

MINUTES OF THE SALT LAKE CITY COUNCIL

TUESDAY, JUNE 2, 2020

The City Council of Salt Lake City, Utah, met in Formal Session on Tuesday, June 2, 2020 in an electronic meeting pursuant to Salt Lake City Emergency Proclamation No. 2 of 2020 (2)(b).

The following Council Members participated in the meeting:

Chris Wharton
Amy Fowler
Darin Mano

Analia Valdemoros
Andrew Johnston

James Rogers
Daniel Dugan

Cindy Gust-Jenson, Council Executive Director; Jennifer Bruno, Council Executive Deputy Director; Erin Mendenhall, Mayor; Rachel Otto, Mayor's Chief of Staff; Katherine Lewis, City Attorney; Cindy Lou Trishman, Council Administrative Assistant; Scott Crandall, Deputy City Recorder; and DeeDee Robinson, Deputy City Recorder participated electronically.

Councilmember Wharton presided at and conducted the meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 7:25 p.m. [7:25:12 PM](#)

OPENING CEREMONY

#1. [7:11:45 PM](#) Pledge of Allegiance (A moment of silence was held while the American Flag/Anthem was displayed on the video screen)

#2. Welcome and Review of Standards of Conduct.

Note: Opening Ceremonies were held as part of the June 2, 2020 combined Local Building Authority, Redevelopment Agency, and City Council Formal agenda.

[7:13:10 PM](#) Councilmember Wharton made a statement regarding events occurring within the past week, including the killing of George Floyd by Police officers in Minneapolis, Minnesota, being thankful for peaceful demonstrators, and the Council condemning any form of violence in the City.

[7:14:57 PM](#) Councilmember Valdemoros made a statement regarding peaceful protesters, violent demonstrators, being united against Police brutality, and commitment to ending discrimination & racism within City processes.

#3. [7:25:18 PM](#) Councilmember Rogers moved and Councilmember Johnston seconded to approve the Work Session minutes of Tuesday, April 21, 2020

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as well the Formal Meeting minutes of Tuesday, April 21, 2020, which motion carried, all members voted aye (roll call). [View Minutes](#)
(M 20-3) (M 20-4)

#4. [7:26:09 PM](#) Consider **adopting a joint ceremonial resolution** with Mayor Mendenhall **celebrating Pride Month**. [View Attachments](#)

Councilmember Wharton read the resolution and said he wanted to recognize the Utah Pride Center for their assistance with drafting the Resolution.

Councilmember Fowler moved and Councilmember Mano seconded to **adopt [Resolution 17 of 2020](#)**, which motion carried, all members voted aye (roll call).
(R 20-1)

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Note: [7:29:05 PM](#) Public Hearings and General Comments will be heard as one item. Comments/materials submitted to the City Council have been attached as part of the official record. Click link to view.
<https://www.slc.gov/council/virtual-meeting-comments/>

#1. Accept public comment and consider adopting **an ordinance that would approve a new permit program for qualifying residents to reduce vegetation on a strip of City-owned open lands adjacent to their properties, such as the Foothills Natural Area or the Jordan River Parkway, to reduce potential wildfire fuel sources**. *The proposal seeks to strike a balance between the City's limited budget for public lands management and the concerns of some residents about the risk of wildfires spreading to their properties.* [View Attachment](#)
(O 20-5)

Councilmember Wharton said this item would be postponed to a later date.

#2. [11:59:03 PM](#) Accept public comment and consider adopting an **ordinance that would amend the final budget of Salt Lake City, including the employment staffing document, for Fiscal Year 2019-2020**. *Budget amendments happen several times each year to reflect adjustments to the City's budgets, including proposed project additions and modifications. The proposed amendment includes \$2 million to repair damage to City-owned buildings caused by the 5.7 earthquake series and \$1.5 million from the Volkswagen diesel emissions settlement to replace 11 of the City's diesel trucks, among other changes. The Council may also consider other appropriations related to City emergency declarations including, but not limited to, year-end coverage of public safety expenses and*

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continuation of specialized public safety training. (Budget Amendment No. 6) [View Attachment](#)

There were no public comments.

Councilmember Johnston moved and Councilmember Dugan seconded to close the public hearing and adopt [Ordinance 16 of 2020](#), approving item D-7 in the proposed budget amendment, with changes to the funding source shown on the motion sheet; and further moved the Council makes a finding that appropriating these funds are necessary to address resident's unforeseen costs during the pandemic emergency.

