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5/4/2022 11:35	Affordable Housing	RMF-30 Zoning	Rena Richards	Our neighborhood recently held a community meeting to discuss the Salt Lake City Planning Commission's "Affordable Housing Incentives" proposal document. I assume this is two different parties talking about the same issue. A realtor from the neighborhood verified that the average sales price for the area specifically addressed in the Planning Commission document for a single-family home in the last 180 days was \$631,000. I understand that affordable housing is a valid concern. For a builder to pay \$631,000 or more for the home/lot, demolish, rebuild and make a profit, the builder would need to save wherever possible – likely in materials and workmanship. It is unlikely that the new construction would "fit in" with the historical homes. On the other hand, I look at the thousands of high-rise housing units built in Sugarhouse within the past several years (in a quick drive through the area I counted 12 newer high-rise buildings) with at least 3 more to come that are in planning or construction stages and understand that the number of affordable units there are abysmal. The chairman of the land use and zoning committee verified that only around 150 units total in those dozen or more buildings qualify as "affordable." Why is that? Certainly a missed opportunity. The need is there, but allowing 4-plexes on existing lots is frightening. The homes in this area were built in the early 1900s. Mine is a "newer" home for that area and was built in 1939. These historical lots are small with most ranging in size from a 37.5' frontage to a 50' frontage. There are some larger lots with a 100' frontage. The only way a 37.5' lot could accommodate a 4-plex is to demolish the existing historical home and build vertically lot line to lot line. I pity the next-door neighbors. They would likely not see sunlight at all and driveways would be iced over most of the winter (if we have snow). Back-yard privacy would cease to exist. Our neighborhood is also known for an abundance of older large trees. I assume all but those on the park strip would need to be removed to accommodate the larger buildings. I thought Mayor Mendenhall's goal was to increase the urban forest, not cut it down. Infrastructure is also a concern. There is a sewer access point in front of my home. A city worker I spoke with told me the pipes are pretty much rotted away and you can see the sewage as it moves through the disintegrating pipes. Who will pay for the repairs or replacement needed to accommodate the increased volume the higher-density housing will generate? Existing homeowners? During the big wind storm last year our block was without power for 6 days. Our power lines are above ground and quite old. Do they have capacity for these increases? Parking on these old, narrow streets is also an issue. I have seen the snow plow back up in the middle of the block because it couldn't make it through the cars parked on the street. A 4-plex will generate additional street parking no matter what the regulations are. Many don't conform to parking restrictions now. I recommend you target new construction for affordability issues rather than demolishing a perfectly good but historic home in order to create a one-at-a-time fix. Don't ignore the issue when granting building permits for the ever-increasing number of high rises in the Salt Lake City area.	D7	Online
5/4/2022 13:07	Drugs	Garbage pick up due to Drugs problem at Constitution Park in Rosemark	Joshua Smith	Hi, I'm calling in concerning used needles that are left everywhere around the park area. I'm in fear that my dogs or any dogs and kids will step on it. If I can have someone to take a look at this and pick up the garbage in the area everyday it would be great.	D1	Online
5/4/2022 13:29	Affordable Housing	Objections to the AHO	Lynn Pershing	I understand the need for affordable housing. I do NOT believe the current AHO proposal is the right tool to accomplish that need. As it is written, it destroys successful neighborhoods. Lessons from the 1970's insertion of row apartments into mid block faces in the Lower Avenues need to be studied and heeded by the current administration. It should never be allowed again. Those actions destroyed a lovely neighborhood with a grand identity and devalued property for over 50 years. Read, understand and appreciate history, lest the "bad" lessons of the past repeat itself. 1. As a City we have the ADU Ordinances to address "affordable housing" for under-resourced persons needing housing with specific regulations. Those ADUs are readily approved as both internal (attached or basement) and external (unattached ADU garages and independent buildings). But they are most frequently used as AirBnB, and VRBOs without any consequence. How does this activity "jive" with the City Planning policy that promoted ADUs as affordable housing? The City needs to address the inappropriate use of approved ADUs as short-term rentals before embarking on more density zoning increases. 