

CITY OF SOUTH SALT LAKE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING

COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday May 13, 2026
7:00 p.m.

CITY OFFICES

220 East Morris Avenue
South Salt Lake, Utah 84115

PRESIDING:

Council Chair Sharla Bynum

CONDUCTING:

Clarissa Williams

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Irvin Jones

SERGEANT AT ARMS:

Carson Aprato, Spencer Redden

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

COUNCIL MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

Nick Mitchell

STAFF PRESENT:

Josh Collins, City Attorney
Danielle Croyle, Police Chief
Terry Addison, Fire Chief
Jared Christensen, Deputy Fire Chief
Sharen Hauri, Neighborhoods Director
Jonathan Weidenhamer, Communications & Economic Development Director
Joseph Dane, Communications Manager
Matthew Robins, Executive Assistant
Joy Manwiller, Interim Finance Director
Spencer Cawley, Senior Planner
Carson Aprato, Police Sergeant
Spencer Redden, Police Officer
Ariel Andrus, City Recorder
Sara Ramirez, Deputy City Recorder

OTHERS PRESENT:

See list

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

April 29th, Work Meeting
April 29th, Regular Meeting

Council Chair Bynum made a motion to approve the minutes listed above.

MOTION: Sharla Bynum

SECOND: Joy Glad

Voice Vote:

Glad:	Yes
Thomas:	Yes
Bynum:	Yes
Mitchell:	Absent
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—May 27th @ 7pm.**

2. **PUBLIC COMMENTS/QUESTIONS.**

None

3. **MAYOR COMMENTS.**

Mayor Wood was excused from the meeting.

4. **CITY ATTORNEY COMMENTS.**

None

5. **CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS.**

Council Member Bynum praised the recent Mural Fest, noting the City now had ninety murals, and expressed pride in this growing aspect of the City.

Council Member deWolfe thanked the audience for their attendance and expressed anticipation for the public hearing comments.

Council Member Williams added that Mural Fest served as a great unofficial kickoff to summer and commended the participating artists and community members.

6. **INFORMATION.**

- a. **Flash Vote Survey Results**

Communications Manager, Joseph Dane, presented the results of a recent Flash Vote survey regarding budget priorities. Mr. Dane explained that 195 participants responded to questions identifying the City's strengths and areas of highest importance. The results indicated that residents prioritized parks, green spaces, trails, and physical safety and security as areas needing more investment. When asked where the City should invest more specifically regarding infrastructure, respondents highlighted parks and plazas, bike paths, and better drinking water quality and reliability. Other community priorities included improved trash cleanup, overall City appearance, and expanding youth programs.

Council Chair Bynum asked if there were any questions from the Council, and none were raised.

Mr. Dane also provided a brief update on the upcoming City website refresh, which aimed to improve navigation, federal ADA compliance, and mobile friendliness.

b. Parks Water Conservation

Neighborhoods Director, Sharen Hauri, provided an update on water conservation efforts within City parks and facilities. Ms. Hauri explained the City's approach to creating water budgets for all properties, prioritizing functional turf over non-functional landscaping. Ms. Hauri noted that the City utilized the Eye On Water application to monitor real-time usage and quickly detect leaks, resulting in significant immediate water savings. Additionally, the City has been upgrading irrigation equipment to more efficient models and pursuing grants from the Jordan Valley Water Conservancy District to fund these changes. Ms. Hauri highlighted recent water-wise renovations at Fire Station 43 and the Historic Scott School. She also reviewed the City's water enforcement rules, which prohibited all landscape watering between 10:00 AM and 6:00 PM, and detailed the code enforcement citation process.

Council Member Glad asked for clarification regarding the Jordan Valley Water Conservancy District grant match.

Ms. Hauri confirmed that for irrigation parts, the district provided four dollars for every one dollar the City spent.

Action Items

Appointments by the Mayor

1. Kacie O'Maley-Civilian Review Board Alternate Member

City Attorney, Josh Collins, presented the following individual to the Council for their advice and consent as a new appointment on behalf of Mayor Wood.

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

Council Member Glad made a motion to approve Ms. Kacie O'Maley as a Civilian Review Board Alternate Member.

