Golf Course driving range and urged the Council to approve the request.

**Jennifer Robison** spoke to the CIP application for Rose Park Lane Beautification Trail & Safety Improvements that addressed safety and health concerns along Rose Park Lane and thanked the Mayor for recommending funding for this project.

**Peter Corroon** spoke to the CIP application for Main & Broadway Shade that would install shade elements, planter boxes, and outdoor seating for the Clift Building and asked the Council to reconsider the request.

**Nicholas Wilkinson** spoke to the CIP application for Nevada Street Reconstruction that was focused on safety for the east bench and included ADA, crosswalk, signage, and curb updates for Nevada Street.

**Matthew Morris** spoke in support of the Glendale Traffic Calming CIP request that would address several safety concerns in the neighborhood such as speeding cars, property damage from speeding cars, animal deaths, and dangerous crossings for

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children.

**Kelbe Goupiel** spoke in support of the Glendale Traffic Calming CIP request, and noted that slowing traffic on 800 West was an investment in the safety and welling being of the neighborhood, and asked for the Council's support for the request.

**Evan Sugden** spoke to a CIP application submitted for secure bike parking (bike spas), noting the Milk Block would soon benefit from sustainable transportation and secure bike parking for a multitude of users, and requested consideration for the project.

**Mary Jo Tedesco** spoke to a CIP application submitted for traffic calming in the 1200 East/University neighborhood and recognized/commended other CIP requests for traffic calming efforts to ease safety concerns across the entire City.

**Kim Paturzo** spoke to the CIP application for Safe Side Streets North that supported traffic calming and safety measures for 1000 East and asked the Council to reconsider funding the request.

**Jeff Bair** spoke to the CIP application for Slow Down Liberty Wells South that supported traffic calming and safety measures at 300, 400, and 600 East between 1700 South and 2100 South and asked the Council to reconsider funding the request.

**Tina Hernandez** spoke to a CIP application submitted for a HAWK crosswalk signal installation at the intersection of Zenith Avenue and Richmond Street, noting the intersection was dangerous with numerous close calls, and urged the Council to fund the request.

**John Woeste** spoke to the CIP application for the Texas Street Replacement, noting dangerous conditions of streets on the east side of the city, and asked the Council to fund the request.

**Tom Merrill** spoke to the CIP application for Broadway & Main Shade, noting the proposal would facilitate a more comfortable pedestrian experience for the elderly community and nearby residents, and asked the Council to fund the proposal.

**Council Remarks:**

Council Member Lopez Chavez thanked the public for their participation and for their repeated application for CIP projects within their neighborhoods, noting the Council was working to process and better understand stronger budgeting in the future to overcome the needed work across the city.

Council Member Puy spoke to the challenges of funding CIP projects, noting the Administration and Council used a data based approach to prioritize funding projects for neighborhoods most in need, and thanked the public for their continued persistence in CIP requests.

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**C. POTENTIAL ACTION ITEMS:**

1.

**Ordinance: Mixed-Use (MU) Zoning Consolidation Zoning Text and Map Amendment**

The Council will consider adopting an ordinance that would amend the City's zoning ordinance and zoning map by consolidating up to 27 existing commercial, form-based, and mixed-use zoning districts into six new mixed-use (MU) districts. The proposal aims to simplify zoning regulations, improve clarity of language, and incorporate missing design standards. The new mixed-use districts will be similar to the current districts but will have changes to setbacks, building height, lot coverage, and permitted land uses. Other sections of Title 21A may also be amended as part of this petition. Petition No.: PLNPCM2024-00707.

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

**Motion:**

**Moved by Council Member Dugan, seconded by Council Member Puy to Adopt Ordinance 47 of 2025, approving the Mixed-Use Zoning consolidation petition and accompanying ordinances including the outlined changes:**

- a. Implementing a geographical specific stepback in the Sugar House additional height area (McClelland to 1300 East, 2100 S to I-80) requiring a 10' front stepback after 30' of height, applicable to the MU-8 and MU-11 zones, and requiring a 10' front stepback after 85' of height as originally proposed for all other MU-8 and MU-11 areas; and,
- b. Setting the effective date of three-months after adoption.

***Legislative Actions***

**a. I further move the Council adopt the following legislative actions, initiating the zoning amendments for the following items as outlined in the July 8 staff report:**

- Review Interior Block Study for potential downzones
- Update the Central Community master plan related to the State Street Corridor
- Review on-street parking policies and ordinances regarding impacts related to new development

**b. I further move the Council adopt a legislative action, requesting the administration review and propose changes to the standards for new construction and major additions to more specifically identify appropriate setbacks and step backs when development is adjacent to contributing structures in historic districts.**

**AYE:** Alejandro Puy, Chris Wharton, Daniel Dugan, Darin Mano

**NAY:** Sarah Young, Eva Lopez Chavez, Victoria Petro

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*Council Member Petro offered an amendment to the motion to change the effective date to four-months after adoption. Council Member Dugan rejected the proposed amendment.*

**Summary:**

Council Members discussed reasoning/justification for extending the effective date timeframe and retaining the proposed three-month timeframe.

