

MINUTES OF THE SALT LAKE CITY COUNCIL  
Tuesday, April 7, 2026

The City Council of Salt Lake City, Utah, met in Formal Session on Tuesday, April 7, 2026.

**The following Council Members were present:**

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

**Present Legislative Leadership:**

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

**Present Administrative Leadership:**

Jill Love – Chief Administrative Officer, Lindsey Nikola – Deputy Chief of Staff

**Present City Staff:**

Mark Kittrell – City Attorney, Keith Reynolds – City Recorder, Matthew Brown – Deputy City Recorder, Caitlin Carlino – Minutes & Records Clerk, Taylor Hill – District Liaison/Policy Specialist, Scott Corpany – Staff Assistant, Brian Fullmer – Public Policy Analyst, Austin Kimmel – Public Policy Analyst, Akshay Wuppuluri – Constituent Liaison Support

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m.

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**A. OPENING CEREMONY:**

1. Council Member Alejandro Puy will conduct the formal meeting.
2. Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Welcome and Public Meeting Rules.
4. The Council will approve the work session meeting minutes of December 2, 2025.

**Motion:**

**Moved by Council Member Dugan, seconded by Council Member Lopez Chavez to approve the Work Session meeting minutes of December 2, 2025.**

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

**Final Result:** 7 – 0 Pass

**B. PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

1. **Ordinance: Zoning Map Amendment at Approximately 256 East 300 South**  
The Council will accept public comment and consider adopting an ordinance that would amend the zoning of the property at approximately 256 East 300 South from R-MU (Residential/Mixed-Use) to D-1 (Central Business District). The proposal would allow the potential development of a hotel within a new 185-foot building. If adopted, the applicant would then need to submit the necessary development applications, and the project would need to comply with all relevant regulations within the City zoning ordinance. The Planning Commission forwarded a negative recommendation. Consideration may be given to rezoning the property to another zoning district with similar characteristics. The project is within Council District 4. Petitioner: Emily Nelson of Fourier Architects, representing the property owner. Petition No.: PLNPCM2024-00423.

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

Briefing - Tuesday, March 10, 2026

Set Public Hearing Date - Tuesday, March 24, 2026

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

TENTATIVE Council Action - Tuesday, April 21, 2026

Staff Recommendation - Refer to motion sheet(s).

**Summary:**

Brian Fullmer gave a brief introduction to the item.

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**Public Comments:**

**Marilyn Chuch** stated opposition to the project, citing concerns about cityscape views, pedestrian safety, and the building's incompatibility with the surrounding mixed-use neighborhood.

**Taylor Mott** stated opposition to the proposed rezone, citing concerns with increased building height and scale, incompatibility with the surrounding residential character, and additional traffic and late-night activity associated with hotel use.

**Travis Starley**, representing the Central City Neighborhood Council, stated opposition to the proposed rezone and that mixed-use zoning would better align with the Central Community Master Plan.

**Cindy Cromer** spoke on the responsibility of Council to steer development into designated areas and opposed the proposed rezone, arguing that amenities such as bike stations and hotels did not constitute sufficient community benefits for an upzone of that magnitude.

**Amy Atkinsons** opposed the rezone, citing concerns about unlimited building heights, increased development intensity, and inconsistency with the area's transitional character and planning goals.

**Marisa Mills** stated opposition to the proposed development, citing concerns that increased density would impact traffic and pedestrian safety, exacerbate parking limitations, and conflict with the residential character and existing infrastructure of the neighborhood.

**Ben Engel** representing the neighborhood group "Neighbors Who Care," stated support for redevelopment of the long-vacant parking lot site but opposed the proposed D-1 upzone, citing concerns with the development team and height incompatibility with the neighborhood.

**Jay Nielsen** stated support for the proposed hotel, describing it as an art-focused development designed to support local artists through gallery space and attract high-end art buyers, potentially leading to economic benefits to local artists and the neighborhood.

