

MINUTES OF THE SALT LAKE CITY COUNCIL
Tuesday, June 16, 2026

The City Council of Salt Lake City, Utah, met in Work Session on Tuesday, June 16, 2026.

The following Council Members were present:

Victoria Petro, Alejandro Puy, Chris Wharton, Jennifer Napier-Pearce, 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, Jill Love – Chief Administrative Officer, Lindsey Nikola – Deputy Chief of Staff, Megan Yuill – Deputy Chief Administration Officer

Present City Staff:

Mark Kittrell – City Attorney, Allison Parks – Deputy City Attorney, Keith Reynolds – City Recorder, DeeDee Robinson – Minutes & Records Clerk, Cindy Lou Trishman – Deputy Director of Operations and Administration, Scott Corpany – Staff Assistant, Allison Rowland – Senior Public Policy Analyst, Tammy Hunsaker – Director of Community & Neighborhoods, Nick Norris – Planning Director, Arturo Garcia – Director of Finance Operations, Jaysen Oldroyd – Senior City Attorney, Brian Redd – Chief of Police, Shellie Dietrich – Police Department Financial Manager, Kim Shelley – Director of Public Lands

The meeting was called to order at 2:02 p.m.

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[For more information on the Fiscal Year 2026-27 Budget, visit the Council's hub: \[link.slcc.gov/slcfy27\]\(http://link.slcc.gov/slcfy27\).](#)

[Click Here for the Mayor's Recommended Budget for Fiscal Year 2026-27.](#)

Work Session Items

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| 1. Resolution: Waiver of Proximity for Via Veneto Pizzarium at 511 East 900 South | ~ 2:00 p.m.
20 min. |
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The Council will receive a briefing about a resolution that would grant a waiver of proximity for Via Veneto Pizzarium at 511 East 900 South, pursuant to Utah Code 32B-1-202. As of May 2026, State code requires local municipalities to approve a waiver of proximity for liquor permits prior to the Utah Department of Alcohol Beverage Services (DABS) granting the license when the location is within specific proximity measurements of a community location. The City is required to hold a public hearing at least 30 days before a waiver can be approved. The restaurant is located across the street from Liberty Park within Council District 5.

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

Briefing - Tuesday, June 16, 2026

Set Public Hearing Date - Tuesday, June 16, 2026

Hold hearing to accept public comment - Tuesday, July 14, 2026 at 7 p.m.

TENTATIVE Council Action - Tuesday, August 18, 2026

Summary:

Nick Norris, alongside Nick Tarbet, presented a request for a waiver of proximity for Via Veneto Pizzarium due to its location across from Liberty Park and explained new State requirements, the required public hearing process, application timeline, and proposed notification procedures.

Council Members and staff discussed:

- The required public hearing and 30-day waiting period prior to Council action
- Providing notice to nearby residents and community organizations
- Establishing a consistent and predictable application process for businesses
- Clarifying that the State-authorized waiver process did not apply to proximity requirements involving schools or churches

Council Request:

Council Member Carlsen requested that applicants be provided clear timeline expectations for completing the waiver process. Staff stated a more consistent and trackable process would be developed.

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2. Ordinance: Text Amendment for Short-Term Rental Business Licenses ~ 2:20 p.m.
20 min.

The Council will receive a briefing about an ordinance that would enact Chapter 5.13 of the *Salt Lake City Code* pertaining to short-term rental business licenses.

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

Briefing - Tuesday, June 16, 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 - Tuesday, June 16, 2026

Summary:

Tammy Hunsaker and Arturo Garcia presented a proposed business licensing ordinance for short-term rentals, including eligibility requirements, limits for multifamily buildings, minimum-stay requirements, recordkeeping, enforcement, fines, suspension, and license revocation provisions.

Council Members, Jaysen Oldroyd, Nick Norris, Lehua Weaver, and staff discussed:

- Limits on short-term rental licenses in multifamily buildings
- The relationship between the licensing ordinance and future zoning regulations
- Enforcement resources and the potential use of licensing and lodging-tax revenue to support administration
- Potential impacts on the City's long-term housing supply
- Requirements intended to reduce nuisance activity, including a two-night minimum stay
- Restrictions imposed by state law on municipal regulation of short-term rentals

Straw Poll:

Support for requiring self-certification of carbon monoxide detector installation as part of the short-term rental licensing process. All Council Members present were in favor.

Council Request:

Council Member Puy requested consideration of safety requirements for short-term rentals, including smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. Nick Norris said this could be added into the licensing requirements section of the ordinance.

3. Fiscal Year 2026-27 Budget: Unresolved Issues Follow-Up ~ 2:40 p.m.
90 min.

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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, Tuesday, June 9, 2026,
Thursday, June 11, 2026 and Tuesday, June 16, 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 presented updated budget information, including lower-than-estimated new growth and judgment levy revenue and savings resulting from the finalized American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) agreement. Council Members discussed the City's fiscal outlook, reliance on one-time revenue, proposed property-tax funding, service priorities, and possible budget reductions.

Council Members, Jennifer Bruno, Chief Brian Redd, Shellie Dietrich, Jill Love, Kim Shelley, and Cindy Lou Trishman reviewed and discussed unresolved budget items, including:

- A one-time reduction to the Council Office operations budget
- Funding for a third Community Health Access Team
- Police drone staffing, cameras, equipment, and leadership training
- Seasonal Public Lands employees
- The Landscape Equipment Exchange and Food Microgrant programs
- Park Ranger Program staffing and program responsibilities
- Funding for Wasatch Community Gardens
- Urban Forestry and tree maintenance
- Downtown Ambassador services

Straw Polls:

Support for a one-time reduction of \$34,121 to the Council Office operations budget. All Council Members present were in favor.

