

MINUTES OF THE SALT LAKE CITY COUNCIL
Tuesday, October 6, 2026

The City Council of Salt Lake City, Utah, met in Work Session on Tuesday, October 6, 2026.

The following Council Members were present:

Alejandro Puy, Victoria Petro, Chris Wharton, Jennifer Napier-Pearce, Erika Carlsen, Daniel Dugan

The following Council Members were absent:

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

Present City Staff:

Mark Kittrell – City Attorney, Keith Reynolds – City Recorder, Caitlin Carlino – Minutes & Records Clerk, Scott Corpany – Staff Assistant

The meeting was called to order at 4:35 p.m.

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Work Session Items

1. **Informational: Updates from the Administration** ~ 4:30 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

This item was moved to a future Council meeting.

2. **Board Appointment: Public Utilities Advisory Board – John Milliken** ~ 4:45 p.m.
5 min.

The Council will interview John Milliken, resident of District 3, prior to considering appointment to the Public Utilities Advisory Board for a term ending January 20, 2031.

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

Briefing - Tuesday, October 6, 2026

Set Public Hearing Date - n/a

Hold hearing to accept public comment - n/a

TENTATIVE Council Action - Tuesday, October 6, 2026

Summary:

An interview was held. Council Member Puy stated John Milliken's appointment would be placed on the Consent Agenda for formal approval.

The Council briefly recessed due to technical issues with the virtual meeting connection.

3. **Board Appointment: Public Utilities Advisory Board – Clarence Verhoef** ~ 4:50 p.m.
5 min.

The Council will interview Clarence Verhoef, resident of Salt Lake County, prior to considering appointment to the Public Utilities Advisory Board for a term ending

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January 20, 2031.

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

Briefing - Tuesday, October 6, 2026

Set Public Hearing Date - n/a

Hold hearing to accept public comment - n/a

TENTATIVE Council Action - Tuesday, October 6, 2026

Summary:

An interview was held. Council Member Puy stated Clarence Verhoef's appointment would be placed on the Consent Agenda for formal approval.

**4. Board Appointment: Planning Commission – Landon Kraczek ~ 4:55 p.m.
5 min.**

The Council will interview Landon Kraczek, resident of District 2, prior to considering appointment to the Planning Commission for a term ending October 6, 2030.

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

Briefing - Tuesday, October 6, 2026

Set Public Hearing Date - n/a

Hold hearing to accept public comment - n/a

TENTATIVE Council Action - Tuesday, October 6, 2026

Summary:

An interview was held. Council Member Puy stated Landon Kraczek's appointment would be placed on the Consent Agenda for formal approval.

Standing Items

5. Report of the Chair and Vice Chair

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There was no report of the Chair and Vice Chair.

6. Report and Announcements from the Executive Director

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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 were no reports or announcements from the Executive Director.

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.
- 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.

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Motion:

Moved by Council Member Wharton, seconded by Council Member Petro to enter into Closed Meeting for the purposes of strategy sessions to discuss the purchase, exchange, or lease of real property and for attorney-client matters.

AYE: Alejandro Puy, Victoria Petro, Chris Wharton, Jennifer Napier-Pearce, Erika Carlsen, Daniel Dugan

ABSENT: Sarah Young

Final Result: 6 – 0 Pass

Summary:

Closed meeting started at 4:52 p.m.

Council Members in attendance: Council Members Dugan, Puy, Carlsen, Wharton, Petro, Young (online), and Napier-Pearce (online)

Staff and Administration in attendance: Jennifer Bruno, Nick Tarbet, Lehua Weaver, Megan Yuill, Jill Love, Rachel Otto, Mark Kittrell, Keith Reynolds, Laura Briefer, Angela Price, Carly Castle, Cameron Johnson, Jesse Stewart, Thais Stewart, Matthew Brown, Mark Stephens, Lynn Jacobs, Tammy Hunsaker, Nick Norris, Cindy Lou Trishman, Jazmyne Olson, Austin Kimmel, Kathryn Morelock, Michael Sanders, Michaela Bell

Closed meeting ended at 6:09 p.m.

Motion:

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

AYE: Alejandro Puy, Victoria Petro, Chris Wharton, Jennifer Napier-Pearce, Erika Carlsen, Daniel Dugan

ABSENT: Sarah Young

Final Result: 6 – 0 Pass

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Meeting adjourned at 6:09 p.m.

Minutes Approved: October 20, 2026

City Council Chair – Alejandro Puy

City Recorder – Keith Reynolds

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