**Council Remarks:**

Following the original motion's vote, Council Member Young took a moment of personal privilege to thank all residents of the city for being engaged in the process over the past year and noted the mixed-used zoning consolidation before the Council this evening represented a thoughtful and balanced compromise, responding to the city's urgent need for affordable housing and ensuring character and charm is retained.

**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:**

**Krista Cook** spoke to Rose Park Baseball, a local recreational league in support of players of all skill levels for 70 years, and to supporting the renaming of the ball field in Neil Draper's honor.

**Stephen Otterstrom** expressed excitement regarding the Ballpark community design plan and to the opportunities for family housing and co-ops, with owners being the shareholders of the apartment complexes they lived in.

**E. NEW BUSINESS:**

**NONE.**

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**F. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

1.

**Resolution: Naming The Northeast Baseball Field at Riverside Park as The Neil Draper Field**

The Council will consider adopting a resolution that would rename the northeast baseball field at Riverside Park as the Neil Draper Field. Mr. Draper was an engaged member of the community and business owner who passed away in March 2025. His dedication and contributions to Rose Park Baseball had a positive impact on many in the area.

**Summary:**

Council Member Petro spoke to her fondness for Rose Park and to the Draper family being pivotal to the community's place making and giving youth of the neighborhood positive ways to identify themselves. Council Member Petro read the resolution.

**Susan Draper Marshall** (daughter of Neil Draper) spoke to her father's legacy, his endless support for the youth of Rose Park baseball and many other sports teams throughout the Salt Lake Valley, and thanked the Council for keeping Neil Draper's legacy alive by renaming the park.

Council Member Puy recognized Council Member Petro for spearheading the ballpark renaming effort and championing the voice of Westside residents.

**Motion:**

**Moved by Council Member Petro, seconded by Council Member Puy to adopt Resolution 19 of 2025, naming the northeast baseball field at Riverside Park as the "Neil Draper Field".**

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

**Final Result:** 7 – 0 Pass

**G. CONSENT:**

1.

**Ordinances: Truth-in-Taxation Hearing for Fiscal Year 2025-26**

The Council will set the date for Tuesday, August 19, 2025 at 7 p.m. to accept public comment and consider adopting one or more ordinances approving the final rate of tax levy, for all City funds including the Library Fund, in an amount greater than the Certified

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Tax Rate, upon all real and personal property within Salt Lake City made taxable by law for Fiscal Year 2025-26 and adopting the final budget, including the Library Budget, for Fiscal Year 2025-26.

2.

**Ordinance: Design Review Standards Amendment**

The Council will set the date of Tuesday, August 12, 2025 at 7 p.m. to accept public comment and consider adopting an ordinance that would amend Chapter 21A.59 of the *Salt Lake City Code* relating to Design Review. The proposal would clarify when each section applies to a project, ensure code language clearly communicates the standard's intent, and delete duplicative standards from the chapter. The proposal would also introduce new design standards to further the purpose of the design review process.

3.

**Ordinance: Parking Regulations in the Downtown Zoning Districts Text Amendment**

The Council will set the date of Tuesday, August 12, 2025 at 7 p.m. to accept public comment and consider adopting a ordinance that would amend the parking regulations in the Downtown and Gateway zoning districts sections of the *Salt Lake City Code*. The proposal is a Citywide text amendment that will affect the D-1 (Central Business District), D-2 (Downtown Support District), D-3 (Downtown Warehouse/Residential District), D-4 (Downtown Secondary Central Business District) and G-MU (Gateway-Mixed Use District) zoning district regulations. Other sections of Title 21A may also be amended as part of this petition.

4.

**Ordinance Amendment of Chapter 11.14 Parties, Gatherings, or Events**

The Council will set the date of Tuesday, August 12, 2025 at 7 p.m. to accept public comment and consider adopting an Ordinance that would amend Chapter 11.14 of the *Salt Lake City Code* to establish an administrative process and civil fine in the event of large, unruly gatherings on private property that include illegal activity and disturbances. The proposal would establish a civil enforcement remedy for the City to replace the recently eliminated service fee associated with police officers responding to such calls for service. A companion ordinance will be transmitted and will establish the appeals process for any of these citations.

5.

**Board Appointment: Library Board – Sarah Vaughn**

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The Council will consider approving the appointment of Sarah Vaughn to the Library Board for a term ending June 30, 2028.

6.

**Board Appointment: Library Board – Margaret Neville**

The Council will consider approving the appointment of Margaret Neville to the Library Board for a term ending June 30, 2028.

7.

**Board Appointment: Transportation Advisory Board – Solomon Brumbaugh**

The Council will consider approving the appointment of Solomon Brumbaugh to the Transportation Advisory Board for a term ending September 25, 2028.

**Motion:**

**Moved by Council Member Lopez Chavez, seconded by Council Member Dugan to adopt the Consent Agenda. .**

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

**Final Result:** 7 – 0 Pass

**H. ADJOURNMENT:**

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Meeting adjourned at 8:38 pm.

Minutes Approved: November 18, 2025.

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City Council Chair – Chris Wharton

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City Recorder – Keith Reynolds

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