

MINUTES OF THE SALT LAKE CITY COUNCIL
Tuesday, January 13, 2026

The City Council of Salt Lake City, Utah, met in Formal Session on Tuesday, January 13, 2026.

The following Council Members were present:

Chris Wharton, Alejandro Puy, Daniel Dugan, Sarah Young, Victoria Petro, Eva Lopez Chavez, Erika Carlsen

Present Legislative Leadership:

Jennifer Bruno – Executive Director, Lehua Weaver – Deputy Director, Nick Tarbet – Deputy Director

Present Administrative Leadership:

Rachel Otto – Chief of Staff, Lindsey Nikola – Deputy Chief of Staff

Present City Staff:

Mark Kittrell – City Attorney, Keith Reynolds – City Recorder, Thais Stewart – Deputy City Recorder, Stephanie Elliott – Minutes & Records Clerk, Taylor Hill – District Liaison/Policy Specialist, Scott Corpany – Staff Assistant, Austin Kimmel – Public Policy Analyst

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m.

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A. OPENING CEREMONY:

1. Council Member Chris Wharton will conduct the formal meeting.
2. Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Welcome and Public Meeting Rules.
4. Recognition of Chris Wharton for his service to Salt Lake City as 2025 Council Chair.

Council Remarks:

Council Member Puy recognized Council Member Wharton for his leadership as the 2025 Council Chair and highlighted the Council's accomplishments.

Council Member Wharton thanked fellow Council Members and expressed excitement about continuing to work on projects that benefit Salt Lake City under the new Chair and Vice Chair.

B. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Items B1 – B5 will be heard as one public hearing.

1. Grant Application: Fiscal Year 2025 Office of Justice Program Community-Based Violence Intervention & Prevention Initiative Grant

The Council will accept public comment for a grant application request from the Police Department to the U.S. Department of Justice. If awarded, the grant would fund travel, training, equipment, supplies, a consultant from National Network for Safer Communities, registration for training, overtime for SLCPD and law enforcement partners and a community survey. The grant would also fund two new full-time positions.

FYI – Project Timeline: (subject to change per Chair direction or Council discussion)

Briefing - n/a

Set Public Hearing Date - n/a

Hold hearing to accept public comment - Tuesday, January 13, 2026 at 7 p.m.

TENTATIVE Council Action - n/a

Staff Recommendation - Close and refer to future consent agenda.

See item B5 for minute summary and motion.

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2. **Grant Application: Law Enforcement-Based Victim Services Mini-Grant**

The Council will accept public comment for a grant application request from the Police Department to the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP). If awarded, the grant would fund supplies for outreach items and travel training for the victim advocate team.

FYI – Project Timeline: (subject to change per Chair direction or Council discussion)

Briefing - n/a

Set Public Hearing Date - n/a

Hold hearing to accept public comment - Tuesday, January 13, 2026 at 7 p.m.

TENTATIVE Council Action - n/a

Staff Recommendation - Close and refer to future consent agenda.

See item B5 for minute summary and motion.

3. **Grant Application: 2025 DUI Enforcement Equipment Grant**

The Council will accept public comment for a grant application request from the Police Department to the State of Utah. If awarded, the grant would fund 30 portable breath testing (PBT) devices. The devices would be ordered by the state ADF Committee and shipped to the police department. The department will not receive funding for the devices directly.

FYI – Project Timeline: (subject to change per Chair direction or Council discussion)

Briefing - n/a

Set Public Hearing Date - n/a

Hold hearing to accept public comment - Tuesday, January 13, 2026 at 7 p.m.

TENTATIVE Council Action - n/a

Staff Recommendation - Close and refer to future consent agenda.

See item B5 for minute summary and motion.

4. **Grant Application: Surface Transportation Program 2025 for Fiscal Year 2032**

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The Council will accept public comment for a grant application request from the Community and Neighborhoods Department to the U.S. Department of Transportation administered by Utah Department of Transportation and Wasatch Front Regional Council. If awarded, the grant would fund the Wakara Way Roadway Reconstruction from Foothill Drive to Arapeen Drive located in the University of Utah Research Park.

