

MINUTES OF THE SALT LAKE CITY COUNCIL
Tuesday, November 25, 2025

The City Council of Salt Lake City, Utah, met in Formal Session on Tuesday, November 25, 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:

Mayor Erin Mendenhall, Rachel Otto – Chief of Staff, Jill Love – Chief Administrative Officer, Lindsey Nikola – Deputy Chief of Staff, Megan Yuill – Deputy Chief Administrative Officer

Present City Staff:

Mark Kittrell – City Attorney, Keith Reynolds – City Recorder, Caitlin Carlino – Minutes & Records Clerk, Matthew Brown – Deputy City Recorder, Taylor Hill – District Liaison/Policy Specialist, Scott Corpany – Staff Assistant

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

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A. OPENING CEREMONY:

1. Council Member Sarah Young 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 July 8, 2025, as well as the formal meeting minutes for September 2, 2025.

Motion:

Moved by Council Member Puy, seconded by Council Member Lopez Chavez to approve the work session meeting minutes of July 8, 2025, as well as the formal meeting minutes for September 2, 2025.

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

ABSENT: Victoria Petro

Final Result: 6 – 0 Pass

5. The Council will consider adopting a joint ceremonial resolution with Mayor Mendenhall declaring November as Native American Heritage Month in Salt Lake City.

Summary:

Council Member Mano read the joint resolution which noted the establishment of Salt Lake City on historically Indigenous lands, described the positive economic and cultural impact of Native American community, and declared the City's commitment to promoting justice and shared prosperity for all.

Sky Woods-Billy (Student representative for the University of Utah Center for Native Excellence and Tribal Engagement) accepted the resolution and spoke in appreciation of their cultural roots, the events held on University campus which expanded knowledge on Native American culture, and the positive work and resources that the City provided to foster further tribal engagement and awareness.

Council Remarks:

Council Member Wharton took a moment of personal privilege to describe their recent attendance at a blessings ceremony hosted by members of the Ute Ouray Reservation. The Council Member explained that the experience had given them a new appreciation for water and natural resources.

Council Member Petro arrived during this item.

Motion:

Moved by Council Member Wharton, seconded by Council Member Lopez Chavez to adopt Joint Resolution 39 of 2025 declaring November as Native American Heritage Month in Salt Lake City.

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B. PUBLIC HEARINGS:
NONE.

C. POTENTIAL ACTION ITEMS:
NONE.

D. COMMENTS:

1. Questions to the Mayor from the City Council.

Summary:

In recognition of Thanksgiving, Council Member Young invited all Council Members to share something for which they were grateful related to Salt Lake City.

- Council Member Mano expressed appreciation for the City's efforts to recognize Pride flags as part of an official City flag and for the designation of Harvey Milk Boulevard, noting the significance of both to his identity as a gay person and as an architect with a deep connection to City design.
- Council Member Lopez Chavez expressed gratitude for the Emergency Loan Fund and for the small business owners who had taken significant risks to pursue their goals, acknowledging the role Salt Lake City had played in supporting those efforts.
- Council Member Wharton expressed appreciation for the opportunity to elevate Salt Lake City and positively challenge visitors' assumptions during the recent National League of Cities Summit and thanked the Administration for hosting a successful conference.
- Council Member Puy expressed pride in Salt Lake City, noting that the National League of Cities conference showcased the City's strengths and served as a reminder of its beauty, cleanliness, and overall quality, and thanked City Staff and the Administration for organizing the event.
- Council Member Petro reflected on the humbling nature of campaigning, noted her work as Director of the Utah Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, expressed gratitude for City professionals who often receive criticism from residents, and thanked the Mayor for consistently seeking common ground to serve the community.
- Council Member Dugan expressed gratitude to City employees for their time and dedication serving residents and for being part of the team.
- Council Member Young expressed gratitude to first responders for their expertise and dedication to keeping residents safe, acknowledged the recent passing of several employees, and thanked the Mayor for collaborating toward a better future.

Mayor Mendenhall then expressed appreciation for working with Council Members and staff, recognized specific departments, and observed that although employees may earn higher wages in the private sector, she had found meaning and inspiration in their choosing to serve the public.

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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:

Cindy Cromer spoke in general support of the upcoming Residential Multi-Family (RMF) rezone with the exception of section 21A, noting possible conflicts for historic districts.

Ben Engel spoke regarding the license plate reader cameras, recommending the Council not select a company based on popularity alone, urged mindfulness of technology/government overreach, and encouraged inter-agency cooperation.

MJ Powell expressed appreciation to Council Members, Mayor Mendenhall and Staff for their service to residents and gratitude for first responders, recognizing former Chief Mike Brown for guiding the City through pivotal moments.

E. NEW BUSINESS:
NONE.

F. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:
NONE.

G. CONSENT:

1. **Tax Equity and Fiscal Responsibility Act Public Hearing for Sky Harbour Hangar Development**

The Council will set the date of Tuesday, December 9, 2025 at 7 p.m. to accept public comment on the Sky Harbour hangar development on the east side of the Salt Lake City International Airport that consists of the development of an aircraft storage facility situated on 8.4 acres and will include four box hangars. The project would be funded through a tax-exempt private activity bond (PAB) issued by the Public Finance Authority of Wisconsin. The development entails no financial liability for Salt Lake City, but Federal regulations for tax-exempt PABs require the Council to hold what is known as a TEFRA (Tax Equity and Fiscal Responsibility Act) public hearing on this proposal. No other Council action is required.

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

Briefing - Tuesday, December 2, 2025

Set Public Hearing Date - Tuesday, November 25, 2025

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

TENTATIVE Council Action - n/a

Staff Recommendation - Set date.

2. Ordinance: Budget Amendment No.3 for Fiscal Year 2025-26

The Council will set the date for Tuesday, December 9, 2025 at 7 p.m. to 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 three grants. The first grant would fund license plate reader cameras on major roads to enhance public safety and reduce crime. The second grant would fund the removal of hazardous vegetation from the Jordan River riverbed, banks, and canopy. The third grant would fund expenses relating to homeless shelters, including salary and benefits for existing police officers to maintain public safety in areas surrounding shelters.

For more information visit tinyurl.com/SLCFY26.

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

TENTATIVE Council Action - Tuesday, December 9, 2025

Staff Recommendation - Set date.

3. Resolution: Valley Behavioral Health Public Benefit Analysis

The Council will set the date of Tuesday, December 9, 2025 at 7 p.m. to accept public comment and consider authorizing the release of Salt Lake City's reversionary interest in the property currently owned by Valley Behavioral Health at 107 South 800 West. The release would allow for the development of Saltair Lofts, a 68-unit permanent supportive housing project. It would also be executed in exchange for a 50 year Restrictive Use Agreement preserving certain public benefits most notably, including helping to ensure all units are affordable permanent supportive housing for formerly homeless individuals.

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Staff Recommendation - Set date.

4. **Board Appointment: Community Development and Capital Improvement Programs Advisory Board – Parviz Faiz**

The Council will consider approving the appointment of Parviz Faiz, resident of District 3, to the Community Development and Capital Improvement Programs Advisory Board for a term ending June 5, 2028.

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Set Public Hearing Date - n/a

Hold hearing to accept public comment - n/a

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Staff Recommendation - Approve.

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Motion:

Moved by Council Member Wharton, seconded by Council Member Mano to approve 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 7:31 p.m.

Minutes Approved: January 20, 2026

City Council Chair – Chris Wharton

City Recorder – Keith Reynolds

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