

MINUTES OF THE SALT LAKE CITY COUNCIL
Tuesday, August 12, 2025

The City Council of Salt Lake City, Utah, met in Work Session on Tuesday, August 12, 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, Jill Love – Chief Administrative Officer, Megan Yuill – Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, Lindsey Nikola – Deputy Chief of Staff

Present City Staff:

Mark Kittrell – City Attorney, Keith Reynolds – City Recorder, Matthew Brown - Deputy City Recorder, Stephanie Elliott – Minutes & Records Clerk, Mary Beth Thompson – Chief Financial Officer, Andrew Johnston – Director of Homelessness Policy and Outreach, Blake Thomas – Senior Advisor Real Estate , Julie Crookston – Deputy Director of Public Services, Weston Clark – Mayor's Senior Advisor, Jon Larsen – Transportation Director, Chief Karl Lieb – Fire Chief-89, Tom Millar – Planning & Design Division Director, Michael Sanders – Budget & Policy Analyst, Arturo Garcia – Director of Finance Operations, Austin Kimmel – Public Policy Analyst, Kate Werrett – Budget & Policy Analyst, Jenna Simkins – Transportation Planner

The meeting was called to order at 3:45 p.m.

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Work Session Items

1. **Informational: Updates from the Administration** ~ 3:45 p.m.
15 min.

The Council will receive information from the Administration on major items or projects in progress. Topics may relate to major events or emergencies (if needed), services and resources related to people experiencing homelessness, active public engagement efforts, wildfire mitigation, and projects or staffing updates from City Departments, or other items as appropriate.

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

Briefing - Recurring Briefing

Set Public Hearing Date - n/a

Hold hearing to accept public comment - n/a

TENTATIVE Council Action - n/a

Summary:

Council Member Young joined the meeting during this item.

Fire Chief Karl Lieb addressed the August 11, 2025 fire on Main Street that damaged the London Belle restaurant and surrounding historic establishments, stating firefighters worked into the night to extinguish the fire and the event resulted in three injuries to firefighters with no fatalities.

Mayor Mendenhall discussed activating the Salt Lake City Main Street Fire Employee Assistance Fund, reactivating the Tip Your Server Program, and the City's commitment to help the affected businesses rebuild and reopen as soon as possible.

Council Members thanked the Fire Department for the prompt response to the emergency, affirmed their commitment to support rebuilding the affected establishments, and confirmed that public safety was maintained while the buildings were secured.

Weston Clark presented community engagement highlights.

Andrew Johnston provided updates on homelessness, including the need for additional shelter beds and efforts to raise awareness about the newly opened Community Corner and its services, stating that Community Corner staff and police were actively in contact with neighbors to share information or address concerns.

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2. **Resolution: Capital Improvement Program Follow-Up** ~ 4:00 p.m.
60 min.

The Council will receive a follow-up briefing about the City's 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; Tuesday, July 8, 2025; and Tuesday, August 12, 2025

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

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

Summary:

Kate Werrett provided introduced the item and explained the funding sources for the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) projects.

Council Members and Staff reviewed and discussed the following Funding Log items:

Item #18 – GREENbike Federal Grant Match 2026 and Bike Rack Replacements

Item #25 – East Central Community Council 1200 East Median Restoration Proposal

Item #28 – Riverside Basketball Court Renovation

Item #38 – Public Service Building (PSB) Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Expansion

Mary Beth Thompson and Julie Crookston discussed the phase cost breakdown and the limited EV charging capacities

Item #41 – Glendale Traffic Calming

Item #44 – Event Infrastructure and Pavilion Replacements for Vibrant, Safe City Park

Jennifer Bruno clarified the State's mandate on Impact Fees usage, which limited what projects could access those funds

Item #45 – Playground Shade

Item #48 – Rose Park Lane Beautification, Trail, and Safety Improvements

Item #57 – Civic Campus and Green Loop Implementation

Council Member Dugan proposed allocating \$30,000 up to \$50,000 from Item #57 to Item #18 to increase the number of bike rack installations and replacements around the city

Council Member Lopez Chavez proposed allocating funds from Item #57 to Item #25

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Tom Millar, Blake Thomas, Jon Larsen, Jennifer Bruno, and Council discussed the impact of reallocating funds and explored different funding options and possible budget amendments needed to reallocate funds from CIP or non-CIP sources

Item #62 – Vacant and Leased City-Owned Property Maintenance

Straw Polls:

Support to reallocate \$50,000 from Item #57 Civic Campus and Green Loop Implementation to Item #18 GREENbike Federal Grant Match 2026 and Bike Rack Replacements. Council Members Dugan and Puy were in support, while Council Members Young, Lopez Chavez, Petro, Wharton, and Mano were opposed.

Support to reallocate \$76,000 from Item #38 Public Safety Building (PSB) EV-Charging Expansion Phase III to Item #41 Glendale Traffic Calming. All Council Members were in support.

Council Requests:

Council Member Petro requested projected data on future use of EV vehicles for Item #38, PSB EV-Charging Expansion Phase. Kate Werrett confirmed staff would provide the information.

Council Member Puy requested a cost breakdown of Item #44, Event Infrastructure and Pavilion Replacements for Vibrant, Safe City Park, to clarify which projects could be funded using impact fees. Kate Werrett confirmed staff would provide the information.

