

CITY OF SOUTH SALT LAKE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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Wednesday April 15, 2026
7:00 p.m.

CITY OFFICES

220 East Morris Avenue
South Salt Lake, Utah 84115

PRESIDING:

Council Chair Sharla Bynum

CONDUCTING:

Nick Mitchell

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Clarissa Williams

SERGEANT AT ARMS:

Carson Aprato, Spencer Redden

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Joy Glad, Corey Thomas, Sharla Bynum, Nick Mitchell,
Irvin Jones, Clarissa Williams, and Ray deWolfe

COUNCIL MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

None

STAFF PRESENT:

Mayor Wood
Josh Collins, City Attorney
Terry Addison, Fire Chief
Craig Giles, Public Works Director
Chris Merket, City Engineer
Jared Christensen, Deputy Fire Chief
Jenny Diersen, Senior Program Manager
Joy Manwiller, Interim Finance Director
Tereza Bagdasarova, City Planner
Eliza Ungricht, Community Development Deputy Director
Matt Robins, Executive Assistant
Carson Aprato, Police Sergeant
Spencer Redden, Police Officer
Ariel Andrus, City Recorder
Sara Ramirez, Deputy City Recorder

OTHERS PRESENT:

See list

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

March 25th, Work Meeting
March 25th, Regular Meeting

Council Member Williams made a motion to approve the minutes listed above.

MOTION: Clarissa Williams

SECOND: Sharla Bynum

Voice Vote:

Glad:	Yes
Thomas:	Yes
Bynum:	Yes
Mitchell:	Yes
Jones:	Yes
Williams:	Yes
deWolfe:	Yes

NO ACTION COMMENTS

1. **SCHEDULING.** The City Recorder informed those at the meeting of upcoming events, meetings, activities, etc. **Next Council Meeting—April 29th @ 7pm.**

2. **PUBLIC COMMENTS/QUESTIONS.**

Mike Moore, business owner, expressed concerns over the Transportation Utility Fee.

Gary Olson, business owner, expressed concerns over the Transportation Utility Fee.

Steve Harmsen, business owner, expressed concerns over the Transportation Utility Fee.

Diane Whitaker, business representative, expressed concerns over the Transportation Utility Fee.

Jon Whitaker, business owner, expressed concerns over the Transportation Utility Fee.

Keith Kirik, Salt Lake City resident, expressed concerns over a recent notice the City sent out regarding Parkway Avenue.

Tim Valentiner, Salt Lake City resident, expressed concerns over a recent notice the City sent out regarding Parkway Avenue.

Katherine McDonald, Salt Lake City resident, expressed concerns over a recent notice the City sent out regarding Parkway Avenue.

Rachel Pearson, Salt Lake City resident, expressed concerns over a recent notice the City sent out regarding Parkway Avenue.

Devin Cole, Salt Lake City resident, expressed concerns over a recent notice the City sent out regarding Parkway Avenue.

Sandra Fagengren, Salt Lake City resident, expressed concerns over a recent notice the City sent out regarding Parkway Avenue.

Jon Pullman, Salt Lake City resident, expressed concerns over a recent notice the City sent out regarding Parkway Avenue.

Mike Holt, business owner, expressed concerns over the Transportation Utility Fee.

Christianne Valentiner, Salt Lake City resident, expressed concerns over a recent notice the City sent out regarding Parkway Avenue.

3. MAYOR COMMENTS.

Mayor Wood thanked the public for their attendance and input. Mayor Wood announced that Utah Gives, an official day of giving organized by the Utah Nonprofits Association, is scheduled for April 30, 2026, with early donations currently being accepted. The Promise South Salt Lake program, a recognized nonprofit organization supporting youth development and health initiatives, is participating in the campaign. A donor has pledged to match any donations made throughout the month of April.

Additionally, it was announced that South Salt Lake, alongside Sandy City and Tooele County, was certified as a City of Kindness during a recent summit hosted by the Semnani Family Foundation.

Finally, Mayor Wood concluded by highlighting a recent community service project at the Historic Scott School, noting that new trees and landscaping had been successfully installed.

4. CITY ATTORNEY COMMENTS.

None.

5. CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS.

Council Member deWolfe thanked the attendees for taking the time to share their perspectives. He acknowledged the frustration of receiving sudden notices regarding the Parkway Avenue easement without adequate context and committed to speaking with City officials to gather more information for the residents.

Council Member Williams expressed gratitude to the public and reminded the community that April is historically Earth Month. She echoed the importance of the Wait to Water initiative, stressing the necessity of adopting water-wise practices given the dry, high-climate environment of the state.

Council Member Thomas thanked the public for their input, noting that hearing from residents greatly assists the City Council in their work.

Council Chair Bynum specifically addressed the business owners who spoke regarding the Transportation Utility Fee. She announced that a majority of the City Council had requested the fee be paused to allow for further review and modification, assuring the public that the City Council is listening and striving for the best outcomes for the City, its residents, and its business owners.

Council Member Glad thanked attendees for their vulnerability in speaking publicly. She reminded the community that taxes were due that evening and noted that April 20th marked the Great American ShakeOut, encouraging residents to practice earthquake preparedness.

Council Member Jones read an email into the public record on behalf of Tamara Sorensen, a District 5 business owner who was unable to attend. In the communication, Ms. Sorensen outlined numerous concerns regarding the Transportation Utility Fee, including poor communication from the City, inequitable enforcement, and the exemption of thirty percent of properties.

Council Member Mitchell concluded the comment period by thanking everyone who spoke on both the Transportation Utility Fee and the Parkway Avenue matter. He reiterated the City Council's commitment to pausing and reviewing both matters to ensure the best possible outcomes for the City, residents, and local businesses.

Action Items

Appointments by the Mayor

1. Ramona Lopez – Civilian Review Board Regular Member

The Mayor presented Ramona Lopez to the Council for their advice and consent as an appointment.

A copy of Ms. Lopez’s resume, which was provided to the Council at the Work Meeting, is attached and incorporated by this reference.

Council Member deWolfe made a motion to approve Ms. Lopez as a Civilian Review Board Regular Member.

MOTION: Ray deWolfe

SECOND: Clarissa Williams

Roll Call Vote:

Glad:	Yes
Thomas:	Yes
Bynum:	Yes
Mitchell:	Yes
Jones:	Yes
Williams:	Yes
deWolfe:	Yes

2. Kacie O’Maley – Civilian Review Board Alternate Member

The Mayor informed the Council Members that this item would be moved to a future meeting.

Council Member Williams made a motion to Adjourn.

MOTION: Clarissa Williams

SECOND: Sharla Bynum

Voice Vote:

Glad: Yes

Thomas: Yes

Bynum: Yes

Mitchell: Yes

Jones: Yes

Williams: Yes

deWolfe: Yes

The meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Sharla Bynum, Council Chair

Ariel Andrus, City Recorder