

MINUTES OF THE SALT LAKE CITY COUNCIL
Tuesday, March 3, 2026

The City Council of Salt Lake City, Utah, met in Work Session on Tuesday, March 3, 2026.

The following Council Members were present:

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

The following Council Members were absent:

Eva Lopez Chavez

Present Legislative leadership:

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

Present Administrative leadership:

Rachel Otto – Chief of Staff, Jill Love – Chief Administrative Officer, Lindsey Nikola – Deputy Chief of Staff, Megan Yuill – Deputy Chief Administration Officer

Present City Staff:

Mark Kittrell – City Attorney, Keith Reynolds – City Recorder, Caitlin Carlino – Minutes & Records Clerk, Scott Corpany – Staff Assistant, Andrew Johnston – Director of Homelessness Policy and Outreach, Katie Riser – Deputy Director of Community Outreach, Brian Fullmer – Public Policy Analyst, Austin Kimmel – Public Policy Analyst, Kate Werrett – Budget & Policy Analyst, Mary Beth Thompson – Chief Financial Officer, Nick Norris – Planning Director, Diana Martinez – Senior Planner, John Anderson – Planning Manager, Suzanne Swanson – Deputy Controller

The meeting was called to order at 2:05 p.m.

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Work Session Items

1. Informational: Updates from the Administration ~ 2:00 p.m.
15 min.

The Council will receive information from the Administration on major items or projects in progress. Topics may relate to major events or emergencies (if needed), services and resources related to people experiencing homelessness, active public engagement efforts, wildfire mitigation, and projects or staffing updates from City Departments, or other items as appropriate.

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

Briefing - Recurring Briefing

Set Public Hearing Date - n/a

Hold hearing to accept public comment - n/a

TENTATIVE Council Action - n/a

Summary:

Katie Riser presented updates from the Administration, including parks projects, progress on traffic calming initiatives, construction of the 650 North bridge over the Jordan River Trail, West–East Connections events, and projects currently on hold pending legislative clarity.

Andrew Johnston presented homelessness updates, including a Homeless Resource Center utilization rate of 97.2%, updates on the Encampment Impact Mitigation (EIM) and Rapid Response Team (RRT), a call for Unsheltered Utah volunteers, and an upcoming Resource Fair on March 17, 2026.

2. Ordinance: Expiration of Land Use Approvals Text Amendment ~ 2:15 p.m.
20 min.

The Council will receive a briefing about proposals 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 Title 20 and 21A may also be amended as part of this petition.

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.

TENTATIVE Council Action - Tuesday, April 7, 2026

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Summary:

Brian Fullmer introduced the item. Nick Norris presented the text amendment proposal, which aimed to clarify “reasonable diligence” in implementing approved land use applications and provide clearer standards to prevent approvals from remaining valid indefinitely without progress.

Council Members and staff discussed:

- Clarification that the proposal was administrative and would not result in additional action from the Council, with the exception of certain final plat amendments involving streets
- Current frequency of extension requests

3. Ordinance: Alley Vacation East of 519 East Browning Avenue ~ 2:35 p.m.
20 min.

The Council will receive a briefing about a proposal to vacate a City-owned alley adjacent to properties located at 519 and 523-527 East Browning Avenue, 1379 South 500 East, and 1372 and 1378 South Park Street. If approved, this section of the alley would be divided and allocated to the property owners abutting the portion of the alley that is vacated. The applicant has requested the vacation due to the existing detached garage, which appears to be on the applicant’s property, but was built in 1958, making the alley not passable from Browning Avenue to Sherman Avenue since that time. The northern portion of the alley, from Sherman Avenue to the middle of the block, will not be affected by this vacation request and will remain open to all users. Located within Council District 5. Petitioner: Amy and David Beecham, owners of 519 East Browning Avenue.

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TENTATIVE Council Action - Tuesday, April 7, 2026

Summary:

Kate Werrett introduced the alley vacation request. Diana Martinez alongside John Anderson presented details of the request, including the alley’s lack-of-use and a positive recommendation from Planning Commission.

Council Members and staff discussed:

- Clarification on alley plat and that the alley did not exit into a park

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- Support for the alley vacation and appreciation for the due diligence done by the property owner and City staff
- Potential scenarios by which the Applicant would purchase the vacated alley portions from their neighbors

A 10 minute break was taken after this item. Council Member Lopez Chavez arrived during the break.

4. City's Annual Financial Audit Report ~ 2:55 p.m.
30 min.

The Council will receive a briefing about the City's Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for the previous fiscal year ending June 30, 2025.

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Briefing - Tuesday, March 3, 2026

Set Public Hearing Date - n/a

Hold hearing to accept public comment - n/a

TENTATIVE Council Action - n/a

Summary:

Mary Beth Thompson, alongside Suzanne Swanson, introduced the item and described the effective collaboration between Eide Bailly and the City's Finance Department.