2. In its current form, the AHO will result in eviction of under-resourced persons from current affordable rental properties allowing demolition of those existing buildings with new construction and a 3x fold increase in rental price. AHO should not progress until the Gentrification Ordinance is finalized. The AHO could result in more homeless persons. 3. Incentivizing the renovation of Naturally Occurring Affordable Housing (NOAH) is another alternative to demolition of houses and new more expensive construction. Investment into NOAH with CITY and County tax credits would provide family housing for much less cost than new higher cost construction. 4. As a City, we have a Planning Department that lately has approved "everything and anything" allowing minimal mitigation from impacted property owners. The current AHO removes all public input from density zoning except in Local Historic District. So why do we have a Planning Department? There seems nothing for them to do-just approve "everything and anything" 5. When persons buy a single family-zoned residence, they anticipate that what they see is what they get in terms of the property itself and its surrounding environs. They understand that the City has zoning that regulates what can and can't be done with the property, when permits are needed to alter that property, etc. They don't anticipate that their City government will change the use of their property or their neighbors property that impacts them. Would they choose to live next door to a multifamily building that is 1-2' away from their house? Most would say NO, but they will have no ability to submit comments on the issue in the AHO. There is NO mitigation allowed. How is this equal representation to both all parties impacted (under-resourced, developers/builders/property owners)? Transparency and dialogue amongst the impacted parties is needed	D6	Online
5/4/2022 13:29	Affordable Housing	Objections to the AHO	Lynn Pershing (Continued)	6. As a City we have Master Plans and a Preservation Plan (2012) but continually ignore them. Mass, scale and design compatibility is cited in most Master Plans, but the AHO obviates that except for Local Historic Districts. Streets listed on the National Register of Historic Places have NO protection against demolitions of historic homes and new construction of 3-4 unit Multifamily housing. Heed the Master Plans. Insure mass, scale and material compatibility with design review, allow public input on multifamily housing development on their street 7. Insertion of a 25' (and likely will be higher) Row house of 3-4 units midblock in R1-5000 neighborhoods destroys block face cohesion, continuity and identity in terms of design, scale and massing of most single family residential areas. Put MF housing on the corners. Better yet increase the use of single story duplexes on corners of blocks (like in Yalecrest) which are better accepted by single family residential neighborhoods. 8. Many blocks in Yalecrest have low roofline Bungalows and English Cottages, which together represent more than 72% of housing styles. The majority of housing in Yalecrest (66%) is 1 story under 25' that is used in the AHO. Given the propensity of the Planning Commission and Planning Dept to grant taller heights despite the ordinance standards, there is little public trust that the 25' height at the roof ridge will be enforced for approval of developments. 9. The AHO states that multifamily housing will be approved for installation along arterials and streets that are within ¼ mile of high frequency public and mass transit. High frequency public transportation is defined as "every 15 minutes" The Map of affected areas in the Yalecrest neighborhood (Boundaries: NS-Sunnyside Ave to 1300 South and E-W 1300 East to 1900 East) identify all streets from 1300 East to 1500 East between Sunnyside Ave to 1300 South as well as all of Sunnyside Ave, vast majority of 900 S, Homes along the Miller Bird Reserve and Nature Park and all streets north of that to 900 S. While 1300 S carries considerable car traffic and Sunnyside Ave is an arterial—there is NO public transportation on those streets. Further, and most importantly, the bus route #213 frequency is only every "30 minutes". No other bus route in the area comes close to "every 15 minutes" The provided map is inaccurate for the stated conditions of AHO and should be redrawn. 10. It is not clear which Overlays will take precedence. Yalecrest has the Yalecrest Compatible Infill Overlay (YCIO) It stipulates a variety of issues, but importantly, a maximum height of residential buildings. Will the AHO or YCIO height restrictions take precedence in current and new construction? 11. The City's rapid changes in increasing zoning density and the lack and speed of enforcement is resulting in a generalized public distrust of their elected and nonelected City Officials to represent their interests. Single-family residential property owners are feeling "under siege". While we all understand the need for Affordable housing, the proposed AHO isn't the right tool to insure it. Respectfully Lynn K. Pershing, Ph.d. Yalecrest	D6	Online
