

CITY OF SOUTH SALT LAKE
CITY COUNCIL WORK MEETING

COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday July 8, 2026
6:45 p.m.

CITY OFFICES

220 East Morris Avenue
South Salt Lake, Utah 84115

PRESIDING:

Council Chair Sharla Bynum

CONDUCTING:

Council Chair Sharla Bynum

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:

Mayor Cherie Wood
Josh Collins, City Attorney
Danielle Croyle, Police Chief
Terry Addison, Fire Chief
Jonathan Weidenhamer, Community & Economic Development Director
Stewart Okobia, Finance Director
Jed Shum, City Planner
Ryan Alvarez, Police Officer
Matthew Robins, Executive Assistant
Sharen Hauri, Neighborhoods Director
Carson Aprato, Police Sergeant
Ariel Andrus, City Recorder
Sara Ramirez, Deputy City Recorder

Matters for Discussion

1. Discussion – 116 East Garden Avenue Zone Change

City Planner, Jed Shum, presented a zoning map amendment application for the property located at 116 East Garden Avenue. The application requested a zone change from Commercial Corridor to R1 (Residential). Mr. Shum explained that the property owner initiated the request to gain more financial flexibility, noting that potential buyers were unable to secure bank loans because residential use is strictly prohibited under the current Commercial Corridor zoning. He highlighted that the property currently contains a single-family dwelling and the owner has no flexibility to utilize it for residential purposes under the existing designation.

Mr. Shum detailed the lot dimensions, stating the property is 0.14 acres, or approximately 6,098

square feet. He noted this size falls significantly below the one-acre minimum required for the Commercial Corridor zone, but it perfectly meets all minimum standards for the R1 zone, including the 6,000 square foot minimum lot size and the fifty-foot minimum lot width.

City staff supported the change, asserting that an R1 zoning designation was much more suitable for the existing use. Mr. Shum also pointed out that this property is uniquely situated as one of the only single-family dwellings with an underlying Commercial Corridor zoning on the east side of State Street that does not actually face State Street. Furthermore, he explained that the proposed change aligns directly with the City General Plan, falling under the neighborhood character area designation which aims to maintain existing residential density, street orientation, and building mass.

Mr. Shum concluded by outlining the next steps, with a Planning Commission Public Hearing scheduled for August 6, 2026, and an expected return to the City Council for final approval during the August 26, 2026 Regular Meeting.

Council Chair Bynum commented that the City Council usually sees requests moving away from residential zoning, and it was a positive change to see an application adding to single-family residential zoning.

The City Council had no further questions on this item.

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

2. Discussion - A Resolution of the South Salt Lake City Council Authorizing the Below Named Individuals to Perform All Necessary Functions Relating to the City's Financial Accounts, Including the Utah Public Treasurer's Investment Fund Accounts, for the City of South Salt Lake

Newly appointed Finance Director, Stewart Okobia, presented a Resolution to formally appoint him and grant him authority over the City financial institution accounts, including all bank accounts. Mr. Okobia explained that the Resolution also officially recognized Joy Manwiller as the Deputy Director of Finance and Charmaine Peck as the Treasurer for the City.

He stated that the primary purpose of the Resolution was to grant him the necessary control of the accounts to ensure all City financial matters are properly reconciled, appropriately managed, and kept in line with standard operating procedures.

Council Chair Bynum expressed the City Council's excitement to have Mr. Okobia on board and ready to work.

No additional questions were raised by the City Council regarding the Resolution. The matter was scheduled for formal action in the Regular Meeting that followed.

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

3. Appointment by the Mayor:

Catherine Taylor – Civilian Review Board Regular Member

Mayor Wood presented Ms. Taylor to the Council. This item was added to the Work Meeting

agenda for initial discussion per Council rules.

The Council Members had no questions. The matter was scheduled for formal action in the Regular Meeting that followed.

A copy of the appointee's resume is attached and incorporated by this reference.

The meeting adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

Sharla Bynum, Council Chair

Ariel Andrus, City Recorder