Support for restoring funding for the Police Department drone pilot position as requested in the Mayor's recommended budget. Council Members Dugan, Puy, and Young were in favor, with Council Members Napier-Pearce, Carlsen, Wharton, and Petro opposed. 3-4

Support for funding the Police Department drone pilot position for approximately five months rather than the full requested period (10 months). All Council Members were in favor.

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Support for accepting and utilizing a subgrant for automatic license plate readers (ALPRs) to reduce line Item #25 by \$50k and fund as recommended in the Mayor's budget. Council Members Dugan, Napier-Pearce, Puy, Carlsen, Wharton, and Young were in favor, with Council Member Petro opposed. 6-1

Support for restoring the Police Department leadership development program to the Mayor's recommended funding level (Line Item #25). Council Members Dugan, Young, Puy, Petro, and Wharton were in favor, with Council Members Carlsen and Napier-Pearce opposed. 5-2

Support for restoring funding for seasonal employees responsible for maintaining new Public Lands properties. (Fully funding Line Item #29 at \$311,600). All Council Members were in favor.

Support for retaining the Park Ranger staffing levels included in the Mayor's recommended budget while requesting additional program information. All Council Members present were in favor.

Support for reducing the Information Management Services (IMS) Innovation Program from \$100k to \$65k. All Council Members present were in favor, with Council Member Young absent for the poll.

Support for restoring the proposed Urban Trails allocation to \$450,000. All Council Members present were in favor, with Council Member Young absent for the poll.

Support for including the proposed Police Department reductions totaling \$118,000 in the property tax proposal, consisting of \$50,000 for cameras and \$68,000 for the drone pilot program.

- Cameras – Line 25 (\$50,000): Council Members Dugan, Napier-Pearce, Puy, Wharton, Petro, and Young were in favor, with Council Member Carlsen opposed. 6-1
- Drone Pilot – Line 24 (\$68,000): Council Members Puy, Dugan, Petro, and Young were in favor, with Council Members Carlsen, Wharton, and Napier-Pearce opposed. 4-3

Support for moving all funding (\$136k) for line Item #24 into the Property Tax proposal. Council Members Wharton, Puy, Petro, Young, and Dugan were in favor, with Council Members Carlsen and Napier-Pearce opposed. 5-2

Support for moving \$125k from General Fund for Fire salary proposal to the property tax proposal, leaving \$31,475 in the General Fund. All Council Members were in favor.

Support for restoring funding for tree maintenance (Line Item # 32) at \$31,475. Council Members Dugan, Napier-Pearce, Carlsen, Puy, Wharton, and Young in favor, with Council Member Petro opposed. 6-1

Council Requests:

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Council Member Petro requested a legislative intent directing departments to identify operational efficiencies and opportunities to use technology while protecting employment, resident data, and privacy.

Council Member Puy requested a future discussion on City alternative response programs, such as the Homeless Engagement and Response Team (HEART) and Park Ranger Program with consistent data tracking and performance measures across all City programs. Council Member Petro added a request to gather data on the expectations of each of the City's alternative response programs to determine efficacy.

A brief 10 minute break was taken before the next portion of the discussion.

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

Community & Neighborhoods

- **FY27 Performance Benchmarks for UTA Ridership**
 - Council Members agreed to keep the item open
- **FY26 Don't Block The Box**
 - Council Members agreed to keep the item open

Finance Department

- **FY27 Report on Push Carts and Other Mobile Vendors**
 - Council Members requested to include language for any mobile service vendors and considerations for mobile vendors in the public right-of-way

Information Management Services (IMS)

- **FY27 Innovation Fund Initiative**
 - Recommended by staff to remain open
- **FY27 Citywide Communications: Guiding Principles, Standards, and Department Baseline Assessment**
 - Recommended by staff to remain open

Public Lands

- **FY27 Ranger Efficiency Study**
 - Council Members requested additional clarity of roles and responsibilities with wider distribution of rangers across City public lands

Sustainability

- **FY27 Food Microgrant Program**
 - Council Members agreed to keep the item open
- **FY27 Gas-powered Equipment Program**
 - Council Members agreed to keep the item open

Council-Led Intents

- **FY27 Privacy Ordinance**
 - Council Members agreed to keep this item open and requested a review to establish best practices for all data collected
- **FY27 Improved Efficiency**
 - Council Members discussed and solidified the intent's language to include

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more regular reporting on department efficiencies through innovation

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

The Council will consider approving 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.

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

Briefing - Recurring Briefing Through May and June 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.

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Summary:

Council Member Puy noted that the property tax impact schedule was available online for the public to view.

Standing Items

5. Report of the Chair and Vice Chair

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There was no report from the Chair and Vice Chair.

6. 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:

- Artwork Deaccession, and
- Scheduling Items.

Summary:

Lehua Weaver stated that a piece of artwork would be removed from the City's inventory but remain in its current location with reduced maintenance.

7. 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.

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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.

Item not held.

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Meeting adjourned at 5:37 p.m.

Minutes Approved: October 6, 2026

City Council Chair – Alejandro Puy

City Recorder – Keith Reynolds

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