- \$1.1 million from the General Fund's Fund Balance for Item D-7 appropriated into Non-departmental.

The Council intends to fully replenish the \$1.1 million to Fund Balance using a funding source selected at a future date potentially including CARES Act dollars, which motion carried, all members voted aye (roll call).

(B 20-7)

#3. [12:07:16 AM](#) Accept public comment and consider adopting an ordinance appropriating necessary funds to implement, for Fiscal Year 2020-2021, the provisions of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Salt Lake City Corporation and the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) Local 1004, representing eligible employees. [View Attachment](#)

Councilmember Rogers moved and Councilmember Johnston seconded to close the public hearing and refer the item to a future date for action, which motion carried, all members voted aye (roll call).

(O 20-9)

[12:08:14 AM](#) Note: Items 4 through 13 were heard as one motion.

#4. Accept public comment and consider adopting an ordinance approving a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Salt Lake City Corporation and the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) Local 1004, representing eligible employees pursuant to the Collective Bargaining and Employee Representation Joint Resolution dated March 22, 2011, which shall become effective on proper ratification and signature. [View Attachment](#)

(O 20-9)

#5. Accept public comment and consider adopting an ordinance appropriating the necessary funds to implement, for Fiscal Year 2020-21, the provisions of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Salt

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Lake City Corporation and the International Association of Firefighters Local 81, representing eligible employees. [View Attachment](#)
(O 18-9)

#6. Accept public comment and consider adopting an ordinance approving a compensation plan for all non-represented employees of Salt Lake City. [View Attachment](#)
(O 20-10)

#7. Accept public comment and consider adopting an ordinance appropriating necessary funds to implement, for Fiscal Year 2020-21, the provisions of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Salt Lake City Corporation and the Salt Lake Police Association, representing eligible employees. [View Attachment](#)
(O 17-7)

#8. Accept public comment and consider adopting an ordinance approving a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Salt Lake City and the Salt Lake City Police Association, representing eligible employees for Fiscal Year 2020-21. [View Attachment](#)
(O 17-7)

#9. Accept public comment and consider approving an ordinance adopting the rate of tax levy, including the levy for the Library Fund, upon all real and personal property within Salt Lake City made taxable by law for Fiscal Year 2020-21. [View Attachments](#)
(B 20-1) (B 20-2)

#10. Accept public comment and consider approving an ordinance adopting the budget for the Library Fund of Salt Lake City, Utah for Fiscal Year 2020-21. [View Attachments](#)
(B 20-2)

#11. Accept public comment and consider approving an ordinance amending various fees and fee information set forth in the Salt Lake City Consolidated Fee Schedule (CFS). [View Attachments](#)
(O 17-3)

There were no public comments on Items 4 through 11.

#12. Accept public comment and consider approving an ordinance adopting the budget for Salt Lake City, Utah, excluding the budget for the Library Fund which is separately adopted, and the employment staffing document of Salt Lake City, Utah for Fiscal Year 2020-21. [View Attachments](#)
(B 20-1)