MOTION: Joy Glad

SECOND: Sharla Bynum

Roll Call Vote:

Glad:	Yes
Thomas:	Yes
Bynum:	Yes
Mitchell:	Absent

Jones: Yes
 Williams: Yes
 deWolfe: Yes

Unfinished Business

1. Notification that the Budget Officer of the City of South Salt Lake Intends to State in a Public Meeting that the Tentative Budget Includes a Proposed Tax Rate Increase

City Attorney, Josh Collins, issued a formal statement pursuant to HB 236, acknowledging that the tentative budget included a proposed tax rate increase.

Council Chair Bynum noted that the City Council had just received the tentative budget and would review it over the coming days.

Council Chair Bynum requested that Council Members submit any questions to her by Monday, May 18, so staff could prepare answers before the next meeting.

No formal action was required for this item.

2. A Resolution of the South Salt Lake City Council Acknowledging that an Executive or Budget Officer of the City Stated in a Public Meeting that the Tentative Budget Includes a Proposed Tax Rate Increase Pursuant to Section 59-2-919 of the Utah Code

City Attorney, Josh Collins, reviewed the Resolution as an acknowledgement and in congruence with the previous item on the agenda.

A copy of the Resolution is attached and incorporated by this reference.

Council Chair Bynum made a motion to approve the Resolution.

MOTION: Sharla Bynum

SECOND: Ray deWolfe

Roll Call Vote:

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

3. A Resolution of the South Salt Lake City Council Acknowledging that the Budget Officer of the City of South Salt Lake Presented and Made Available to the Public a Property Tax Impact Schedule as a Separate Document from all Other Budget Documents Pursuant to Sections 59-2-919 and 59-2-924 of the Utah Code

City Attorney, Josh Collins, presented the property tax impact schedule, explaining that state statute required this document to be provided when a tax increase was proposed.

Mr. Collins detailed that the proposed increase would impact the Public Safety Service Revenue Fund to support police, fire, code enforcement, and homeless services.

Council Member deWolfe asked if the collected funds were restricted strictly to that specific fund and if transferring them to the General Fund would require a Public Hearing.

Mr. Collins confirmed that the funds were highly restricted and could not be transferred without a Public Hearing.

A copy of the Resolution is attached and incorporated by this reference.

Council Chair Bynum made a motion to approve the Resolution.

MOTION: Sharla Bynum

SECOND: Ray deWolfe

Roll Call Vote:

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

4. A Resolution of the South Salt Lake City Council Amending the South Salt Lake City Council Rules of Procedure

Council Chair Bynum introduced the item which has been discussed at previous meetings.

There had been discussion on whether public comments had to pertain strictly to City business or if members of the public could comment on any subject matter.

City Attorney, Josh Collins, said that the scope of Rule 7 didn't change except for some terminology city/town to municipality, remarks/questions to comments and an addition of the City's adoption of the Dignity Index.

A copy of the Resolution and the updated Rules of Procedures is attached and incorporated by this reference.

Council Chair Bynum made a motion to approve the Resolution.

MOTION: Sharla Bynum

SECOND: Joy Glad

Roll Call Vote:

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

5. A Resolution of the South Salt Lake City Council Expressing Intent to Join the Community Renewable Energy Program When Available

Council Chair Bynum reviewed the item that was discussed at a previous meeting. She stated that currently there are no spots open for cities to part. If a spot opens a city must pass a Resolution.

Council Member Glad read a prepared statement expressing significant concerns regarding the Resolution and the broader Utah Renewable Communities project. The statement noted that the initiative was built on the uncertain assumption that contributing to an angel fund now might lead to future authorizing legislation over the next three and a half years. It highlighted the lack of guaranteed outcomes, enforceable commitments, and protections for participating communities. Furthermore, the absence of a comprehensive infrastructure plan, procurement strategy, engineering roadmap, or lifecycle operational plan was pointed out as another concern. Council Member Glad raised environmental justice concerns, comparing the potential long-term waste burden to a Yucca Mountain scenario, and noted that the financial structure lacked clear deliverables, accountability mechanisms, and guaranteed returns on investment. The statement concluded by noting that the Resolution was not in the best interest of the community, taxpayers, or long-term environmental goals.

Council Member deWolfe stated that he was in support of postponing the vote to a future meeting to allow time to gather answers to the City Council's questions.

Council Member Williams shared similar apprehensions, noting that the program's website provided overly generalized information without clearly addressing the specific logistics of the renewable energy implementation. While expressing strong personal support for clean energy, Council Member Williams voiced skepticism regarding the viability of nuclear energy and noted that the program might not effectively reduce certain emissions, such as nitrous oxide. Council Member Williams heavily criticized the financial impact on residents, emphasizing that a four-dollar monthly fee represented a significant burden for many families. Furthermore, she questioned the fairness of the cost distribution, referencing potential exemptions for data centers in Box Elder County while everyday residents subsidized the program. Council Member Williams also raised concerns regarding the opt-out process, which included a thirty-dollar fee, and questioned whether residents would receive refunds if the program failed to materialize.

