

MINUTES OF THE SALT LAKE CITY COUNCIL
Tuesday, November 18, 2025

The City Council of Salt Lake City, Utah, met in Work Session on Tuesday, November 18, 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:

Rachel Otto – Chief of Staff, Megan Yuill – Deputy Chief Administrative Officer

Present City Staff:

Mark Kittrell – City Attorney, Keith Reynolds – City Recorder, DeeDee Robinson – Minutes & Records Clerk, Scott Corpany – Staff Assistant, Brian Fullmer – Policy Analyst, Nick Norris – Planning Director, Kristina Gilmore – Planning Manager, Laura Briefer – Public Utilities Director, Weston Clark – Mayor's Senior Advisor, Kate Werrett – Budget & Policy Analyst, Stephanie Duer – Water Conservation Program Manager, Meagan Booth – Principal Planner, Michaela Bell – Deputy Planning Director

The meeting was called to order at 3:50 p.m.

Council Member Wharton presided for the meeting.

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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:

Weston Clark provided information regarding:

- Ways for the community to engage with the City at: www.slc.gov/feedback/ and shape.slc.gov
- Project updates and events for the Public Lands, Planning, Sustainability, and CRA Departments

2. Informational: Presentation on Homelessness ~ 4:00 p.m.
40 min.

The Council will receive a briefing from the State of Utah Office of Homeless Services about recent updates pertaining to homelessness, including a proposed homeless campus that would be located in Salt Lake City and winter overflow plans.

For more information on this item visit tinyurl.com/HomelessnessSLC.

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Set Public Hearing Date - n/a

Hold hearing to accept public comment - n/a

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Summary:

Wayne Niederhauser (State Homeless Coordinator) and **Nick Coleman** (Interim

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State Homeless Coordinator) provided information regarding:

- Mission, vision, and objective of the proposed homeless campus
- Progress updates
- Campus location (2520 North 2200 West) and size (15.85-acre parcel)
- AJC Architects selected for the project
- Preliminary components planned for the campus
- Next steps; public involvement, contractor selection, funding acquisition, resource partner coordination
- Updates and information about the project found at homelesscampus.utah.gov
- Scope of the initial funding request

Council Members, Wayne Niederhauser, and Nick Coleman discussed:

- The need for long-term shelter solutions
- Programmatic vendors and types not yet chosen
- The State's commitment to the safety of those on the campus and the surrounding neighbors
- Efforts to engage with the community and consider impacts to the surrounding area
- Capital and operating cost estimates (estimated cost of \$65.00 per night/per person)
- Addressing next steps for those leaving homelessness
- The ideal entities to lead campus operations
- Strategies to address concerns of housing non-locals

Council Remarks:

Council Member Puy encouraged community outreach, public input, and education regarding the proposed campus.

Council Member Wharton detailed Wayne Neiderhauser's accomplishments as the State's first Homeless Coordinator, thanked him for his service, and presented him with a gift on behalf of the Council.

**3. Informational: Reviewing Household Occupancy Definitions ~ 4:40 p.m.
20 min.**

The Council will receive a briefing and provide direction on options to update and expand the definition of family in zoning code as it relates to the number of unrelated people permitted to live in one home. The Council recently declared an intent to increase or eliminate the current maximum number as part of the City's work to improve access to affordable housing.

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This item was moved to a future meeting.

4. **Ordinance: Water Conservation and Land Use Element-
General Plan Amendment to Plan Salt Lake** ~ 5:00 p.m.
20 min.

The Council will receive a briefing about a proposal that would adopt the plan Water Conservation and Land Use Planning. The proposal would formally integrate the City's land use plans with the City's 2022 Water Master Plan. The proposal would also update the City's General Plan to comply with Utah State Code 10-9a-403, which mandates the inclusion of a water element in Plan Salt Lake by December 31, 2025. This proposal is citywide.

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Set Public Hearing Date - Tuesday, November 18, 2025

Hold hearing to accept public comment - Tuesday, December 2, 2025 at 7 p.m.

TENTATIVE Council Action - Tuesday, December 9, 2025

Summary:

Brian Fullmer introduced the proposal.