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7:36:23 PM Colt Robbins, Emily Allworth, Martha Castillo, Chris Lancaster, Kayla McKinney, Michael Kennedy-Yoon, Katy Rox, Kianee DeJesus, Leo Kell, Ashlie Hamilton, Jaime Loewen, Carlos Garcia, Krystal Krat, Madison Sudweeks, Thandiwe Msiska, Stephen Yu, Yehemy Zavala Orozco, Simone Longo, Jeremy McDonough, Sarah Roller, Adam Carlo, Stephanie Schubert, Yesica Medina, Nick Halberg, Nain Christopherson, Megan Young, Maeve Wall, Henry Glasheen, Edward Hannan, Kasey Davis, Kev Nemelka, Kaytlin McDonough, Jacob Lyman, Eric Markewitz, Elli Lavon, Devin O'Donnell, Caroline James, Caitlin Ansley, Cache Miller, Ashley Horiuchi, Ashlyn Anderson, Anahy Salcedo, Joseph Moss, Jennifer Nielsen, Hillary McDaniel, Julian Percival, Hannah May, Ethan Vincent, Ethan Pedersen, Elmera Azadpour, Goldin Fillmore, Alicia Chen, Alana Burman, Ann Charles, Adam Hickey, Kiana Avlon, Kyah Lund, Kristiana Sieger, Margarita Satini, Michael Braak, Piper Stevens, Tegen Robinett, Scout Cohen-Pope, Sadie Asbridge, Ryan Gall, Timothy McDowell, Nina Vought, Grady Vought, Olivia Kavapalu, Myles Varga, Mackenzie Donovan, Richard Holman, Katheryn Van Sleen, Katheryn Mulliken, Aimee Nguyen, Claire Taylor, Caroline Hsu, Miguel Diaz, Erin Moore, William Santee, Kelsey Harrison, James Porter, Michael Allen, Mari Duran, Maryan Shale, Benjamin Pok, Daud Mumin, Devin Lindley, Molly Levine, Natasha Wong, Sai Parsawar, Saige Wheaton, Sanila Math, Shelby Hearn, Tess Bybee, Tommy Hamby, Quinton Monson, Justin Swanger, Fota Rassmusen, Alexandra Acuna, Alex Bean, Alec Gehrke, Alli Matyja, Heather Hickey, Ashley Engeler, Angelica Bolanos, Brandon W., Craig Ogan, Daniel Johnson, Emily Williams, Ariel Genovesi, and Ashley Finley spoke in opposition of the current funding proposal for the Police Budget. Comments included: defunding/decreasing the Police budget by \$30 Million, implementing a Police department hiring freeze, creation of a national law enforcement database, Police officers lacking training in psychology, additional screening protocols needed for hiring officers, chokeholds needing to become illegal, consequences needed for behavior that did not represent the Police force, requesting Police receive training on cultural competency/humility (how to respond to people of color), curfew disproportionately affecting people of color, wanting to see elected officials join protests, reallocating funds to: housing, transportation (free/reduced public transit), libraries, trained mental health professionals, more outdoor spaces/public parks in low-income neighborhoods, after-school programs, public defenders, education, arts council programs, natural lands/trails, mandatory de-escalation training for Police department, social workers, and low-income housing.

9:43:43 PM Councilmember Wharton made a statement regarding the amount of similar comments made to the Council regarding the Police Budget and provided information regarding various items. He said this was not intended to discourage citizens from speaking freely to the Council.

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[7:56:42 PM](#) **Bailey Roberts** spoke about Funding Our Future sales tax and the housing allocation. She said the amount allocated for rent/mortgage assistance (1 Million) was not adequate due to a possible second wave of the Coronavirus.

[9:23:43 PM](#) **George Chapman** said new Council Members and Mayors had always pushed hard to decrease Police violence/increase de-escalation. He said the Council made efforts over the last few years to make the City respectful, fair, and safe for everyone. He urged the Council to continue to focus the Police budget on additional training, de-escalation, and specialized body cameras.

#13. Accept public comment and consider adopting an ordinance that would facilitate the uniform regulation of Enterprise Funds payments in lieu of taxes. [View Attachments](#)
(O 20-8)

There were no public comments

Councilmember Rogers moved and Councilmember Fowler seconded to **close the public hearing and refer Items 4 through 13 to a future meeting for action**, which motion carried, all members voted aye (roll call).

[12:09:14 AM](#) **Note: Items 14 and 15 were heard as one motion.**

#14. Accept public comment and consider a grant application requesting \$6,500 to provide a daily snack to YouthCity summer program participants at Central City Recreation Center, Fairmont Park, Liberty Park, Ottinger Hall, and Sorenson Unity Center as part of the Summer Food Service Program 2020. [View Attachments](#)

#15. Accept public comment on a grant application request from the Fire Department for \$45,000 to support Camp Athena and Camp Prometheus this year. The funds would help purchase turnout gear for young women and young men, fund overtime for firefighters participating in the camps, and purchase additional items such as food, t-shirts, bags, and water bottles for the participants. [View Attachments](#)

There were no public comments on Items 14 and 15.

Councilmember Johnston moved and Councilmember Fowler seconded to **close the public hearing and refer Items 14 and 15 to a future Consent Agenda for action**, which motion carried, all members voted aye (roll call).
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COMMENTS TO THE CITY COUNCIL

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Kayla McKinney, Katy Rox, Kianee DeJesus, Megan Young, Edward Hannan, Kev Nemelka, Ashlyn Anderson, Jennifer Nielsen, Alana Burman, Mackenzie Bledsoe, Katheryn Van Sleen, Chris Sanger, and Emily Williams expressed concerns and were opposed to the recently enacted curfew. Comments included: used as a weapon against peaceful protesters, rooted in racism/classism, notification of the curfew was not accessible to many people of color/only provided in English, used to amplify white fear, used to silence the voices that were protesting, an act of violence for people of color, used to avoid addressing police brutality, implemented with nearly no notice, direct attack on rights/moral obligation to free speech, unconstitutional, and undermining first amendment rights.

