

CITY OF SOUTH SALT LAKE
CITY COUNCIL WORK MEETING

COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday May 13, 2026
6:30 p.m.

CITY OFFICES

220 East Morris Avenue
South Salt Lake, Utah 84115

PRESIDING:

Council Chair Sharla Bynum

CONDUCTING:

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COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

COUNCIL MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

Nick Mitchell (excused)

STAFF PRESENT:

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

Matters for Discussion

1. Land Use & Development Ordinance Amendment Project Overview

Senior Planner, Spencer Cawley, introduced Design Workshop consultants, Reilly Thimons and Ketaki Ghodke, who worked with the City on the amendments to the zoning code. Mr. Cawley also recognized the Wasatch Front Regional Council, noting that their organization provided grant funding that made the project possible.

Ms. Thimons stated that their team partnered with Downtown Redevelopment Services and Avenue Consultants to provide form-based code, transportation, and infrastructure support. The recent growth of the City, the new downtown area, and the expansion of parks and trails

have increased the quality of life for residents, and updating the code presents an opportunity to build on this momentum. The project is guided by the General Plan, which directs the City to protect existing residential neighborhoods and thoughtfully direct density and mixed-use development toward transit-oriented areas and the downtown sector, rather than implementing broad changes across the entire City.

Ms. Ghodke outlined the primary goals of the project, which included preserving neighborhood character, creating a clear and implementable regulatory framework requiring minimal interpretation, identifying smart growth opportunities, incorporating form-based tools where appropriate, and supporting housing diversity, economic vitality, mobility, and long-term resiliency.

The project launched in January 2026 and consists of four main phases: project administration, code analysis and community engagement, development code review and revision, and adoption and implementation. Ms. Timmins highlighted that community engagement is integral to the process and will include a project website, surveys, focus groups, stakeholder interviews, and pop-up events. The first engagement window is scheduled to coincide with the upcoming Juneteenth community barbecue celebration.

Council Member deWolfe asked what preserving neighborhood character would look like in this project.

Ms. Timmins responded that the consulting team is reviewing guiding policy documents, such as the general plan, to identify existing tension points in the code that fail to produce expected development outcomes. Ms. Timmins added that the team will utilize community engagement to better understand community sentiment regarding neighborhood character while working to propose solutions for more form-based discussions.

Council Chair Bynum thanked the staff and consultants for their work and expressed excitement about the project's progression.

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

2. Discussion – 2026/2027 Tentative Budget Presentation

Due to her excused absence from the meeting, Mayor Wood presented the tentative budget for fiscal year 2026-2027 via a pre-recorded video.

Mayor Wood thanked the City Council, the leadership team, and Interim Finance Director, Joy Manwiller, for her work on the budget. The Mayor stated that the City is experiencing higher costs for fuel, materials, and services, while demand for core City services continues to grow. She reported that the City explored all available options to keep property tax adjustments as low as possible, reducing spending by \$11 million and exploring alternative revenues.

Mayor Wood noted that public surveys indicated that public safety, City infrastructure, and high-quality youth and family support programs remain top priorities for residents. To maintain essential services, the tentative budget proposes a 33% property tax increase to the Public Safety Service Special Fund. This increase translates to an approximate \$7.07 monthly increase on a primary residence valued at \$470,000, and a \$12.86 monthly increase for a business valued

at \$470,000. The departments affected by this increase include the Police Department, the Fire Department, Emergency Management, Homeless Strategies, and Code Enforcement, with the funds directed toward salary and benefit increases as well as operating costs.

Additionally, the budget proposes a 47-cent monthly increase for garbage collection, a \$2 per unit increase for sewer services based on a 1,000-gallon winter water average, and a transportation utility fee of \$1.71 per month. There are no proposed changes to water or storm water fees. The total proposed monthly utility increase for an average single-family home is \$8.18.

Mayor Wood concluded her video by presenting the tentative proposed budget for fiscal year 2026-2027, totaling \$121,086,486.

Council Chair Bynum reminded the City Council and the public that the presentation was for informational purposes only and that no action or approval would take place during the work meeting.

A copy of the proposed Resolution for the tentative budget is attached and incorporated by this reference.

3. Discussion – 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, explained that recent state legislation, specifically HB 236, requires additional steps during the tentative budget stage.

Mr. Collins noted that if a tentative budget includes a proposed tax rate increase, an executive officer or budget officer must make a formal statement acknowledging the increase during a public meeting. He explained that this acts as extra notice for the public and serves as required evidence for the state if the City Council ultimately approves the tax rate.

Council Chair Bynum confirmed that the formal statement would be made by the City Attorney acting as the executive officer during the subsequent Regular Meeting.

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

4. Discussion – 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, further explained that the newly updated state code requires a property tax impact schedule to be made available separately from all other budget documents.

This single-page document details the percentage and monetary increase per household and business, as well as the specific City departments impacted by the budget changes, mirroring the information presented by the Mayor.

Mr. Collins confirmed that this document was made available to the public at the door of the

Council Chambers, fulfilling the statutory requirement for every Public Hearing where a tax increase is considered.

5. Appointment by the Mayor:

Kacie O'Maley-Civilian Review Board Alternate Member

City Attorney, Josh Collins, introduced Kacie O'Maley, who was presented to be appointed as an alternate member of the Civilian Review Board.

Mr. Collins noted that the City Council had received Ms. O'Maley's resume for review. No questions were asked by the Council Members.

Council Chair Bynum thanked Ms. O'Maley for her attendance and stated that formal action regarding the appointment would be taken during the Regular Meeting.

A copy of the Ms. O'Maley's resume is attached and incorporated by this reference.

The meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Sharla Bynum, Council Chair

Ariel Andrus, City Recorder