

MINUTES OF THE SALT LAKE CITY COUNCIL  
Tuesday, March 24, 2026

The City Council of Salt Lake City, Utah, met in Work Session on Tuesday, March 24, 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:**

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, Stephanie Elliott – Minutes & Records Clerk, Scott Corpany – Staff Assistant, Allison Rowland – Senior Public Policy Analyst, Austin Kimmel – Public Policy Analyst, Debbie Lyons – Sustainability Director, Tyler Durfee – Community Development Policy & Program Manager, Dennis Rutledge – Community Developments Grants Supervisor, Jack Markman – Community Developments Grants Specialist, Angela Price – Legislative Affairs Division Director, Olivia Cvetko – Principal Planner, Katherine Pasker – Senior City Attorney, Laura Briefer – Director of Public Utilities, Kristina Gilmore – Planning Manager

The meeting was called to order at 2:18 p.m.

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**Work Session Items**

1. **Informational: Community and Environmental Impact Studies for The Utah Inland Port Authority** ~ 2:45 p.m.  
20 min.

The Council will receive a briefing from the Sustainability Department, the Utah Inland Port Authority (UIPA), and consultant WSP USA, Inc about the findings from the baseline and preferred scenario study for future development in the port authority jurisdictional land and Northwest Quadrant.

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

Briefing - Tuesday, March 24, 2026

Set Public Hearing Date - n/a

Hold hearing to accept public comment - n/a

TENTATIVE Council Action - n/a

**Summary**

Austin Kimmel introduced the item.

Debbie Lyons, **Stephen Smith** (Associate Vice President of Regional Project Area Development, Utah Inland Port Authority), and **Nicole McDermott** (Vice President, WSP USA) presented findings from the Community and Environmental Impact Studies for the Northwest Quadrant and Inland Port area.

Council Members, staff, and presenters discussed:

- Community engagement findings and priorities identified through stakeholder outreach
- Environmental and public health concerns, including wetlands, water quality, air quality, and impacts on Westside communities
- Recommended investments in conservation, public safety, workforce development, transit access, and community health
- Transportation challenges related to transit connectivity, rail crossings, freight movement, and truck parking
- Economic development strategies and policy recommendations supporting sustainable growth in the Northwest Quadrant
- Ongoing community engagement and transparency regarding implementation of recommendations and use of tax differential funds.

2. **Fiscal Year 2026-27 Funding Allocations for Federal Housing and Community Development Grants and City Funding Our Future Housing Programs** ~ 3:05 p.m.  
60 min.

The Council will receive a briefing on recommendations for allocating grant funding provided through four Federal Housing and Urban Development Department (HUD)

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programs and the City's Funding Our Future (FOF) housing programs. The funding is allocated by the Council on a competitive basis to organizations which are mostly local non-profits that specialize in providing services to the City's most economically vulnerable residents. For Fiscal Year 2026-27, approximately \$11.3 million dollars is expected to flow through the Division of Housing Stability to the organizations eligible to receive grant funding. The HUD programs that provide this funding and oversee activities of grant recipients are: Community Development Block Grants (CDBG), Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG), the HOME Investment Partnership Program, and Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA). City housing programs are funded from the local sales tax increment known as Funding Our Future.

For more information visit [www.tinyurl.com/annualhudgrants](http://www.tinyurl.com/annualhudgrants).

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Briefing - Tuesday, March 24, 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 21, 2026

**Summary:**

Allison Rowland provided an introduction. Tyler Durfee, Dennis Rutledge, and Jack Markman presented the annual funding allocation process for federal Housing and Urban Development (HUD) grants and Funding Our Future Housing programs. Presenters reviewed funding categories, program goals, application evaluation processes, funding timelines, and recommendations from both the Community Development and Capital Improvement Program (CDCIP) Advisory Board and the Administration.

Council Members, Jennifer Bruno, and staff discussed:

- Annual HUD funding allocations and Funding Our Future Housing program recommendations
- Funding priorities established through the Consolidated Plan and Housing SLC Plan
- Program eligibility requirements and service delivery to Salt Lake City residents
- Historical unspent grant balances and the process for recapturing and reallocating unused funds
- Funding limitations within specific grant categories and restrictions on reallocating funds between categories
- Service levels provided by organizations receiving funding recommendations
- Differences between recommendations made by the CDCIP Advisory Board and the Administration
- Funding considerations for organizations providing homelessness, housing stability, recovery, youth services, and homeownership assistance programs

**Council Requests:**

Council Member Dugan requested information regarding the number of households served annually through the Fix the Bricks program over the last couple years. Staff

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stated they would provide the requested information.