5/4/2022 15:01	Request for Mayor	Get rid of Planning Commission	Anonymous Constituent	I think this thing will be interesting to the resident of SLC who pretends to be the government but it's under SLC corp. I'm asking you SLC to get rid of the Planning Commission Department because they are a joker bob! Every time you would ask them about something they always respond that " We don't know it doesn't approve by the Planning commission. so if they don't know anything then SLC should get rid of them because this doesn't work for the residents.	n/a	Online

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5/4/2022 17:02	City Budget	Budget	Patrick Salas	Hello, I attended the council meeting yesterday but did not have a chance to speak. I have a few things that I think should be incorporated into the budget. #1: This, I think is the cheapest and most important thing of the three that should be implemented. There need to be more green bike docking stations around Salt Lake. Namely, one or more around the U of U campus, as well as one at Sugarhouse Park and in the downtown sugarhouse area. This may mean some new bikes as well, but I do not see why this project should cost any more than \$50k. #2: I like the efforts that have been made to create more bike lanes and especially protected bike lanes. My input would be to make more bike lanes, as well as making some of the existing ones into protected lanes. #3: I know there was a proposal for more pickleball courts around the valley. Two locations in SLC I think would be great are at Sunnyside Park as well as Liberty Park. Even just lines on some of the tennis courts at Liberty Park would be great, although I think there are already more than enough tennis courts at Liberty Park that could be converted. Just 4 tennis courts could convert to 16 pickleball courts. That would be huge for the community. Thank you for valuing my input. Patrick	n/a	Online
5/4/2022 17:04	City Budget	Budget	Kirstin Park	Salt Lake City Council, I have been a home owner in Salt Lake City for 20 years. I am disgusted with the our local government's continued lack of fiscal responsibility. Every year my taxes go up. I live in a relatively small home and pay taxes that exceed homes in neighboring cities of twice the size. It angers me that time and again tax payers are made to bear the burden of the mayor's pet projects when basic infrastructure and services are so poor and are never addressed. It is hard to justify new parks when the roads to get there are falling apart. It's hard to justify tax dollars going to affordable housing when increasing taxes make sustaining my own home difficult. Please stand up for the citizen of Salt Lake City and the enormous tax burden we are already saddled with. This proposal is absolutely tone deaf to the challenges of living and raising a family in our city in the current climate. Kirstin Park	n/a	Online
5/4/2022 17:07	City Budget	Budget	Joe Busico	I'm not sure with whom I need to express my concerns so I have chosen you. I assume this is the slc city council. I recently heard that the mayor is going to or wanting to raise property taxes by 5%. I ask you , do you think that with inflation what it is today and the cost of living that this is a responsible act. You see I can't magically put 5% more money in my bank account to pay for my property taxes. I guess I could attempt to write to the social security office and inform them that I will now require another \$102 per month because my mayor has decided to raise my taxes on my house that I have lived in for the past 38 years. What response do you think I will get? Last year alone my taxes were increased \$400 on my house, I was lucky enough to go out to my money tree that was in bloom and pick an extra \$400. This year the tree died. Must have been from the pandemic. The mayor needs to really look at what is happening to the tax payer. We are dying just like my money tree. I know this falls on deaf ears but I feel better. Joe Busico	n/a	Online
5/4/2022 20:44	City Budget	Police budget increase is unacceptable	Scott Temple	The \$20M increase in police funding in the FY23 proposed budget is excessively, unnecessarily, and frankly ridiculous in the face of the city's current needs. The civilian response team should be funded by reducing other staff, as they will be performing roles currently performed by police. That money could nearly double the budget for affordable housing, among a million other good uses. A nearly 25% increase in police budget is unacceptable, particularly coming on the heels of a string of broken promises about the police hiring freeze.	D2	Online
