

CITY OF SOUTH SALT LAKE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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Wednesday July 8, 2026
7:00 p.m.

CITY OFFICES

220 East Morris Avenue
South Salt Lake, Utah 84115

PRESIDING:

Council Chair Sharla Bynum

CONDUCTING:

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

SERGEANT AT ARMS:

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 Wood
Josh Collins, City Attorney
Danielle Croyle, Police Chief
Terry Addison, Fire Chief
Sharen Hauri, Neighborhoods Director
Stewart Okobia, Finance Director
Kelli Meranda, Promise Director
Carson Aprato, Police Sergeant
Ryan Alvarez, Police Officer
Matthew Robins, Executive Assistant
Ariel Andrus, City Recorder
Sara Ramirez, Deputy City Recorder

OTHERS PRESENT:

See list

NO ACTION COMMENTS

1. **SCHEDULING.** The City Recorder informed those at the meeting of upcoming events, meetings, activities, etc. **Next Council Meeting—August 12th @ 7pm.**

July 24th - City offices and community centers would be closed in observance of Pioneer Day.

July 13th – ‘Meet the Mayor’ ice cream social at Fitts Park.

August 4th – ‘Badges and Brats’ at the Police Department.

August 7th – ‘Movies in the Park’ will feature ‘Barbie’ at Central Park Community Center.

August 14th - ‘Movies in the Park’ will feature ‘42’ at Central Park Community Center.

August 11th – Truth in Taxation Public Hearing at 7 p.m.

More information about all City events can be found at sslc.gov

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS/QUESTIONS.

Cottonwood Heights resident, Ken Davis, spoke about his campaign as the Republican nominee for the Salt Lake County District Attorney. He expressed his commitment to listening to the community, acknowledging that the City houses the county jail and resource centers, and therefore feels the impacts of the justice system acutely.

South Salt Lake resident, Haisel Stout, shared comments regarding the recent primary elections and celebrated the defeats of three Republican incumbents who supported a data center in San Juan County. They urged the Mayor and the City Council to publicly condemn the data center, arguing it would consume vital water and energy resources during an ongoing drought, and expressed frustration that foreign billionaires were influencing state infrastructure.

3. MAYOR COMMENTS.

Mayor Wood read a City proclamation recognizing America 250, observing the 250th anniversary of the United States. The proclamation highlighted the diversity of the City and its commitment to building a community where everyone feels they belong. The Mayor indicated that the City planned to celebrate further at the upcoming Celebrate South Salt Lake event in September.

4. CITY ATTORNEY COMMENTS.

None.

5. CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS.

Council Member deWolfe thanked the Mayor for the proclamation and wished everyone a happy Pioneer Day.

Council Member Williams thanked everyone who attended the recent parade, reflecting on the phrase "We the people" and emphasizing that elected officials are elected to serve all people, regardless of their background.

Council Chair Bynum thanked the public commenters and explicitly stated on the public record that she did not support the data center mentioned during the public comment period. She also commended the staff for their hard work on the July 4th parade.

Council Member Thomas thanked Mr. Davis, Council Member Jones, and all veterans for their service. She expressed appreciation for the police officers and cleanup crews working behind the scenes at the parade and praised the City for its "City of Kindness" initiative.

Council Member Jones mentioned he had attended a groundbreaking for a new Veterans Affairs treatment center on 37th South and State Street. He noted the facility would greatly improve access for veterans facing transportation challenges. He concluded by stating that while the City is a city of kindness, it cannot be bullied or taken advantage of.

6. INFORMATION.

a. Advancing Opportunities for Adolescents

Promise Director, Kelli Meranda, presented a new initiative funded by the Wallace Foundation called 'Advancing Opportunities for Adolescents'. She explained that the program is a cross-sector partnership aimed at transforming youth development in the City and Millcreek. She detailed that the City is one of seven communities nationwide selected for the program, which focuses on youth between the ages of ten and twenty-five, with a primary focus on junior high and high school students. Ms. Meranda outlined the program's phases, starting with a design phase in 2026, a pilot phase in 2027, and full implementation from 2028 to 2031. She highlighted the importance of positive out-of-school-time settings in improving academic achievement and decreasing negative behaviors. Ms. Meranda also shared that the Digital Youth Network is administering a survey to gather feedback from local youth regarding service gaps.

Mayor Wood added that securing this funding was a multi-year process and praised Ms. Meranda and her team for their long-term efforts in building the City's youth infrastructure.

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

Action Items

Appointments by the Mayor

1. Catherine Taylor – Civilian Review Board Regular Member+

The Mayor presented Ms. Taylor to the Council for their advice and consent as a new appointment.

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

Council Chair Bynum made a motion to approve Ms. Taylor as a Regular Member to the Civilian Review Board.

MOTION: Sharla Bynum

SECOND: Corey Thomas

Roll Call Vote:

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

Unfinished Business

1. 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

Finance Director, Stewart Okobia, presented a Resolution of the South Salt Lake City Council authorizing specific individuals to perform all necessary functions relating to the City's financial accounts, including the Utah Public Treasurers Investment Fund accounts. The Resolution had been reviewed in the previous Work Meeting.

The City Council had no further questions on this item.

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

Council Member Williams made a motion to approve the Resolution.

MOTION: Clarissa Williams

SECOND: Corey Thomas

Roll Call Vote:

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

Council Member deWolfe made a motion to Adjourn.

MOTION: Ray deWolfe

SECOND: Corey Thomas

Voice Vote:

Glad: Yes
Thomas: Yes

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Sharla Bynum, Council Chair

Ariel Andrus, City Recorder