Council Member Puy requested information on factors contributing to unspent funding balances in the Fix the Bricks program.

Council Member Petro requested information on the number of City residents receiving services through South Valley Services. Staff confirmed they would provide those numbers.

Council Member Dugan requested additional information regarding organizations with significant unspent grant balances, specifically those over 5% of unspent funds. Staff stated the information would be provided.

Council Member Carlsen requested information on unspent funds regarding the Asian Association of Utah. Staff stated the information would be provided.

Council Member Dugan requested information on First Step House's long-term success rates, including the number of participants who completed the program and avoided returning to homelessness for at least one year. Staff stated the information would be provided.

**3. Tentative Break** ~ 4:05 p.m.  
20 min.

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Briefing - n/a

Set Public Hearing Date - n/a

Hold hearing to accept public comment - n/a

TENTATIVE Council Action - n/a

**4. Informational: State Legislative Briefing Follow-Up** ~ 4:25 p.m.  
20 min.

The Council will receive a follow-up briefing about priorities and issues the City worked on during the 2026 Utah State Legislative Session.

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

Briefing - Tuesday, January 13, 2026, Tuesday, February 3, 2026, and Tuesday, March 24, 2026

Set Public Hearing Date - n/a

Hold hearing to accept public comment - n/a

TENTATIVE Council Action - n/a

**Summary:**

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Angela Price reviewed the City's legislative efforts during the 2026 Utah Legislative Session, highlighting key successes, major policy themes, and legislation affecting local government operations. Staff tracked 351 bills during the session and noted improved collaboration with state leaders and partners.

Council Members and Angela Price discussed:

- Legislative priorities and outcomes related to tax reform, transportation, homelessness, energy, water, and immigration
- Several City-supported bills that advanced, including legislation related to property tax transparency, airport operations, water conservation, and the Utah Community Renewable Energy Program
- Transportation legislation requiring coordination with UDOT on roadway planning and implementation of a critical capacity routes map
- Changes to homelessness funding, behavioral health programs, and immigration-related proposals considered during the session
- Legislative proposals that did not pass, including bills related to City flags, street renaming, billboard relocation, and firearm storage requirements

*Council Member Lopez Chavez joined the meeting during agenda item.*

**5. Ordinance: Zoning Map Amendment at Approximately 1073 South Navajo Street** ~ 4:45 p.m.  
20 min.

The Council will receive a briefing about a proposal 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.

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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

**Summary:**

Austin Kimmel introduced the item. Olivia Cvetko and Krissy Gilmore presented the proposal to rezone approximately 1073 South Navajo Street to allow additional for-sale housing while retaining the existing single-family home. The Planning Commission forwarded a positive recommendation.

Council Members and staff discussed:

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- The proposal's consistency with the community's Westside Plan goals and efforts to expand homeownership opportunities
- Development potential on the underutilized rear portion of the property while preserving the existing streetscape
- Whether owner-occupancy requirements could be included in the development agreement
- General support for creating additional housing on a large residential lot

**6. Board Appointment: Business Advisory Board – Kim Stowe** ~ 5:05 p.m.  
5 min.

The Council will interview Kim Stowe, resident of Salt Lake County, prior to considering appointment to the Business Advisory Board for a term ending December 31, 2029.

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Set Public Hearing Date - n/a

Hold hearing to accept public comment - n/a

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**Summary:**

An interview was held. Council Member Puy stated their name would be on the Consent Agenda for formal consideration.

**7. Ordinances: Amendments for Daily Water Consumption and Enacting Temporary Zoning Regulations** ~ 5:10 p.m.  
20 min.

The Council will receive a briefing about ordinances that would amend a section of Title 17 of the Salt Lake City Code pertaining to conserving City water resources by limiting daily water use for new nonresidential uses. A corollary temporary land use regulation amending Title 21A is also proposed with the same daily water use limitation. The ordinances would clarify that all new commercial, industrial, and institutional development, grouped into the term “non-residential”, is subject to an annual average daily cap of 200,000 gallons of potable water. The ordinance would also limit the exemption to agriculture, schools, government owned or operated facilities that primarily provide social services, places of worship, and hospitals. In 2021, an ordinance was adopted that prohibits new commercial or industrial land uses that would consume more than an annual average of 200,000 gallons per day. In 2022, an ordinance was adopted expanding that prohibition to the City's entire water service area, which goes beyond Salt Lake City into neighboring jurisdictions. The temporary land use regulation shall remain in effect for 180 days after its effective date.