Council Chair Bynum suggested moving this item to another meeting so that the Council could reach out to the program and get some more information.

A copy of the Resolution is attached and incorporated by this reference.

Council Chair Bynum made a motion to move the item to the next meeting.

MOTION: Sharla Bynum

SECOND: Ray deWolfe

Roll Call Vote:

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

Public Hearing #1 - To receive public comment regarding amendment of the Transportation Utility Fee.

Community & Economic Development Director, Jonathan Weidenhamer, along with EFG Consultant, Cody Deeter, presented updates to the Transportation Utility Fee Ordinance.

Mr. Weidenhamer explained that the proposed Ordinance would reduce the overall budget requirement from 6.6 million dollars to 4.3 million dollars, which would result in deferred maintenance costs. The rate structure, adjusted for axel weight, would cut monthly rates for residential, office, retail/commercial, and industrial user types and lower the total budget for the Transportation Utility Fee fund by 35%. The proposal included charging residents \$1.71 dollars per month and implementing an annual 3.5% inflator to keep up with costs.

Mr. Deeter provided an overview of the fee's methodology, explaining that fees were calculated based on the outsized impact that heavy commercial and industrial vehicles had on City roads compared to standard passenger vehicles. He noted that short-range, medium, and heavy-duty trucks accounted for ninety percent of the equivalent single axle load on the roads, justifying the higher fees structured for commercial and industrial zones based on square footage.

Council Member Glad asked if the reduced budget would defer scheduled road work, potentially costing the City more in the long run.

Mr. Weidenhamer confirmed this was correct.

Council Member deWolfe asked if the original 7 million dollar calculation factored in inflation.

Mr. Deeter confirmed it did, but only for a one-year basis, whereas the new proposal factored in an annual inflator over ten years.

Council Member deWolfe also asked about alternative funding methods to cover these road costs.

Mr. Weidenhamer and Mr. Deeter suggested bonding, raising property taxes, or pulling from the General Fund, though they noted the logistical challenges and tax burdens associated with each alternative.

Council Member Williams opened the Public Hearing at 7:55 p.m.

South Salt Lake business owner, Jeffrey Popp, shared their opposition to the Transportation Utility Fee amendments.

South Salt Lake business owner, Elyas Raignl, shared their opposition to the Transportation Utility Fee amendments.

South Salt Lake business owner, Tamra Burton, shared their opposition to the Transportation Utility Fee amendments.

South Salt Lake business owner, Gary Olson, shared their opposition to the Transportation Utility Fee amendments.

Utah Taxpayer Association representative, Billy Hesterman, shared their opposition to the Transportation Utility Fee amendments.

South Salt Lake business owner, Glen Bersch, shared their opposition to the Transportation Utility Fee amendments.

South Salt Lake business owner, Nick Wallace, shared their opposition to the Transportation Utility Fee amendments.

South Salt Lake business owner, Rob Kerber, shared their opposition to the Transportation Utility Fee amendments.

South Salt Lake business owner, Ted Sargetakis, shared their opposition to the Transportation Utility Fee amendments.

South Salt Lake resident, Alan Butts, shared their opposition to the Transportation Utility Fee amendments.

South Salt Lake business owner, Lexi Katsanevas, shared their opposition to the Transportation Utility Fee amendments.

South Salt Lake business owner, Mike Katsanevas, shared their opposition to the Transportation Utility Fee amendments.

South Salt Lake resident, Sarah Montes, shared their opposition to the Transportation Utility Fee amendments.

South Salt Lake business owner, Manoli Sargetakis, shared their opposition to the Transportation Utility Fee amendments.

South Salt Lake business owner, (name unknown), shared their opposition to the Transportation Utility Fee amendments.

South Salt Lake business owner, Gary Rupt, shared their opposition to the Transportation Utility Fee amendments.

South Salt Lake property manager, Marissa Kinkade, shared their opposition to the Transportation Utility Fee amendments.

South Salt Lake resident, Tatiana Canetieri, shared their opposition to the Transportation Utility Fee amendments.

South Salt Lake resident, Hazel Stout, shared their opposition to the Transportation Utility Fee amendments.