[7:58:55 PM](#) **Bailey Roberts** spoke about the recent protests and said she was disappointed with Salt Lake City and University of Utah Police Department's behavior, including the handling of the death of Lauren (McClusky), and believed the City had a duty to be involved with global events as well as the City.

[8:02:17 PM](#) **Ashleigh Hamilton** spoke about the current protests and said she did not understand why City leaders were not demanding that Police/National Guard be allies to the protesters. She said they should be protecting the protesters instead of preparing for the public to dismantle things.

[8:18:41 PM](#) **Simone Longo** called for the firing of Police Chief, Mike Brown. He said during a recent interview, Mr. Brown did not express understanding about the protests. He said someone who could make meaningful change in the Police department should take his place.

[8:21:26 PM](#) **Stephanie Schubert** inquired what the Council was doing to stand for black lives. She said she was disappointed with the neutrality of some Council members and noted the disparity of Police action between the black lives matter protests and the Coronavirus protests.

[9:26:44 PM](#) **George Chapman** urged the Council to re-evaluate the Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) ordinance as it appeared to be increasing housing costs. He said the City Attorney should evaluate if the Council (as RDA Board) could have inadvertently made an illegally contracted rezone.

[9:26:33 PM](#) **Ann Charles** spoke about the accessibility of the currently held Webex Council meetings and said she had difficulty accessing the meeting and asked the Council to find better/easier ways for citizen participation.

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10:12:48 PM **Richard Holman** spoke about the Mayor recognizing inequities between the Westside and other parts of the City and inquired where the inequities were defined, and where in the budget were the resources to address the inequities quantified. He said the Westside Coalition requested the Mayor/Council consider funding for Planning, Zoning, and other relative City departments to provide training and resources to Community Councils to review/discuss/analyze/comment on their respective proposals.

10:39:02 PM **Kelsey Harrison** said the Webex platform was a generally inaccessible platform and a roadblock to participate in meetings.

10:47:00 PM **Lou McKee** said she was appalled by the behavior of the current Administration (support for the corporate elite/developers at the expense of persons of color/unsheltered individuals). She spoke of experiencing police brutality daily while living in the Ballpark District and said community-led economic development on the Westside was needed to prevent gentrification.

11:28:51 PM **Fota Rassmusen** spoke about feeling discouraged regarding the conversations with Police representatives during the Work Session meeting and said it seemed unprepared. She said she was concerned groupthink could be occurring within the Police Department.

QUESTIONS TO THE MAYOR FROM THE CITY COUNCIL

There were no questions.

NEW BUSINESS

#1. 12:10:45 AM Approving the **appointment of Cindy Lou Trishman as the Salt Lake City Recorder**. [View Attachment](#)

12:10:58 AM Councilmember Wharton read a statement and congratulated Ms. Trishman on her appointment as City Recorder.

Councilmember Rogers moved and Councilmember Fowler seconded to **approve the appointment of Cindy Lou Trishman as the Salt Lake City Recorder**, which motion carried, all members voted aye (roll call).
(I 20-15)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

#1. 12:12:50 AM Approving a resolution **amending the Central Wasatch Interlocal Agreement, including the admission of the Town of Brighton**. *The proposed amendment includes changes to criteria for membership, various structural changes to the commission, and to include the newly*

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incorporated Town of Brighton, among other changes. The Central Wasatch Commission (CWC) is charged with implementing the Mountain Accord, and, in particular the major values of environment, recreation, transportation, and economy that are inherent in the Central Wasatch Mountains. The Mountain Accord was a several-year negotiation about the future of the Central Wasatch Mountains that was approved in 2017. [View Attachment](#)

Councilmember Rogers moved and Councilmember Fowler seconded to adopt [Resolution 18 of 2020](#), which motion carried, all members voted aye (roll call).
(C 16-763) (C 16-764)

[12:13:56 AM](#) Councilmember Fowler thanked the public and Council Staff.

The meeting adjourned at 12:15 a.m.

Council Chair

City Recorder

This document is not intended to serve as a full transcript as additional discussion may have been held; please refer to the audio or video for entire content pursuant to Utah Code §52-4-203(2)(b).

This document along with the digital recording constitute the official minutes of the Salt Lake City Formal Session held June 2, 2020.

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