MINUTES OF THE SALT LAKE CITY COUNCIL
Tuesday, June 9, 2026

The City Council of Salt Lake City, Utah, met in Work Session on Tuesday, June 9, 2026.

The following Council Members were present:
Victoria Petro, Alejandro Puy, Chris Wharton, Erika Carlsen, Daniel Dugan, Sarah Young

Present Legislative Leadership:
Jennifer Bruno – Executive Director, Lehua Weaver – Deputy Director, Nick Tarbet – Deputy Director

Present Administrative leadership:
Mayor Erin Mendenhall, 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, DeeDee Robinson – Minutes & Records Clerk, Taylor Hill – District Liaison/Policy Specialist, Scott Corpany – Staff Assistant, Allison Rowland – Senior Public Policy Analyst, Kira Luke – Communications & Policy Analyst, Lynn Jacobs – Division Director of Transportation, Kate Fairchild – Justice Court Administrator, David Quealy – Senior City Attorney

The meeting was called to order at 1:37 p.m.

For more information on the Fiscal Year 2026-27 Budget, visit the Council's hub: link.slc.gov/slcfy27.

Click Here for the Mayor's Recommended Budget for Fiscal Year 2026-27.

Work Session Items

1. **Resolution: Addendum No.10 to the Interlocal Agreement with the Utah Transit Authority (UTA) for Transit Master Plan Frequent Bus Service Routes Implementation** ~ 1:00 p.m.
20 min.

The Council will receive a briefing on a resolution that would authorize the Mayor to enter into the proposed addendum No.10 to the Interlocal Agreement with UTA to implement 2026-27 Frequent Service Network (FSN) Routes. Frequent service is a goal for buses to arrive at least every 15 minutes. This agreement covers the routes on 200 South, 900 South, 2100 South, and 1000 North. The interlocal agreement signed in 2018 is for twenty years, with a goal of full implementation of the FSN Routes as described in the City's Transit Master Plan.

FYI – Project Timeline: (subject to change per Chair direction or Council discussion)
Briefing - Tuesday, June 9, 2026
Set Public Hearing Date - Tuesday, April 21, 2026 and Tuesday, May 19, 2026
Hold hearing to accept public comment - Tuesday, May 19, 2026 and Tuesday, June 2, 2026 at 7 p.m.
TENTATIVE Council Action - TBD

Summary:

Kira Luke introduced the item.

Nichol Bourdeaux (UTA Vice President of External Relations) and Lynn Jacobs presented information highlighting City sponsored services through the interlocal agreement, addenda history (2018 to present), overview of addendum No. 10, and community impacts including ridership data, and elements of affordability and equity.

Council Members, Nichol Bourdeaux, and Lynn Jacobs discussed how routes were selected for the FSN network, expanding the FSN network through State and surrounding city partnerships, and sharing the outcomes and benefits of this partnership with other jurisdictions to expand participation opportunities.

2. **Fiscal Year 2026-27 Budget: 911 Department** ~ 1:20 p.m.

30 min.

The Council will receive a briefing about the proposed 911 Department budget for Fiscal Year 2026-27. The Department provides both Police and Fire Dispatch services for the City.

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This item was moved to a written briefing only. No discussion was held.

3. Fiscal Year 2026-27 Budget: Legislative Intents and Interim Study Items ~ 1:50 p.m.

30 min.

The Council will review previous legislative intents and discuss potential new ones for the Fiscal Year 2027 Budget. These would be added to its existing list of pending intents, which was last reviewed in April 2026. Legislative intents are formal requests the Council makes of the Administration.

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Council Member Puy joined the meeting during this item.

Summary:

Allison Rowland introduced the item and discussed the following legislative intents with Council Members and Council Staff:

Attorney's Office

- **FY24 Pay Parity among Attorneys**
  - Council Members agreed to close and continue this item

Community and Neighborhoods Department

- **FY26 Don't Block the Box**
  - Council Members agreed to ongoing evaluation, incorporation into any streets reconstruction with increased enforcement during special events
- **FY23 Youth & Family Program Streamlining**
  - Council Members agreed to close this item with a request to review the department's strategic plan

Finance Department

- **FY27 Report on Push Carts and Other Mobile Vendors**
  - Council Members agreed to keep the item open, include any mobile service, and gather additional information on any potential effects of state legislation on mobile vendors
- **FY25 Policy Goals for Zero-Based Budgeting Excercise**
  - Council Members agreed to close the item and review the Public Land's Strategic Capital, Acquisition, and Asset Management Plan (SCAAMP) before completion
- **FY25 Consolidated Fee Schedules**
  - A) Sidewalk closures, lane closures, and sidewalk fees, including potential fines for blocking sidewalks
    - *Recommended by staff to remain open*
  - B) Reducing business license fees for push carts and other mobile vendors
    - *Recommended by staff to close and complete*