FYI – Project Timeline: (subject to change per Chair direction or Council discussion)

Briefing - n/a

Set Public Hearing Date - n/a

Hold hearing to accept public comment - Tuesday, January 13, 2026 at 7 p.m.

TENTATIVE Council Action - n/a

Staff Recommendation - Close and refer to future consent agenda.

See item B5 for minute summary and motion.

5. **Grant Application: Congestion Mitigation Air Quality 2025 or Carbon Reduction Program 2025 for Fiscal Year 2032**

The Council will accept public comment for a grant application request from the Community and Neighborhoods Department to the U.S. Department of Transportation administered by Utah Department of Transportation and Wasatch Front Regional Council. If awarded, the grant would fund construction of the Wakara Way/Chipeta Way Roundabout located in the University of Utah Research Park.

FYI – Project Timeline: (subject to change per Chair direction or Council discussion)

Briefing - n/a

Set Public Hearing Date - n/a

Hold hearing to accept public comment - Tuesday, January 13, 2026 at 7 p.m.

TENTATIVE Council Action - n/a

Staff Recommendation - Close and refer to future consent agenda.

Summary:

Austin Kimmel gave a brief introduction of grant items B-1 through B-5.

Public Comments:

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Esiash Rodriguez spoke in opposition to Item B-1 and the installation of automatic license plate readers, citing data privacy and safety concerns.

MJ Powell spoke in opposition to Item B-1 and requested further review of the terms before adopting the resolution regarding data privacy.

Fran Lopez spoke in opposition to Item B-1 and echoed previous comments regarding data privacy and safety.

***Eliana Massey** was called to speak, but was not present.*

Leo Izuka spoke in opposition to Item B-1 and the U.S. Department of Justice grants.

Cynthia Dumas spoke in opposition to Item B-1 and the funding of automatic license plate readers.

Council Remarks:

Council Member Lopez Chavez clarified that the motion addressed Items B-1 through B-5 and that license plate readers were not included in the vote on these grant items.

Motion:

Moved by Council Member Dugan, seconded by Council Member Wharton to close the public hearing and refer items B-1 through B-5 to a future consent agenda for action.

AYE: Chris Wharton, Alejandro Puy, Daniel Dugan, Sarah Young, Eva Lopez Chavez, Victoria Petro, Erika Carlsen

Final Result: 7 – 0 Pass

6. Ordinance: Consolidated Fee Schedule Corrections – Public Utilities

The Council will accept public comment and consider adopting an ordinance amending the Salt Lake City Consolidated Fee Schedule (CFS). During the budget process for fiscal year 2025-26, the CFS was updated with several changes. After the schedule was approved and adopted by the Council, Departments noticed errors and omissions that needed to be corrected. The changes include adding the Title "Fire Lines" and the Description "Per Inch" to one of the rate tables in the CFS for Public Utilities.

For more information visit <https://tinyurl.com/FY26FireLines>.

FYI – Project Timeline: (subject to change per Chair direction or Council discussion)

Briefing - Tuesday, September 16, 2025, Tuesday, October 14, 2025, Tuesday, November 25, 2025, and Tuesday, December 2, 2025

Set Public Hearing Date - Tuesday, December 9, 2025

Hold hearing to accept public comment - Tuesday, January 13, 2026 at 7 p.m.

TENTATIVE Council Action - Tuesday, January 20, 2026

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Staff Recommendation - Refer to motion sheet(s).

Summary:

Austin Kimmel gave a brief introduction to the item.

Public Comments:

Hana Rex was called to speak, but was not present.

Scott Narus requested the Council review the fee schedule prior to adoption to ensure compliance with City ordinances.

Motion:

Moved by Council Member Young, seconded by Council Member Wharton to close the public hearing and defer action to a future Council meeting.