**Emily Nelson**, project petitioner, stated support for the proposed development, citing benefits including housing, jobs, cultural-related uses, and its suitability for higher-density mixed-use development downtown.

**Dorothy Hamory** stated opposition to the proposed rezone, citing concerns that the building would reduce sunlight and views for nearby residences and that the transient nature of a hotel was incompatible with the residential character of the neighborhood.

**Annie Isaacson**, HOA President of Sampson Altadena Apartments, opposed the proposed rezone and presented physical building layout comparisons to demonstrate the proposed structure's height relative to nearby buildings, citing concerns with the scale,

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massing, and compatibility of the project within the historic residential neighborhood.

**Motion:**

**Moved by Council Member Lopez Chavez, seconded by Council Member Wharton to close the public hearing and defer action to a future Council Meeting.**

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

**Final Result:** 7 – 0 Pass

**2. Ordinance: Zoning Map Amendment at Approximately 1073 South Navajo Street**

The Council will accept public comment and consider adopting an ordinance that would amend the zoning of the property at approximately 1073 South Navajo Street from R-1/5,000 (Single-Family Residential District) to RMF-30 (Low Density Multi-Family). The proposal would allow for the construction of additional for-sale homes on the 0.49 acre lot. The applicant intends to retain the existing single-family home. Consideration may be given to rezoning the property to another zoning district with similar characteristics. The project is within Council District 2. Petitioner: Mark Overdevest, the property owner. Petition No.: PLNPCM2025-01015.

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

Briefing - Tuesday, March 24, 2026

Set Public Hearing Date - Tuesday, March 24, 2026

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

TENTATIVE Council Action - Tuesday, April 21, 2026

Staff Recommendation - Refer to motion sheet(s).

**Summary:**

Austin Kimmel provided a brief introduction to the item.

**Public Comments:**

**Jennifer Madrigal**, Chair of the Glendale Neighborhood Council, requested additional time for public comment and urged consideration of whether the zoning designation was appropriate for the area and future development.

**Rachael Hall** stated concerns regarding the proposed rezoning, citing speculative property purchasing and redevelopment pressures in the neighborhood, and raised concerns about parking, sewer infrastructure, and the overall impact on neighborhood character.

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**Greg Garcia** stated opposition to the proposed development, citing concerns that increased density and nearby projects would impact traffic and reduce neighborhood livability.

**Motion:**

**Moved by Council Member Petro, seconded by Council Member Lopez Chavez to close the public hearing and defer action to a future Council Meeting.**

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

**Final Result:** 7 – 0 Pass

**C. POTENTIAL ACTION ITEMS:**

**1. Ordinance: Expiration of Land Use Approvals Text Amendment**

The Council will consider adopting an ordinance that would amend multiple sections of Title 20 Subdivisions and Title 21A Zoning of the *Salt Lake City Code* pertaining to the expiration of land use approvals. The proposal would expand the actions a land use applicant may take to prevent an approved land use application from expiring. The proposal helps clarify the actions a land use applicant may take to satisfy the requirement in Utah Code 10-20-902 for an applicant to implement the approval with reasonable diligence. Other sections of Titles 20 and 21A may also be amended as part of this petition. Petition No.: PLNPCM2025-00554.

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

Briefing - Tuesday, March 3, 2026

Set Public Hearing Date - Tuesday, March 10, 2026

Hold hearing to accept public comment - Tuesday, March 24, 2026 at 7 p.m.

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Staff Recommendation - Refer to motion sheet(s).

**Motion:**

**Moved by Council Member Dugan, seconded by Council Member Lopez Chavez to adopt Ordinance 15 of 2026, Text Amendment - Expiration of Land Use Approvals.**

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

**Final Result:** 7 – 0 Pass

**2. Ordinance: Sugar House Hotel Master Plan and Zoning Map Amendments at Approximately 2111 South 1300 East**

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The Council will consider adopting an ordinance that would amend the zoning of properties at approximately 2111 South 1300 East from MU-3 (Mixed-Use 3 District) to MU-8 (Mixed-Use 8 District). The proposal would also amend the Sugar House Community Master Plan Future Land Use Map from Mixed Use-Low Intensity to Business District Mixed-Use – Town Center Scale. The proposed amendments would allow the developer to build a hotel on the currently vacant site. The property is approximately .80 acres in size and abuts the northwest corner of Sugar House Park. The property has historically been privately owned and is not a part of the Sugar House Park property. Consideration may be given to rezoning the property to another zoning district with similar characteristics. The project is within Council District 7. Petitioner: John Potter with Magnus Commercial Properties, representing the property owner.