Mayor's Office

- **FY26 Streets Bonds Funding Options**
  - *Recommended by staff to remain open*
- **FY26 Evaluating Efficiencies of All Diversified Response Teams**
  - *Recommended by staff to remain open*

Public Services Department

- **FY25 Neighborhood District Signs**
  - *Recommended by staff to remain open*
- **FY15 Maintenance of Business Districts**
  - *Recommended by staff to remain open*

Council-Led Intents

- **FY27 Privacy Ordinance**
  - *Recommended by staff to remain open*
- **FY25 Council Member Compensation**
  - *Recommended by staff to remain open*
- **FY24 Legal Defenders Association**
  - *Recommended by staff to remain open*
- **FY23 Rotating Outside Auditing of Each City Department**
  - *Recommended by staff to remain open*

Requested Legsilative Intents

- **FY27 Performance Benchmarks for UTA Ridersthip (Community and Neighborhoods Department)**
  - Council Members agreed to add this as a legislative intent

- **FY27 Citywide Communications: Guiding Principles, Standards, and Department Baseline Assessment (Information Management Services Department)**
  - Council Members agreed to add this as a legislative intent and identify potential cost savings, effciencies, and definitions of success
- **FY27 Multiple Recycling & Yard Waste Can Fees (Sustainability Department)**
  - Council Members agreed to add this as a legislative intent

4. Fiscal Year 2026-27 Budget: Unresolved Issues Follow-Up ~ 2:20 p.m. 30 min.

The Council will receive a follow-up briefing about unresolved issues relating to the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2026-27.

FYI – Project Timeline: (subject to change per Chair direction or Council discussion)
Briefing - Thursday, May 28, 2026, Tuesday, June 2, 2026 and Tuesday, June 9, 2026
Set Public Hearing Date - Tuesday, April 21, 2026 and Tuesday, May 19, 2026
Hold hearing to accept public comment - Tuesday, May 19, 2026 and Tuesday, June 2, 2026 at 7 p.m.
TENTATIVE Council Action - TBD

Summary:

Jennifer Bruno reviewed the following items for Council Members:

- New state law required the Council to identify the specific purposes funded by any property tax increase and include those items in the Property Tax Impact Schedule
- Hypothetical options for modifying or reducing the proposed property tax increase, noting that new growth property tax revenue figures would not be finalized until June 12, 2026, and advised that the updated figures would be provided before the Council considered budget adoption
- Key Expense Changes spreadsheet and outlined how funding adjustments could be made before adoption of the budget

Council Members agreed to meet on Thursday, June 11, 2026, to discuss potential budget reductions. Council Member Puy encouraged Council Members to research proposed reductions, determine whether funding should come from the property tax increase or the General Fund, and prepare recommendations for the meeting.

Council Members and Jennifer Bruno discussed this year's unique separation of reviewing budget line items for both the General Fund and property tax increase, whereas next year it would be combined. Discussion also included strategies for building Council consensus before final budget adoption, potential budget items to restore, add, or keep reduced, and removal of the Fleet Fuel item from further consideration.

Mary Beth Thompson advised that a 1% budget reduction would equal approximately $5 million and clarified that the upcoming fund balance availability report would not include revenue projections.

Straw Poll:

Support for reducing the Council Office's Operations Budget by 5%. All Council Members present were in favor.

5. Advice and Consent: Salt Lake City Judicial Nominating Commission Members ~ 2:50 p.m. 10 min.

The Council will interview Kate Fairchild and David Quealy prior to considering their appointment as Salt Lake City's Judicial Nominating Commission Members.

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Hold hearing to accept public comment - n/a
TENTATIVE Council Action - Tuesday, June 9, 2026

Summary:

Kate Fairchild and David Quealy reviewed their qualifications for holding positions on the Salt Lake City's Judicial Nominating Commission.

Council Member Puy said their names would be on the Consent Agenda for formal consideration.

6. Tentative – Fiscal Year 2026-27 Budget: Property Tax Impact Schedule TENTATIVE -

The Council will discuss the proposed property tax impact schedule that was received with the Mayor's Recommended Budget for Salt Lake City for Fiscal Year 2026-27, including reviewing and discussing the items proposed for funding through a property tax increase.

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Briefing - Recurring Briefing Through May and June 2026
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TENTATIVE Council Action - TBD

Summary:

Council Member Puy indicated this item was posted on the agenda as per State law and the Fiscal Year 2026-27 Property Tax Impact Schedule was posted online for the public to access.

7. Tentative Break ~ 3:00 p.m.
20 min.

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
TENTATIVE Council Action - n/a

Item A8 will be held in the Council Formal Chambers, Room 315.

8. Council District Four Vacancy Applicant Interviews ~ 3:20 p.m.
TBD

The Council will interview applicants for the vacant Council District Four seat. Each applicant will have up to five minutes to speak to the Council on topics of their choice.