AYE: Chris Wharton, Alejandro Puy, Daniel Dugan, Sarah Young, Eva Lopez Chavez, Victoria Petro, Erika Carlsen

Final Result: 7 – 0 Pass

C. POTENTIAL ACTION ITEMS:
NONE.

D. COMMENTS:

1. Questions to the Mayor from the City Council.

Summary:

Council Member Lopez Chavez asked Rachel Otto, on behalf of the Mayor, to address public concerns regarding federal collaboration, funding, data privacy, public safety, and a 287(g) Agreement between Salt Lake City (SLC), the Salt Lake City Police Department (SLCPD), and U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), an agreement which gave local police the power to enforce federal immigration law.

Rachel Otto stated on behalf of the Mayor that Salt Lake City and the Salt Lake City Police Department collaborated with federal agencies on violent crime and public safety matters, but did not participate in civil immigration-related operations; the City did not provide public funding to ICE for civil immigration enforcement activities; the City had not entered into and would not enter into a 287(g) agreement with ICE; and both the City and SLCPD remained committed to community safety for all residents regardless of immigration status while supporting the right to peaceful protest.

Council Member Puy thanked the Mayor's Office for their comments and noted the

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importance of supporting Salt Lake City residents.

2. Comments to the City Council. (This is a one-hour time slot for the public to comment on any City business not scheduled for a public hearing. Each person will have two minutes to talk. General comment registration closes at 7:30 p.m.)

Public Comments:

***Lia Reyes** was called to speak but was not present.*

Scott Johnson was called to speak and declined to comment further.

Audra Carlisle spoke on community safety and federal immigration enforcement concerns.

En Canada spoke on community safety and protecting residents.

Kaile Akina spoke on community peace, the reinstatement of unlimited public comment, and public safety.

Fane Harris spoke on community safety and federal immigration enforcement.

TJ Young spoke on immigration safety concerns and recent public protests.

Ethan Meldrum spoke on federal immigration enforcement concerns and the benefits of education to ensure public policy was upheld.

Alice Kunkel spoke on immigration rights and asked Council to address community safety concerns.

Jake Helling spoke on federal immigration enforcement, public safety concerns, and protecting community members.

Alex Ward spoke on the proposed sewer treatment biotower at 1020 West Pierpont Avenue and the review of the project for conditional use, residential safeguards, and impact assessment prior to construction.

Marvin Hamilton spoke on community involvement and the meaning of being an “inclusive city” for Salt Lake City residents.

Gary Clark spoke on the symbolism and proposed renaming of Harvey Milk Boulevard and urged the Council to reject the proposed renaming.

Cooper Costeel spoke on public safety, the United States Constitution, and upholding public policy.

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Oswaldo Ponce De Leon thanked Council Member Lopez Chavez and the Mayor's office for addressing concerns regarding immigration enforcement and requested further action from the City.

Samantha Shrives spoke on immigration enforcement, public comment time limits, and community safety.

Javier spoke on community safety and immigration concerns.

Kelton Baker spoke on public safety, immigration enforcement, and protecting community members.

Gabriela de Oliveira spoke on community safety and federal immigration agencies.

Kayla Leishmen spoke on community safety and federal immigration enforcement.

Lisa Reed spoke on citizen rights, federal government agency concerns, and community safety.

Maria Walker spoke on community safety and diversity within the United States.

Milo Myers spoke on citizen rights, federal government agency concerns, and community safety.

Joan Gregory spoke on immigration safety and community protection.

MJ Powell spoke on community safety, upholding policy, and protecting residents.

***Megan** was called to speak, but was not present.*

***Corrine R** was called to speak, but was not present.*

***Mike Allen** was called to speak, but was not present.*

Alexis Levitt spoke on recent immigration safety concerns and community protection.

Dianne Lewis spoke on vulnerable communities and community protection.

Brian Pantle spoke on public safety and protection from federal agencies.

Fran Lopez spoke on public funding usage and asked Council to reinstate unlimited public comment time.

Oak Robin spoke about public funding allocation and federal immigration enforcement concerns.

Daniel Romero-Gerrero spoke on public safety and community protection.

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Jefferson Curtis was called to speak, but was not present.

Walker Meyer spoke on the American Dream, community safety, and protecting residents.

Benjamin Xochimitl spoke on community safety and asked Council to address immigration enforcement concerns.