5/5/2022 9:52	Affordable Housing	Expressing the support to the Affordable housing	Joshua Smith	Hi, My name is Joshua Smith I'm a resident near the University of Utah, and I'd to express my support for the affordable housing proposal but I'm considering living in high-density housing so I don't have a car but I'd like to share my support regardless of this message and perhaps in the future it would be nice if council meeting would be held online thru some virtual meeting. anyway, thank you I hope this proposal goes through.	D1	Online
5/5/2022 17:01	Affordable Housing	Property Management Issues/laws	Kalehua Bellotto	Good morning to whom this may be concerned. I've lived at this residence for 13 years and the new management Property Management RHOME property management has taken over. How is it that these types can come in and change everything such as this contract was sent to us on March 25 end of day Friday and we were told to have it done by March 28 Monday. Feel free to read over the entire contract or lease when they took it over a year ago, they promised that they weren't going to raise our rent but they did for \$100 they also charge us to use their app online \$10 or five dollars by taking cash to 7-Eleven and showing them barcodes to have it sent to them . The options they gave us as if you don't like it move, I cannot see how this is conducive to affordable housing. Any of you on the council feel free to come and look at our property and you will see the years of neglect left if it weren't for myself and my neighbors the lawn wouldn't be green the roof continuously never gets done the rain gutters leak but we continue to take care of the property all they do is send a lawn man to mow the front during winter I've salted the sidewalks so that no one would fall now I have stopped if someone falls on the sidewalk that would be their problem . Who amongst you can decide that this is OK or not the four apartments that are here not counting all the other properties that they're doing this to find it wrong. Since they've taken over, I've always sent my rent check on the 22nd of the previous month which would take five business days to get to their office before the first or the second, they've lost my check several times and then stated that it is my responsibility to pay the late fee and that I must use their app and be charged \$10. The app they use AppFolio. I hate to believe that these owners are in someone's pocket. In such a time of instability inflation on products food and then we have this type of Property Management that's allowed to do these things. Someone needs to look into them I don't think it's right if it is then we have absolutely fallen short of helping people like myself and my neighbors. Thank you for your time in this matter whether or not. Thank you	n/a	Online
5/5/2022 17:04	Bike Lanes	Scooters & Bicycles	Leah ann Lamb	Dear SLC Council: First, thanks to each of you for your public service. I am sure it is a very challenging position with so many issues to be addressed. I appreciate how frequently you clean Main Street and try to prevent loitering. My comments are not new but as a resident of downtown they need to be restated because I fear for my safety. Scooters and bicycles NEED to be in the bike lanes in the street...NOT on the sidewalks! As the weather has gotten warmer, the sidewalks are filling up again with people - many of which are on scooters and bicycles! Last week, a young bicyclist touched me while zipping by and zig-zagging between people. I was fortunate I remained upright. I am soon to be 64 and have balance issues. This is a serious issue for me. It will soon get worse with the construction in the area. Of course, I do not have a solution but I hope you do. Thanks for your consideration. Leah Ann Lamb	n/a	Online
5/6/2022 17:11	Police Funding	Patrol Vehicles	Andrew M	Please fully fund and reactivate the SLCPD volunteer corps by refurbishing, repainting and rebranding retired SLCPD patrol vehicles. Regards, Andrew	n/a	Online
5/6/2022 17:13	Homelessness	Good Job	Scott Senjo	Dear Friends, Got your filer kindly encouraging public comments. I've been a resident of SLC for 24 years, mostly in the Lower Avenues and now in Poplar Grove on the west side. Your work has been excellent. The managed growth has been fantastic. I bet everyone that visits here from out-of-town is impressed. They should be. I especially like the new developments all around Pioneer Park, The Gateway, and West High School. It's truly great. You deserve a lot of credit. I have one comment: Please discourage "homelessness". These folks aren't homeless and will go wherever they are tolerated. Removing the Road Home Shelter was critical. Notice how the area around Rio Grande has become exceptional. Now, you have large numbers of young, middle-class people who love those neighborhoods and enjoy walking their dog, going for coffee, out to dinner, to a Jazz game, etc. not to mention a quick Trax ride to the U of U, or the beautiful new airport. These residents are a core constituency, they are well connected with a thousand contacts in their phone, and they pay a lot of taxes. Please enforce the municipal codes that prohibit camping, etc., etc., . . . and especially illegal parking of vehicles and motor homes. Use your power to enforce warrants because nearly all of these folks have outstanding warrants and criminal records. The new Salt Palace is spectacular. The last thing you want are thousands of conference attendees seeing that you condone vagrants. What a great job you are doing! Please try to keep up the good work! Scott Senjo, Ph.D., retired	D2	Online
