

MINUTES OF THE SALT LAKE CITY COUNCIL
Tuesday, May 13, 2025

The City Council of Salt Lake City, Utah, met in Work Session on Tuesday, May 13, 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, Thais Stewart – Deputy City Recorder, Stephanie Elliott – Minutes & Records Clerk, Ben Luedtke – Deputy Chief Financial Officer, Mary Beth Thompson – Chief Financial Officer, Allison Rowland – Public Policy Analyst, Jorge Chamorro – Public Services Director, Sylvia Richards – Public Policy Analyst, Nancy Bean – Fleet Division Director, Brian Butler – Airport Chief Financial Officer, Bill Wyatt – Executive Director of Airports, Tom Millar – Planning & Design Division Director, Marina Scott – City Treasurer, Greg Cleary – City Budget Director

The meeting was called to order at 1:02 pm

Work Session Items

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

1. Informational: Economic Forecasting Presentation ~ 1:00 p.m.
30 min.

The Council will receive a presentation from Natalie Gochnour, Director of the Kem C. Gardner Policy Institute, on current economic forecasts, including trends and conditions that relate to the upcoming fiscal year budget deliberations.

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

Briefing - Tuesday, May 13, 2025

Set Public Hearing Date - n/a

Hold hearing to accept public comment - n/a

TENTATIVE Council Action - n/a

The Council will now convene as the CRA Board. The Work Session will resume immediately following the 1:45 PM Community Reinvestment Agency Meeting.

Summary:

Natalie Gochnour, Director of the Kem C. Gardner Policy Institute, discussed population fluctuations with the Council, highlighting factors such as family growth and the transfer of out-of-state inmates to Utah prisons. Concerns were addressed regarding unemployment, inflation, and the potential recession, emphasizing the need for stronger public education, healthcare, and family support. The importance of fostering a diverse economy that accommodates changing tourism demands, distributing housing vouchers equitably, and strengthening collaboration between the state and city to support economic growth was also presented.

Motion:

Moved by Council Member Wharton, seconded by Council Member Dugan to adjourn as the City Council and meet as the Community Reinvestment Board (CRA) for the CRA meeting.

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

Final Result: 7 – 0 Pass

2. Resolution: Issuance of Airport Revenue Bonds, Series 2025 ~ 3:30 p.m.
20 min.

The Council will receive a briefing about a parameters resolution authorizing the issuance and sale of not more than \$700 million aggregate principal amount of one or more series of Airport Revenue Bonds, series 2025, for the purpose of financing and refinancing certain Capital Improvements to the Salt Lake City International Airport. The Council's action includes authorizing the execution of a supplemental indenture, a bond purchase agreement, and other documents as required.

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Hold hearing to accept public comment - Tuesday, July 1, 2025 at 7 p.m.

TENTATIVE Council Action - Tuesday, June 3, 2025

Council Members reconvened as the CRA Board prior to this item to address the Consent Agenda (Item E), which had been inadvertently omitted during the earlier portion of the CRA meeting. The motion related to the Consent Agenda can be viewed in the May 13, 2025, Work Session video at timestamp 00:45:18. A motion to adjourn as the CRA Board and reconvene as the City Council was made by Director Mano and seconded by Director Lopez Chavez.

Summary:

Nick Tarbet, Bill Wyatt, and Brian Butler provided a briefing to the Council, discussed staffing challenges at the Salt Lake City (SLC) Airport's Air Traffic Control due to federal workforce shortages and the growing demand, the nearby Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) SLC Center critical role in maintaining flight safety and managing regional air traffic from Mexico to Canada, rising interest rate impacts on borrowing costs, bond purchasing strategies, refinancing of airport bonds timeline, and new concourse bond requests.

Motion:

Moved by Council Member Mano, seconded by Council Member Dugan to reconvene as the CRA Board to approve the Consent Agenda.

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

Final Result: 7 – 0 Pass

3. Fiscal Year 2025-26 Budget: Administration's Overview ~ 3:50 p.m.
30 min.

The Council will receive an overview from the Administration of the Mayor's Recommended Budget for Salt Lake City for Fiscal Year 2025-26.

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

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Briefing - Tuesday, May 13, 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:

Greg Cleary presented the budget and discussed with the Council the Funding Our Future's total fund balance percentage of 13% from the General Fund balance, as well as

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the Economic Development Department's reductions in Main Street Promenade and Construction Mitigation Grants.

4. **Fiscal Year 2025-26 Budget: Council Staff Overview** ~ 4:20 p.m.
45 min.

The Council will receive an overview from Council Staff of the Mayor's Recommended Budget for Salt Lake City for Fiscal Year 2025-26.

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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 presented the proposed budget information for Council Staff and discussed the building permit registration fees with the Council. Mary Beth Thompson provided information concerning the building permit downturn, noting that submissions created a flat income stream for the city.

5. **Dinner Break** ~ 5:05 p.m.
30 min.

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Briefing -

Set Public Hearing Date -

Hold hearing to accept public comment -

TENTATIVE Council Action -

6. **Fiscal Year 2025-26 Budget: Fleet Fund** ~ 5:35 p.m.
30 min.