Nic Burnard spoke in favor of the City's peace statements and requested Council act against federal immigration strategies.

The one-hour time limit for public comment was enforced, and public comment closed at 9:01 p.m.

Council Remarks:

Council Member Lopez Chavez thanked the public for participating and encouraged fellow Council Members to continue addressing public safety concerns.

Council Member Carlsen thanked the public for their input and expressed dedication to addressing community safety concerns.

Council Member Puy reiterated Salt Lake City's commitment to protecting community members and reminded the public they could participate in the 2026-2027 Legislative Session.

E. NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. Motion: Nomination of Council Chair and Vice Chair for Calendar Year 2026**
The Council will consider a motion to ratify the election of Chair and Vice-Chair of the Salt Lake City Council for calendar year 2026.

FYI – Project Timeline: (subject to change per Chair direction or Council discussion)

Briefing - Tuesday, January 13, 2026

Set Public Hearing Date - n/a

Hold hearing to accept public comment - n/a

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Staff Recommendation - Suspend the rules and consider motions.

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Motion:

Moved by Council Member Young, seconded by Council Member Lopez Chavez to ratify the nominations of Council Member Puy as Chair and Council Member Carlsen as Vice Chair for calendar year 2026.

AYE: Chris Wharton, Alejandro Puy, Daniel Dugan, Sarah Young, Eva Lopez Chavez, Victoria Petro, Erika Carlsen

Final Result: 7 – 0 Pass

F. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1.

Ordinance: Consolidated Fee Schedule Amendment for The Public Lands Department

The Council will consider adopting an ordinance amending the Salt Lake City Consolidated Fee Schedule (CFS). During the budget process for fiscal year 2025-26, the CFS was updated with several changes. After the schedule was approved and adopted by the Council, Departments noticed errors and omissions that needed to be corrected. The changes include an exemption to credit card use surcharge fees for certain transactions in the Public Lands Department.

Motion:

Moved by Council Member Lopez Chavez, seconded by Council Member Dugan to adopt Ordinance 1 of 2026, amending the Salt Lake City Consolidated Fee Schedule related to credit card surcharges in the Public Lands Department.

AYE: Chris Wharton, Alejandro Puy, Daniel Dugan, Sarah Young, Eva Lopez Chavez, Victoria Petro, Erika Carlsen

Final Result: 7 – 0 Pass

G. CONSENT:

1. **Ordinance Clarification: RMF 35/45 Amendments**

The Council will correct an oversight from the December 9, 2025 formal meeting pertaining to the ordinances amending various sections of Title 21A of the *Salt Lake City Code* for the RMF 35/45 districts and the related map amendment. The clarification identifies the adoption of four ordinances by the Council: Ordinances No. 74A, No. 74B,

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and No. 74C, amending portions of the *Salt Lake City Code*, and Ordinance No. 74D, which effectuates certain map amendments. Petition No.: PLNPCM2024-01388.

FYI – Project Timeline: (subject to change per Chair direction or Council discussion)

Briefing - n/a

Set Public Hearing Date - n/a

Hold hearing to accept public comment - n/a

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Staff Recommendation - Approve.

2. Resolution: Creation of The Silo Park Public Infrastructure District

The Council will set the date of Tuesday, January 20, 2026 at 7 p.m. to accept public comment on a resolution that would create the Silos Park Public Infrastructure District, at approximately 470 West 600 South. The proposed district would assist with financing the construction of public infrastructure related to development, including construction and maintenance of a right-of-way (a curb, a gutter, a sidewalk, a street, a road, a water line, a sewage line, a storm drain, an electricity line, a communications line, a natural gas line, or street lighting). The public hearing allows for input on whether the requested service is needed and if the service should be provided by the City, County, or the proposed district, and all other matters relating to the proposed district. The Council has not yet set a date to take formal action to approve the proposed district. Petitioner: Joseph McKay, representing Olympus QOZB, LLC, Silos South Apartments Building 3, LLC, Silos Midblock QOZB, LLC, and Silos South Apartments, LLC.