Paul Skeen (Financial Auditor, Eide Bailly) reported that the audit process had improved over the years, was completed on schedule, and reflected both the audit's independence and the Finance team's strong collaboration throughout. Improvement areas were noted in fleet work-in-process recordkeeping due to system transition, and in reconciliation processes, with neither materially affecting financial statements.

There was no further discussion.

5. Informational: State of Utah Fraud Risk Assessment for Fiscal Year 2025-26 ~ 3:25 p.m.
10 min.

The Council will receive a briefing from the Administration on the 2025 official fraud risk assessment. This annual report is required by state law to be presented to the legislative body.

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Set Public Hearing Date - n/a

Hold hearing to accept public comment - n/a

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Summary:

Mary Beth Thompson, alongside Suzanne Swanson, presented the City's annual state-required fraud risk assessment, which scored 375 out of 395. They noted areas for improvement, including annual ethics commitments and entity-specific training by governing body members. Staff also explained that the assessment measured overall fraud prevention practices and was distinct from a detailed financial audit.

Council Members and staff discussed:

- The difference between a fraud risk assessment and other types of financial audits
- Well-defined separation of duties within Salt Lake City Corporation contributing to low fraud risk
- Prioritization of cybersecurity protection, including sufficient liability insurance and Information Management Systems (IMS) funding
- Educating employees and constituents about the Fraud, Waste, and Abuse hotline, highlighting its anonymity and protections for whistleblowers
- Pride in the City for taking potential fraud seriously, as demonstrated in its high score

Council Requests:

Council Member Lopez Chavez requested an assessment for additional liability insurance protection, up from the current 5 Million dollars. Mary Beth Thompson said they would consult the Risk team and the information would be provided.

Council Member Puy requested information on whether the State Auditor's office published the scores as a comparative model against other municipalities. Mary Beth Thompson stated the information would be provided.

Standing Items

6. Report of the Chair and Vice Chair

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Summary:

Council Member Carlsen noted that Council and Administration staff were coordinating with community members to establish a working group focused on immigration. Additional details regarding meeting logistics and participant involvement would be shared once finalized.

7. Report and Announcements from the Executive Director

Report of the Executive Director, including a review of Council information items and announcements. The Council may give feedback or staff direction on any item related to City Council business, including but not limited to scheduling items.

This item was not held.

8. Tentative Closed Meeting

The Council will consider a motion to enter into closed meeting. A closed meeting described under Utah Code Annotated (UCA) Section §52-4-205 may be held for specific purposes including, but not limited to discussing:

- a. discussion of the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual.
- b. strategy sessions to discuss collective bargaining.
- c. strategy sessions to discuss pending or reasonably imminent litigation.
- d. strategy sessions to discuss the purchase, exchange, or lease of real property, including any form of a water right or water shares, if public discussion of the transaction would:
 - (i) disclose the appraisal or estimated value of the property under consideration, or
 - (ii) prevent the public body from completing the transaction on the best possible terms.
- e. strategy sessions to discuss the sale of real property, including any form of a water right or water shares, if:
 - (i) public discussion of the transaction would:
 - (A) disclose the appraisal or estimated value of the property under consideration, or
 - (B) prevent the public body from completing the transaction on the best possible terms.
 - (ii) the public body previously gave public notice that the property would be offered for sale, and
 - (iii) the terms of the sale are publicly disclosed before the public body approves the sale.
- f. discussion regarding deployment of security personnel, devices, or systems.
- g. investigative proceedings regarding allegations of criminal misconduct.

A closed meeting may also be held for attorney-client matters that are privileged pursuant to Utah Code § 78B-1-137, and for other lawful purposes that satisfy the pertinent requirements of the Utah Open and Public Meetings Act.

Motion:

Moved by Council Member Wharton, seconded by Council Member Dugan to enter into Closed Meeting for the purposes of discussion regarding deployment of security personnel, devices, or systems; and for attorney-client matters.

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

Final Result: 7 – 0 Pass

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Summary:

Closed meeting started at 3:04 p.m.

Council Members in attendance: Council Members Puy, Calson, Dugan, Lopez Chavez, Wharton, Petro, Young

Staff and Administration in attendance: Jill Love, Lindsey Nikola, Jennifer Bruno, Mark Kittrell, Chief Carl Lieb, Ty Shepherd, Amber Pehrson, Nick Tarbet, Lehua Weaver, Cindy Lou Trishman, Linda Sanchez, Brian Fulmer, Austin Kimmel, Michael Sanders, Kate Werrett

Closed meeting ended at 3:46 p.m.

Motion:

Moved by Council Member Dugan, seconded by Council Member Lopez Chavez to exit the Closed Meeting.

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

Final Result: 7 – 0 Pass

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Meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Minutes Approved: July 14, 2026

City Council Chair – Alejandro Puy

City Recorder – Keith Reynolds

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