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

Briefing - Tuesday, February 17, 2026

Set Public Hearing Date - Tuesday, March 10, 2026

Hold hearing to accept public comment - Tuesday, March 24, 2026 at 7 p.m.

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Staff Recommendation - Refer to motion sheet(s).

**Council Remarks:**

Council Member Young emphasized the importance of Sugar House Park as a defining community landmark and cited concerns that approving the rezone would set a precedent for expanding the business district beyond adopted community plan boundaries before the impacts of the existing mixed-use zoning had been fully realized. Council Member Young thanked residents, community organizations, and the applicant for their engagement and professionalism throughout the process.

Council Member Puy thanked Council Member Young for her work on the item and for helping communicate community concerns and park user perspectives to the Council.

**Motion:**

**Moved by Council Member Young, seconded by Council Member Petro to reject the ordinance.**

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

**Final Result:** 7 – 0 Pass

**D. COMMENTS:**

1. Questions to the Mayor from the City Council.

*There were no questions for the Mayor from City Council.*

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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:**

**Isa Acuña Zárate** thanked the Mayor and Council for opposing a proposed U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) detention center in the City, urged additional efforts to halt the facility, and shared concerns based on personal immigrant family experiences.

**Shannon Jones** spoke in support of Wasatch Community Gardens' Green Team program, highlighting its national uniqueness in employing women experiencing homelessness and requested continued funding support.

**TJ Young** urged the City to continue opposing the proposed ICE detention center, citing concerns regarding inhumane conditions.

**Rigo Ramirez**, representing Carpenters Union Local 801, raised concerns about construction industry tax fraud practices that reduce public tax revenue through worker misclassification and cash payments.

**Katie Dwyer**, Executive Director of Wasatch Community Gardens, requested grant funding support and highlighted its job training, housing support, and food production benefits for women experiencing homelessness and low-income residents.

**Paul Miller** spoke in support of the proposed ICE detention center and described its potential role in detaining immigrants with criminal backgrounds.

**Shaun Ramos** shared personal experiences witnessing homelessness and community hardship and urged the City to prioritize funding for housing, transportation, childcare, and other services supporting vulnerable residents.

**Heather Smith** stated opposition to the proposed ICE detention center, citing concerns regarding inhumane detention conditions.

**Olive Peterson Jacoby** requested further action from the City to prevent a proposed ICE detention center from opening.

**Hailee Hernandez** requested the Council prevent operation of the proposed detention center and spoke on immigration enforcement, Indigenous history, and generational trauma related to detention practices.

**Diane Crim** thanked the Council for opposing the proposed ICE detention center and continuing efforts to address citizen concerns, including the detention of individuals without criminal convictions.

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**E. NEW BUSINESS:**  
**NONE.**

**F. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**  
**NONE.**

**G. CONSENT:**

**1. Ordinance: Wilmington Avenue Partial Street Vacation at Approximately 2192 South 2000 East**

The Council will set the date of Tuesday, April 21, 2026 at 7 p.m. to accept public comment and consider adopting an ordinance that would vacate a portion of the public right-of-way on Wilmington Avenue adjacent to the property at approximately 2191 South 2000 East. The area is approximately 775 square feet and is between the current property lines and the sidewalk. If approved, the area would be included in the adjacent property owner's property boundary. The sidewalk would not be impacted by this request. Located within Council District 7. Petitioner: Janice and Vince Ramptons, trustees of the property owner. Petition No.: PLNPCM2025-00990.