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**Summary:**

Mark Kittrell introduced proposed amendments to Titles 17 and 21A of the City Code related to water conservation. Katherine Pasker and Laura Briefer were available to answer questions.

Jennifer Bruno briefed the Council on proposed ordinance changes that would apply the City's existing 200,000-gallon average daily water use cap to all new nonresidential development, including institutional uses, while narrowing exemptions. A companion temporary land use regulation would implement the same standards for 180 days while permanent code amendments were considered.

Council Members and staff discussed:

- The purpose of the ordinance in promoting equitable water conservation across all nonresidential users
- Current drought conditions, declining snowpack, and the City's recent Stage 2 drought declaration
- The importance of long-term water conservation planning and management strategies
- Council support for extending water conservation requirements to institutional users and other large water consumers

**8. Informational: Discussion of Cesar Chavez Boulevard Honorary Street Name Change** ~ 5:30 p.m.  
20 min.

**The Council will discuss potential changes to the honorary street name Cesar Chavez Boulevard, including timeline and process.**

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Set Public Hearing Date - n/a

Hold hearing to accept public comment - n/a

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**Summary:**

Jennifer Bruno reviewed the process and considerations for changing the honorary street name Cesar Chavez Boulevard following requests from several Council Members.

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The Council discussed potential options and a public process for renaming Cesar Chavez Boulevard. Staff outlined the City's previous honorary street naming process, public engagement requirements, and naming considerations. Council Members expressed support for a community-driven process that recognized the contributions of the Latino community while considering a new honorary name.

## 9. **Resolution: Sugar House Streetcar Extension Interlocal Agreement between the Utah Transit Authority and Salt Lake City** Written Briefing -

The Council will receive a written briefing about a resolution that would authorize the Sugar House Streetcar Extension Interlocal Agreement (ILA) between Salt Lake City Corporation, the Salt Lake City Community Reinvestment Agency, and the Utah Transit Authority (UTA). The ILA would allow the project to proceed into and through the construction phase. UTA will own, operate, and maintain the future rail and rail envelope.

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Set Public Hearing Date - n/a

Hold hearing to accept public comment - n/a

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*Writing briefing only, no discussion was held.*

## 10. **Resolution: Second Amendment to the Interlocal Agreement between Utah Inland Port Authority and Salt Lake City** Written Briefing -

The Council will receive a written briefing about a resolution that would authorize the second amendment to the Interlocal Agreement between the Community Reinvestment Agency of Salt Lake City, Salt Lake City Corporation, and the Utah Inland Port Authority (UIPA). The City and UIPA entered into a contract on October 25, 2022 to comply with changes made by the Legislature in March 2022. The parties executed the first amendment on July 25, 2024. This will be the second amendment to the agreement.

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Set Public Hearing Date - n/a

Hold hearing to accept public comment - n/a

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*Writing briefing only, no discussion was held.*

## **Standing Items**

### **11. Report of the Chair and Vice Chair**

Report of the Chair and Vice Chair

*There was no report from the Chair or Vice Chair.*

### **12. 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:

- Metro Water Board Vacancy, and
- Scheduling Items.

#### **Summary:**

Jennifer Bruno announced a vacancy on the Metro Water Board following a recent resignation, outlined the application process, and asked whether the Council wished to form a small interview group, consistent with past practice. Council Members Dugan and Puy volunteered to serve on the interview group.

### **13. 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

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- 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 attorney-client matters.**

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

**Final Result:** 7 – 0 Pass

**Summary:**

Closed meeting started at 4:34 p.m.

Council Members in attendance: Council Members Wharton, Dugan, Puy, Petro, Young, Carlsen, and Lopez Chavez (Online)

Staff and Administration in attendance: Mayor Mendenhall, Jill Love, Rachel Otto, Lindsey Nikola, Megan Yuill, Amanda Berndt, Mark Kittrell, Katherine Pasker, Jennifer Bruno, Lehua Weaver, Nick Tarbet, Cindy Lou Trishman, Keith Reynolds, Matthew Brown, Andrew Whittenberg, Lorena Rizzo Jenson, Peter Makowski, Angela Price, Laura Briefer, Mike Akerlow, Austin Kimmel, Nick Tarbet, Brian Fullmer, Michael Sanders, Kira Luke, Kate Werrett, Jazmyne Olson, Nick Johnson

Closed meeting ended at 5:25 p.m.

*Council Member Lopez Chavez left the meeting after the closed meeting adjourned.*

**Motion:**

**Moved by Council Member Dugan, seconded by Council Member Wharton to exit 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 6:01 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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