Michaela Bell, Laura Briefer, and Stephanie Duer provided information regarding key components designated by the State; effects of current and future development on water demand and water infrastructure, methods to reduce water consumption per capita, methods to reduce water in City operations, consideration of the regional water conservation goals, consideration of the City's existing water conservation plans, and consideration of policies related to sustainable landscaping.

Council Members and Staff discussed:

- The City's use of smart water controllers and encouragement of their use as a standard for residents
- City goals/strategies for diverting water to the Great Salt Lake
- If the City's water supply and/or projections would limit the ability to meet the growing demand for housing and businesses
- Engaging with planned unit developments and homeowners associations regarding outdoor water use/conservation tools and possible resulting policies

5. **Ordinance: Parking Dimensions and Off-Street Parking
Standards Manual Update** ~ 5:20 p.m.
20 min.

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The Council will receive a briefing about a proposal that would amend various sections of Title 21A of the *Salt Lake City Code* relating to parking dimensions and off-street parking standards. The proposal would clarify driveway parking eligibility for single-family, two-family, and townhome-type dwellings, expand tandem parking allowances, and update parking space dimensions to align with current engineering standards. The proposed changes will align the City parking requirements with S.B. 181 and H.B. 368. Other sections of Title 21A may also be amended as part of this petition.

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Summary:

Kate Werrett provided a brief introduction.

Kristina Gilmore, Nick Norris, and Meagan Booth provided information regarding:

- Key changes in the Zoning Ordinance and Off-Street Parking Manual
- Differences between regular and tandem parking
- Standards for approval
- Planning Staff's recommendation to adopt the amendments and parking standards manual to comply with State law

Council Members and Staff discussed:

- Clarification of tandem parking allowance in all zones and land uses
- The allowance for vertically stacking cars

6. Informational: Climate Forward SLC Plan Update ~ 5:40 p.m.
25 min.

The Council will receive a briefing from the Department of Sustainability about the Climate Forward SLC Plan, an update to Salt Lake City's climate strategy. The Department is in the early stages of developing the plan and is seeking feedback from the Council. Formal adoption of the plan is anticipated in 2026.

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This item was moved to a future meeting.

7. **Board Appointment: Library Board – Janice Kimball** ~ 6:05 p.m.
5 min.

The Council will interview Janice Kimball, resident of District 5, prior to considering appointment to the Library Board for a term ending June 30, 2028.

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Set Public Hearing Date - n/a

Hold hearing to accept public comment - n/a

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Summary:

Interview held. Council Member Wharton said Janice Kimball's name would be on the Consent Agenda for formal consideration.

8. **Board Appointment: Parks, Natural Lands, Urban Forestry, and Trails (PNUT) Advisory Board - Austin Whitehead** ~ 6:10 p.m.
5 min.

The Council will interview Austin Whitehead, resident of District 5, prior to considering appointment to the PNUT Board for a term ending November 18, 2028.

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Set Public Hearing Date - n/a

Hold hearing to accept public comment - n/a

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Summary:

Interview held. Council Member Wharton said Austin Whitehead's name would be on the Consent Agenda for formal consideration.

9. **Board Appointment: Parks, Natural Lands, Urban Forestry, and Trails (PNUT) Advisory Board - Thomas Merrill** ~ 6:15 p.m.
5 min.

The Council will interview Thomas Merrill, resident of District 4, prior to considering appointment to the PNUT Board for a term ending November 18, 2028.

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Summary:

Interview held. Council Member Wharton said Thomas Merrill's name would be on the Consent Agenda for formal consideration.

10. **Board Appointment: Parks, Natural Lands, Urban Forestry, and Trails (PNUT) Advisory Board - Christian Chavez** ~ 6:20 p.m.
5 min.

The Council will interview Christian Chavez, resident of District 4, prior to considering appointment to the PNUT Board for a term ending November 18, 2028.

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Summary:

Interview held. Council Member Wharton said Christian Chavez's name would be on the Consent Agenda for formal consideration.

Standing Items

11. Report of the Chair and Vice Chair

Report of Chair and Vice Chair.

There was no report.

12. 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.

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

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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.

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Meeting adjourned at 5:56 p.m.

Minutes Approved: March 24, 2026.

City Council Chair – Alejandro Puy

City Recorder – Keith Reynolds

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