South Salt Lake business owner, Sam Plumb, shared their opposition to the Transportation Utility Fee amendments.

South Salt Lake business owner, Kaye Skola, shared their opposition to the Transportation Utility Fee amendments.

South Salt Lake business owner, Lance Heaton, shared their opposition to the Transportation Utility Fee amendments.

South Salt Lake business owner, Richard Norton, shared their opposition to the Transportation Utility Fee amendments.

South Salt Lake business owner, Derek Mortensen, shared their opposition to the Transportation Utility Fee amendments.

South Salt Lake business owner, Jim Keech, shared their opposition to the Transportation Utility Fee amendments.

South Salt Lake business owner, Mark Malouf, shared their opposition to the Transportation Utility Fee amendments.

South Salt Lake business owner, Chad Riches, shared their opposition to the Transportation Utility Fee amendments.

South Salt Lake business owner, Corey Toon, shared their opposition to the Transportation Utility Fee amendments.

South Salt Lake business owner, Kim Stringham, shared their opposition to the Transportation Utility Fee amendments.

Council Member Williams closed the Public Hearing at 8:28 p.m.

Following the public comments, the Council Members clarified that the City Council was actively seeking a more equitable solution, which was why the fee structure was currently being reconsidered and adapted. It was acknowledged that the financial strain the fees placed on businesses and residents were noteworthy and of enough concern to review the City’s implementation, but it was also emphasized of the City's strict obligation to fund and maintain its infrastructure.

1. An Ordinance Of The South Salt Lake City Council Amending Section 3.11.100 Of The South Salt Lake City Municipal Code To Set The Rate For The Transportation Utility Fees

The Council Members agreed that the two Transportation Utility Fee Ordinances needed further discussion and weren’t ready for final action at this meeting.

A copy of the proposed Ordinance is attached and incorporated by this reference.

Council Chair Bynum made a motion to move the proposed Ordinance back to a Work Meeting for further discussion.

MOTION: Sharla Bynum

SECOND: Joy Glad

Roll Call Vote:

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

2. An Ordinance Of The South Salt Lake City Council Amending Chapter 12.30 Of The South Salt Lake City Municipal Code Updating Definitions And Making Technical Changes

The Council Members agreed that the two Transportation Utility Fee Ordinances needed further discussion and weren’t ready for final action at this meeting.

A copy of the proposed Ordinance is attached and incorporated by this reference.

Council Chair Bynum made a motion to move the proposed Ordinance back to a Work Meeting for further discussion.

MOTION: Sharla Bynum

SECOND: Joy Glad

Roll Call Vote:

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

Public Hearing #2 – To receive public comment regarding the South Salt Lake tentative budget for fiscal year July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2027.

Due to Mayor Wood’s excused absence, a recorded video was presented to the Council and those at the meeting that gave an overview of the tentative budget for fiscal year 2026-2027.

The total tentative budget for fiscal year 2026-2027 is \$121,086,486.

Council Member Williams opened the Public Hearing at 8:52 p.m.

There were no public comments.

Council Member Williams closed the Public Hearing at 8:52 p.m.

There were no questions or comments from the Council Members.

1. An Ordinance of the City of South Salt Lake Tentatively Adopting the Tentative Budget for the City of South Salt Lake Fiscal Year July 1, 2026 Through June 30, 2027

Council Chair Bynum stated that the Council Members would go over the tentative budget in the coming days and submit all questions to her by Monday, May 18th at 5 p.m. so that they could be sent to City staff for review and give enough time to prepare answers for the next meeting.

City Attorney, Josh Collins, clarified that per state statute action was needed on a tentative budget in the first meeting in May and emphasized that this was a tentative budget. The final budget would be passed in June, giving additional time for the City and Council Members to finalize all City funds for fiscal year 2026-2027.

A copy of the Ordinance is attached and incorporated by this reference.

Council Chair Bynum made a motion to approve the Ordinance for the tentative budget.

MOTION: Sharla Bynum

SECOND: Corey Thomas

Roll Call Vote:

Glad: Yes
 Thomas: Yes
 Bynum: Yes
 Mitchell: Absent
 Jones: Yes

Williams: Yes
deWolfe: Yes

Council Member Thomas made a motion to Adjourn.

MOTION: Corey Thomas
SECOND: Ray deWolfe

Voice Vote:

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:04 p.m.

Sharla Bynum, Council Chair

Ariel Andrus, City Recorder