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

Briefing - Tuesday, April 7, 2026

Set Public Hearing Date - Tuesday, April 7, 2026

Hold hearing to accept public comment - Tuesday, April 21, 2026 at 7 p.m.

TENTATIVE Council Action - Tuesday, May 5, 2026

Staff Recommendation - Set date.

**2. Ordinance: Community Clean Energy Program**

The Council will set the date of Tuesday, April 21, 2026 at 7 p.m. to accept public comment and consider adopting an ordinance that would enact Title 9, Chapter 50 to the *Salt Lake City Code*, establishing participation in the Community Clean Energy program,

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formally known as Utah Renewable Communities. The proposal would provide a new opportunity for nearly all homes and businesses within the City to choose clean energy through their Rocky Mountain Power (RMP) bill. Customers will be automatically enrolled in the program, with the option to opt out. If customers choose to stay enrolled in the program, a new fee will appear on their RMP bill.

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

Briefing - Tuesday, April 14, 2026

Set Public Hearing Date - Tuesday, April 7, 2026

Hold hearing to accept public comment - Tuesday, April 21, 2026 at 7 p.m.

TENTATIVE Council Action - Tuesday, May 5, 2026

Staff Recommendation - Set date.

**3. Ordinance: Indefinite Closure of 7200 West Between Interstate 80 and California Avenue**

The Council will set the date of Tuesday, May 19, 2026 at 7 p.m. to accept public comment and consider adopting an ordinance that would indefinitely close a City-owned right-of-way on a portion of 7200 West between California Avenue and the Southerly Boundary of 152 South 7200 West pursuant to Utah Code §72-5-105. The proposal would continue to mitigate unsafe conditions and prevent substantial municipal expenditures and environmental degradation. In March 2024, the Council adopted an ordinance temporarily closing a portion of 7200 West between California Avenue and Interstate 80 due to unsafe conditions and illegal dumping. The temporary closure has proven effective, prompting the request for an indefinite closure. The abutting property owners and Rocky Mountain Power are supportive of the indefinite closure.

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

Briefing - Tuesday, April 7, 2026

Set Public Hearing Date - Tuesday, April 7, 2026

Hold hearing to accept public comment - Tuesday, May 19, 2026 at 7 p.m.

TENTATIVE Council Action - Tuesday, June 2, 2026

Staff Recommendation - Set date.

**4. Ordinance: Indefinite Closure of 200 South Between Montgomery Street and Approximately 1640 West**

The Council will set the date of Tuesday, May 19, 2026 at 7 p.m. to accept public comment and consider adopting an ordinance that would indefinitely close a City-owned

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right-of-way on a portion of 200 South between Montgomery Street and approximately 1640 West pursuant to Utah Code §72-5-105. The proposal is part of a current project to create a new Railroad Quiet Zone in the City. The closure would mitigate noise injuries, improve adjacent private property resources, and mitigate unsafe conditions the railroad crossing presents. The abutting property owners, Rocky Mountain Power, Union Pacific Railroad, and Patriot Rail have been notified of the indefinite closure.

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

Briefing - Tuesday, April 7, 2026

Set Public Hearing Date - Tuesday, April 7, 2026

Hold hearing to accept public comment - Tuesday, May 19, 2026 at 7 p.m.

TENTATIVE Council Action - Tuesday, June 2, 2026

Staff Recommendation - Set date.

**5. Board Reappointment: Public Utilities Advisory Committee – Kathryn Floor**

The Council will consider approving the reappointment of Kathryn Floor, resident of District 7, to the Public Utilities Advisory Committee for a term ending January 21, 2030.

**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.

**Motion:**

**Moved by Council Member Wharton, seconded by Council Member Lopez Chavez to approve the Consent Agenda.**

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

**Final Result:** 7 – 0 Pass

**H. ADJOURNMENT:**

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Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Minutes Approved: July 14, 2026

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City Council Chair – Alejandro Puy

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City Recorder – Keith Reynolds

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