FYI – Project Timeline: (subject to change per Chair direction or Council discussion)

Briefing - Tuesday, January 20, 2026

Set Public Hearing Date - Tuesday, January 13, 2026

Hold hearing to accept public comment - Tuesday, January 20, 2026 at 7 p.m.

TENTATIVE Council Action - TBD

Staff Recommendation - Set date.

3. Ordinance: Budget Amendment No.4 for Fiscal Year 2025-26

The Council will set the date of Tuesday, February 3, 2026 at 7 p.m. to accept public comment and consider adopting an ordinance amending the final budget of Salt Lake City, including the employment staffing document for Fiscal Year 2025-26 Budget. Budget amendments happen several times each year to reflect adjustments to the City's budgets, including proposed project additions and modifications. The proposed

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amendment includes the rescoping of Open Streets funds, a mobile command center purchase, Old Library (formerly known as the Leonardo) capital improvements, a pedestrian bridge, and Fleet purchases, among other items.

For more information visit tinyurl.com/SLCFY26.

FYI – Project Timeline: (subject to change per Chair direction or Council discussion)

Briefing - Tuesday, January 13, 2026

Set Public Hearing Date - Tuesday, January 13, 2026

Hold hearing to accept public comment - Tuesday, February 3, 2026 at 7 p.m.

TENTATIVE Council Action - Tuesday, February 17, 2026

Staff Recommendation - Set date.

4. **Board Reappointment: Business Advisory Board – Andy Robertson**

The Council will consider approving the reappointment of Andy Robertson, resident of District 3, to the Business Advisory Board for a term ending December 31, 2029.

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Briefing - Tuesday, January 13, 2026

Set Public Hearing Date - n/a

Hold hearing to accept public comment - n/a

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Staff Recommendation - Approve.

5. **Board Reappointment: Racial Equity in Policing Commission – Julia Summerfield**

The Council will consider approving the reappointment of Julia Summerfield, resident of District 3, to the Racial Equity in Policing Commission for a term ending December 27, 2027.

FYI – Project Timeline: (subject to change per Chair direction or Council discussion)

Briefing - Tuesday, January 13, 2026

Set Public Hearing Date - n/a

Hold hearing to accept public comment - n/a

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Staff Recommendation - Approve.

6. **Board Reappointment: Racial Equity in Policing Commission – Katherine Durant**

The Council will consider approving the reappointment of Katherine Durant, resident of District 5, to the Racial Equity in Policing Commission for a term ending December 27, 2027.

FYI – Project Timeline: (subject to change per Chair direction or Council discussion)

Briefing - Tuesday, January 13, 2026

Set Public Hearing Date - n/a

Hold hearing to accept public comment - n/a

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Staff Recommendation - Approve.

7. **Board Reappointment: Racial Equity in Policing Commission – Steven Calbert**

The Council will consider approving the reappointment of Steven Calbert, resident outside the city, to the Racial Equity in Policing Commission for a term ending December 27, 2027.

FYI – Project Timeline: (subject to change per Chair direction or Council discussion)

Briefing - Tuesday, January 13, 2026

Set Public Hearing Date - n/a

Hold hearing to accept public comment - n/a

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Staff Recommendation - Approve.

8. **Board Reappointment: Mosquito Abatement District – Shireen Mooers**

The Council will consider approving the reappointment of Shireen Mooers, resident of District 6, to the Mosquito Abatement District Board for a term ending December 27, 2029.

FYI – Project Timeline: (subject to change per Chair direction or Council discussion)

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Briefing - n/a
Set Public Hearing Date - n/a
Hold hearing to accept public comment - n/a
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Staff Recommendation - Approve.

Motion:

Moved by Council Member Young, seconded by Council Member Dugan to approve the Consent Agenda.

AYE: Chris Wharton, Alejandro Puy, Daniel Dugan, Sarah Young, Eva Lopez Chavez, Victoria Petro, Erika Carlsen

Final Result: 7 – 0 Pass

H. ADJOURNMENT:

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Meeting adjourned at 9:17 p.m.

Minutes Approved: July 14, 2026.

City Council Chair – Alejandro Puy

City Recorder – Keith Reynolds

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