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Set Public Hearing Date - n/a
Hold hearing to accept public comment - n/a
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Summary:

Council Member Puy explained the District Four interview and selection process.

Applicant Interviews

The following applicants were interviewed:
Austin Taylor, Kaytlynn Scott, Lilah Rosenfield, Jeffrey Wilbur, Brenda Scheer, Javier Chavez Jr., Clayton Scrivner, Pamela Silberman, Jennifer Napier-Pearce, Gavin Serr, George Hofmann, Tom Merrill, Thomas Christiansen, Benjamin Draleau, Julian Jurkoic, Kallin Glauser, Nicholas Pensari, Nathan Carlin, Scott Lyttle, and Jennifer Starley.

Council Member Puy thanked all applicants for the time and effort invested in their applications, encouraged continued community involvement in whatever capacity was most meaningful, and encouraged interested individuals to consider running for public office.

First Round of Voting

Council Members cast verbal votes as follows:
Council Member Wharton – Jennifer Napier-Pearce
Council Member Petro – Javier Chavez
Council Member Carlsen – Jennifer Napier-Pearce
Council Member Young – Scott Lyttle
Council Member Dugan – Jennifer Napier-Pearce
Council Member Puy – Scott Lyttle

Keith Reynolds read the tally of candidates voted on; Jennifer Napier-Pearce received three votes, Scott Lyttle received two votes, and Javier Chavez received one vote.

Council Remarks:

Council Member Wharton thanked the applicants, stated it was a difficult decision filling a vacancy on the Council, and encouraged further community public service.

Council Member Young commented on the unique nature of the opportunity and expressed optimism and encouragement regarding the number of individuals interested in serving on the Council.

Council Member Puy spoke to the impressive applications and presentations received and highlighted several individuals who made big impressions on him, and encouraged continued involvement in the city.

Applicant Question

Council Member Puy reviewed the process for round two of voting that included a

question for the applicants to answer. Council Members then discussed the options of questions in which to pose to applicants. Council Member Puy chose one of six questions randomly for the applicants to answer.

Jennifer Napier-Pearce was the first to respond to the question and spoke on common ground, seeking various perspectives from other Council Members who lived and related within other districts, and mutual trust.

Scott Lyttle was the second to respond and spoke on prioritizing collaboration, the background work as Council Members to come to a consensus, working with stakeholders, and coming from a thoughful place.

Second Round of Voting

Council Members cast verbal votes as follows:
Council Member Wharton – Jennifer Napier-Pearce
Council Member Petro – Scott Lyttle
Council Member Carlsen – Jennifer Napier-Pearce
Council Member Young – Scott Lyttle
Council Member Dugan – Jennifer Napier-Pearce
Council Member Puy – Scott Lyttle

Council Member Puy explained that, due to the tie vote, the selection would be determined by a coin toss.

Coin Toss

Keith Reynolds invited the candidates to inspect the coin, designated heads for Jennifer Napier-Pearce and tails for Scott Lyttle, and conducted the coin toss. The coin landed on heads, and Jennifer Napier-Pearce was selected as the District 4 Council Member.

Final Council Remarks:

Council Member Carlsen offered gratitude to the applicants who interviewed.

Council Member Dugan spoke on the applicants' passion for serving the public.

Standing Items

9. Report of the Chair and Vice Chair -
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Report of the Chair and Vice Chair

There was no report.

10. 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.

There was no report.

11. 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.

Summary:

Closed meeting started at 3:10 p.m.

Council Members in attendance: Council Members Dugan, Puy, Carlsen, Wharton, Petro, Young

Staff and Administration in attendance: Mayor Mendenhall, Jill Love, Rachel Otto, Lindsey Nikola, Jennifer Bruno, Lehua Weaver, Nick Tarbet, Michael Sanders, Amanda Berndt, Mark Kittrell, Matthew Brown

Closed meeting ended at: 3:32 p.m.

Motion:
Moved by Council Member Wharton, seconded by Council Member Dugan to enter into Closed Meeting for the specific purpose of strategy sessions to discuss pending or reasonably imminent litigation and for attorney-client matters that are priviledged pursuant to Utah Code 78B-1-137.
AYE: Victoria Petro, Alejandro Puy, Chris Wharton, Erika Carlsen, Daniel Dugan, Sarah Young
Final Result: 6 – 0 Pass

Motion:
Moved by Council Member Dugan, seconded by Council Member Carlsen to exit the Closed Meeting.
AYE: Victoria Petro, Alejandro Puy, Chris Wharton, Erika Carlsen, Daniel Dugan, Sarah Young
Final Result: 6 – 0 Pass

Meeting adjourned at 6:26 p.m.

Minutes Approved: August 18, 2026

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City Council Chair – Alejandro Puy

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City Recorder – Keith Reynolds

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