Council Member Young requested that ongoing maintenance funding for CIP items be included in funding totals. Kate Werrett confirmed staff would provide the information.

Council Member Lopez Chavez requested information on reallocating previously approved budget funds to replace curbs for Item #25, East Central Community Council 1200 East Median Restoration Proposal. Council Staff confirmed it would be included in a legislative intent with follow up for the Council.

Council Members Dugan and Young requested that future projects include opportunities for installing new bike racks. Council Staff stated information would be provided on how to incorporate the request into future budget recommendations.

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3. **Informational: Safe Streets Action Plan Kickoff** ~ 5:00 p.m.
20 min.

The Council will receive a briefing on the Safe Streets Action Plan (Vision Zero), which is designed as a roadmap to reach zero traffic deaths and serious injuries by 2035. Some of the initiatives discussed in these documents are tied to CIP projects that the Council is currently discussing.

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

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Set Public Hearing Date - n/a

Hold hearing to accept public comment - n/a

TENTATIVE Council Action - n/a

Summary:

Allison Rowland gave a brief introduction. Jon Larsen and Jenna Simkins presented the action plan and discussed the following with Council Members: scope, timeline, and the systems approach of Vision Zero, a national organization to research safe street implementation strategies across Utah.

Council Requests:

Council Member Petro requested data comparing Vision Zero to other safe street programs implemented by Salt Lake City, to ensure no overlap with currently funded safety projects. Jon Larsen stated the information would soon be ready and presented to Council and the public.

4. **Ordinance: Amending the Administrative Hearing Process** ~ 5:20 p.m.
20 min.

The Council will receive a briefing about a proposal that would amend various sections of the *Salt Lake City Code* to update the general administrative hearing process for civil violations. The process would replace the current Small Claims Court process for formal appeals and create a consistent practice for appeal processing. The proposal also includes adding a fee for formal administrative appeals. The process will apply to the proposed ordinance for parties, gatherings, and events heard on July 8, 2025.

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

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Set Public Hearing Date - Tuesday, August 12, 2025

Hold hearing to accept public comment - Tuesday, August 19, 2025 at 6 p.m.

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Summary:

Michael Sanders gave a brief introduction. Arturo Garcia indicated availability for questions. There was no further discussion.

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5. **Resolution: Central Wasatch Commission - Addition of the City of Holladay** ~ 5:40 p.m.
10 min.

The Council will receive a briefing about a resolution that would admit the City of Holladay as a member of the Central Wasatch Commission(CWC). The CWC is charged with implementing the Mountain Accord, and, in particular the major values of environment, recreation, transportation, and economy that are inherent in the Central Wasatch Mountains.

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Set Public Hearing Date - n/a
Hold hearing to accept public comment - n/a
TENTATIVE Council Action - Tuesday, August 19, 2025

Summary:

Austin Kimmel gave a brief introduction. Mark Kitrell indicated he was available for questions. There was no further discussion.

6. **Board Appointment: Disciplinary Appeals Hearing Officer – Heidi Alder** ~ 5:50 p.m.
5 min.

The Council will interview Heidi Aler prior to considering appointment as a Disciplinary Appeals Hearing Officer for a term ending August 12, 2027.

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Set Public Hearing Date - n/a
Hold hearing to accept public comment - n/a
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Summary:

An interview was held, Council Member Wharton stated Heidi Alder’s name would be on the Formal Meeting’s Consent Agenda for formal consideration later that evening.

Council Member Young expressed excitement to have Heidi on the board due to her educational and legal background.

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7. **Resolution: Zoning Map Amendment at Approximately 2157 South Lincoln Street Extension** Written Briefing

The Council will receive a written briefing about a resolution extending the time period for satisfying the conditions set forth in Ordinance No.78 of 2023 rezoning the property at approximately 2157 South Lincoln Street from RB (Residential/Business District) to CSHBD2 (Sugar House Business District). The deadline extension would give the property owner an additional six months to satisfy the conditions of the ordinance.

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Set Public Hearing Date - n/a
Hold hearing to accept public comment - n/a
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Written briefing only. No discussion was held.

Standing Items

8. **Report of the Chair and Vice Chair**

Report of Chair and Vice Chair.

Item not held.

9. **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.

10. **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

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- (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.

Motion:

Moved by Council Member Mano, seconded by Council Member Lopez Chavez to enter into Closed Session for strategy sessions to discuss the purchase, exchange, or lease of real property and attorney-client matters.

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

Final Result: 7 – 0 Pass

Motion:

Moved by Council Member Lopez Chavez, seconded by Council Member Mano to exit Closed Session.

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

Final Result: 7 – 0 Pass

Summary:

Closed Session was held in the Cannon Room as well as on Zoom.

Start time: 6:05 p.m.

Council Members in attendance: Council Members Wharton, Petro, Dugan, Young, Lopez Chavez, Mano, and Puy.

Staff in attendance: Jill Love, Lindsey Nikcola, Megan Yuill, Jennifer Bruno, Lehua Weaver, Nick Tarbet, Andrew Wittenberg, Mary Beth Thompson, Mark Kittrell, Allison Parks, Jennifer Huntsman, Michael Sanders, Cindy Lou Trishman, Keith Reynolds, Matthew Brown

End time: 7:02 p.m.

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Meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

Minutes Approved: February 17, 2026

City Council Chair – Alejandro Puy

City Recorder – Keith Reynolds

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