The Council will receive a briefing about the proposed Fleet Fund budget for Fiscal Year 2025-26, which provides vehicles, fuel, and vehicle maintenance and repair services for all City departments.

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

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TENTATIVE Council Action - TBD

Summary:

Sylvia Richards, Jorge Charmorro, and Nancy Bean presented the Fleet Fund Budget and discussed with the Council the frequency of fleet preparation and maintenance, the rising time and cost of repairing aging equipment enhancing the request for new vehicles for the Police Department, the potential savings of leasing compared to purchasing, one-time funding needed for Full-Time Employee fleet vehicles, and how the proposed budget would address a backlog of unmet needs through consolidated funding.

7. **General Obligation Bond for Parks, Trails, and Open Space – First Issuance Update and Second Issuance Funding Request** ~ 6:05 p.m.
20 min.

The Council will receive an update on projects funded by the first issuance of the General Obligation Bond for Parks, Trails, and Open Space (Series 2022), as well as considering the Administration's request for the second issuance (Series 2025). The second issuance would fund nearly \$35 million in new projects, such as the next stage of Glendale Park, and new investments in Allen Park, the Jordan River Corridor, and smaller parks, trails and open space projects in each Council district. These funds would also update salary amounts from early 2023 for bond-specific personnel to reflect inflation since that time. Voters authorized a bond of up to \$85 million in 2022 to be dedicated to acquiring, improving, renovating and upgrading parks, trails, open space and related amenities.

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Hold hearing to accept public comment - n/a

TENTATIVE Council Action - n/a

Summary:

Allison Rowland and Tom Millar presented the funding request and discussed with the Council the bond approval timeline, phases of funding, and the use of remaining funds for future construction projects. They explained that construction was contracted out rather than handled by city staff to ensure more accurate budgeting and reduce reliance on seasonal, city-employed construction workers.

Council Requests:

Council Member Young requested a follow-up on the public bond progress chart with new graphics to better visualize progress for the public, and that safety issue-related requests be prioritized for completion before other bond projects are approved.

Council Member Puy requested a consolidated list of questions from the Council Members for staff to review and answer before further discussion.

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Council Member Mano left during this item.

Summary:

Lehua Weaver and Jennifer Bruno presented the Communication Budget, discussed draft policy language still in place pending future discussion, state code governing public official communications, and the purpose, limitations, and tracking of Council communication funds. They reviewed key points from the straw poll handout, including district-specific communication needs, guidance on funding outside communication efforts, requests from local community councils, and cost-saving measures like non-profit postage rates. The Council also discussed policies related to events and gatherings, including booth rentals, tabling, sponsorship thresholds, and restrictions on donations for community projects, with an emphasis on the appropriate use of funds for public engagement rather than personal initiatives.

Straw Polls:

Support for Council Members using council budget funds for all communication efforts except for promotional material. Support was unanimous, with Council Member Mano absent.

Support for no limits on City Council Fund Balance used for communication efforts and materials generated by the city. Support was unanimous, with Council Member Mano absent.

Support for not limiting funds used by Council Members for direct city, council, and community initiative communication efforts, or credit for sponsorship from the council. Support was unanimous, with Council Member Mano absent.

Support to limit fund contributions to 10% of the Council Member District's total fund, to community events if the event does not include credit to the city council sponsorship, or opportunities for council members to participate in events. Support was unanimous, with Council Member Mano absent.

Support to not allow donations to non-profits from the City Council Members' communications budget. All Council Members voted against this item, with Council Member Mano absent.

Council Requests:

Council Member Young requested that additional information be included in the policy handbook regarding election procedures, timing, and processes, as well as information for procedures for Council Members entering off-cycle election years.

Council Members concluded the conversation after the events section and requested to review the budget later once items have been clarified.

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9. Fiscal Year 2025-26 Budget: Finance Department Written Briefing

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

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TENTATIVE Council Action - TBD

Written briefing only, no discussion was held.

10. Ordinance: Library Budget Amendment No.2 for Fiscal Year 2024-25 Written Briefing

The Council will receive a written briefing about an ordinance that would amend the budget for the Library Fund for Fiscal Year 2024-25. 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 required annual true-ups of property tax increments that go to the Utah Inland Port Authority, Convention Center Hotel, and the Community Reinvestment Agency of Salt Lake City.

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Briefing - Tuesday, May 13, 2025

Set Public Hearing Date - Tuesday, May 6, 2025

Hold hearing to accept public comment - Tuesday, May 20, 2025 at 7 p.m.

TENTATIVE Council Action - Tuesday, May 20, 2025

Written briefing only, no discussion was held.

Standing Items

11. Report of the Chair and Vice Chair

Report of Chair and Vice Chair.

Item not held.

12. Report and Announcements from the Executive Director

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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.

13. 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
 - (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.

Item not held.

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Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm

Minutes Approved: January 20, 2026



Allyson Ford (Jan 21, 2026 19:00:50 MST)

City Council Chair



City Recorder – Keith Reynolds



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