MINUTES OF THE SALT LAKE CITY COUNCIL
Tuesday, October 14, 2025

The City Council of Salt Lake City, Utah, met in Work Session on Tuesday, October 14, 2025.

**The following Council Members were present:**
Victoria Petro, Daniel Dugan, Chris Wharton, Alejandro Puy, Darin Mano, Sarah Young

**The following Council Members were absent:**
Eva Lopez Chavez

**Present Legislative leadership:**
Jennifer Bruno – Executive Director, Lehua Weaver – Deputy Director, Nick Tarbet – Deputy Director

**Present Administrative leadership:**
Jill Love – Chief Administrative Officer, Lindsey Nikola – Mayor's Deputy Chief of Staff

**Present City Staff:**
Mark Kittrell – City Attorney, Keith Reynolds – City Recorder, Caitlin Carlino – Minutes & Records Clerk, Taylor Hill – District Liaison/Policy Specialist, Scott Corpany – Staff Assistant, Laura Briefer – Public Utilities Director, Austin Kimmel – Public Policy Analyst, Jacob Jorgensen – Public Utilities Senior Financial Analyst

The meeting was called to order at 4:43 p.m.

## Work Session Items

1. **Ordinance: Consolidated Fee Schedule Corrections** ~ 5:15 p.m. 20 min.

The Council will receive a briefing about an ordinance amending the Salt Lake City Consolidated Fee Schedule (CFS). During the budget process for fiscal year 2025-26, the CFS was updated with several changes. After the schedule was approved and adopted by the Council, Departments noticed errors and omissions that needed to be corrected. The changes include adding the Title "Fire Lines" and the Description "Per Inch" to one of the rate tables in the CFS for Public Utilities.

**FYI – Project Timeline:** (subject to change per Chair direction or Council discussion)
Briefing - Tuesday, September 16, 2025 and Tuesday, October 14, 2025
Set Public Hearing Date - n/a
Hold hearing to accept public comment - n/a
TENTATIVE Council Action - Tuesday, October 21, 2025

**Summary:**

Austin Kimmel and Laura Briefer introduced the item. Jacob Jorgensen presented background information on the fire line rate (noting the rate had been set at $1 per connection since 1961), the significant costs associated with upsizing pipes to support adequate water pressure, and the rate description and title omissions in the Consolidated Fee Schedule (CFS).

Council Members and staff discussed:

- Clarification of the public hearing and noticing process for this item
- The need for fire line installations in buildings with indoor sprinkler systems (typically larger multifamily and commercial buildings)
- Fee details, rate impacts, and equity concerns
- Fire line fees having been unchanged for 64 years and previously subsidized through other Public Utility charges
- Rate increases being essential to align with growing costs
- The need for clear public messaging and proactive communication with residents on rate changes
- Alternative options such as phasing of the rate increases

**Council Requests:**

Council Member Petro requested a policy analysis for alternative solutions to ease the cost burden on residents with increased utility bills. Lehua Weaver clarified and confirmed how best to respond to that request.

2. **Informational: Convention and Tourism Assessment Update** ~ 5:35 p.m. 30 min.

The Council will receive a briefing from Visit Salt Lake to share an update about the Convention & Tourism Assessment Area (CTAA) performance highlights, including increased hotel revenue, visitor spending, and local economic impact. The Salt Lake County Convention and Tourism Assessment Area (SLCo CTAA) is an assessment area designed to fund district wide development & programming.

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Briefing - Tuesday, October 14, 2025
Set Public Hearing Date - n/a
Hold hearing to accept public comment - n/a
TENTATIVE Council Action - n/a

**Summary:**

**Krista Parry** (Chief Brand and Experience Officer, Visit Salt Lake) introduced the Convention & Tourism Assessment Area's (CTAA) function, goals, and the resulting efforts of two years' operation, which included brand-building initiatives, awareness campaigns, and positive economic impacts.

**Tyson Lybbert** (Chief Sales Officer, Visit Salt Lake) presented information on revenue and beneficial effects of funding utilization.

**Bart Blaisdell** (Chief Financial Officer, Visit Salt Lake) and **Pina Purpero** (General Manager, Hyatt Regency) spoke of further benefits such as equitable hotel goal alignment, creative idea collaboration, and future hotel cooperation.

Council Member Young spoke positively of a previous CTAA skijoring event and thanked the group for their work.

**3. Resolution: Salt Lake Central Housing and Transit Reinvestment Zone Interlocal Agreement** Written Briefing -

The Council will receive a written briefing about the proposed Salt Lake Central Housing and Transit Reinvestment Zone (HTRZ) Interlocal Agreement to authorize the sharing of tax increment between Salt Lake City and the Salt Lake City Community Reinvestment Agency (CRA). The State code requires the City and CRA to enter into an interlocal agreement to release funds to the project area. The HTRZ Plan outlines the participating taxing entities, tax increment participation rates, the term of tax increment collection, and the planned utilization of tax increment funds in the project area.

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Briefing - Tuesday, October 14, 2025
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. This item was also addressed during the CRA meeting earlier in the day.*

**4. Board Appointment: Transportation Advisory Board – Brian Conley** ~ 6:05 p.m. 5 min.

The Council will interview Brian Conley, resident of District 5, prior to considering appointment to the Transportation Advisory Board for a term ending September 25, 2028.

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Briefing - Tuesday, October 14, 2025
Set Public Hearing Date - n/a
Hold hearing to accept public comment - n/a
TENTATIVE Council Action - Tuesday, October 21, 2025

**Summary:**

An interview was held. Council Member Wharton said their name would be on the Consent Agenda for formal consideration.

## Standing Items

**5. Report of the Chair and Vice Chair** -

Report of Chair and Vice Chair.

*There was no report.*

**6. 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.

*There was no report or announcements.*

**7. 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.
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.*

Meeting adjourned at 5:46 p.m.

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Alejandro Puy (Mar 11, 2026 15:51:16 EDT)

City Council Chair – Alejandro Puy

Keith Reynolds

City Recorder – Keith Reynolds

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