5/6/2022 17:14	City Budget	700 N. Resurfacing	Meredith Foster	Community council, For years, 700 North has been a main thoroughfare for me and my family. I have watched them grind inches off then lay down rock and oil as a "maintenance effort". I have seen it torn up for various reasons and then patched. Over and over and over. And never has it been slated for a complete resurfacing. Every time a major project has been completed I have prayed that this would be the project that would warrant a complete layer of blacktop to smooth the surface between I15 and I215. Alas...even the most significant projects haven't warranted that response. This road is now more patch than road...and to say it is a "rough" ride is an understatement. With all of the warehouses going in west of I215, the traffic this road is going to see is only going to increase. I would love to see this section of Salt Lake City given the love that it, and the residents of Rose Park, deserve. It's beyond time. Please put this project into your upcoming budget. Thank you. Sincerely, Meredith Foster	D1	Online
5/8/2022 10:42	Budget	Budget: Bureaucratic Bloat	Edwin Frederick	It looks like the Mayor's Office is suffering from uncontrolled spending and bureaucratic bloat. From \$3.4M to \$6.6M if I'm reading it correctly. This is bad. Please refrain from this type of spending and set the example for the departments to follow. Also: The #1 spending priority needs to be stopping and then recovering from the urban blight of transient vagrant camps. They are dangerous, unsanitary and counter to a well run city. Do not invest in anything new or nice until you take care of the things we have. Hidden Hollow tunnel and Fairmont park are now disaster <i>disaster</i> . Thank you.	D7	Online

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5/9/2022 10:53	Off-street Parking Regulations	Off-street parking for new developments	Anonymous Constituent	I'm upset that there was a high rise development (Capitol Homes Apartments) put in my neighborhood without enough parking for all of the residents. I see that the public hearing about this issue happened after this place was built up, so the residents and our neighborhood weren't considered at all. I'm assuming because we live further away from the more affluent neighborhoods. I don't mind so much that they put it up here, but the problems caused by poor planning are affecting the neighborhood next to it and their own residents. I live in the neighborhood that they opened access to when it opened up. I know I'm not the only one unhappy with the parking situation. The apartment parking has bled into our neighborhood, which often takes up the parking we all had for our guests and other household members. The apartment residents are often having to drive up and down the street, day and night, to find a place to park near their own homes. Neighbors with children are concerned about this traffic, for obvious reasons. I don't blame the apartment residents, I feel for them. Most of the people from the apartments that are parking in the neighborhood are respectful. I'm sure they would prefer to park in their building's lot, too. After getting a look at what the building owners have provided as parking for such a large building, it's clear they screwed up. There is not enough parking for the residents, let alone their guests. There are 70 parking stalls for 93 residential units. You don't have to be good at math to see that doesn't work. I saw a woman and her small child both trying to carry armfuls of groceries through the neighborhood and then through the apartment building's parking lot, having to stop a couple of times to readjust the bags. She should be able to park in her apartment building's parking lot so she doesn't have to struggle to get her groceries into her home. It's not safe. There are some shady characters that come through this neighborhood, especially since they opened up fast access from State Street. Crime has definitely increased since this opened up. Stolen cars, stolen/damaged property, speeding cars. The person on the sport bike that revs the hell out of that thing as they leave the neighborhood could be a little more considerate. On almost a weekly basis, we get overnight camera footage of people looking into cars and checking if any of them are unlocked. I called non emergency dispatch one evening after I got a camera notification and saw a man come into my driveway and check out my car. The disheartening part was I caught attitude from the dispatcher who seemed annoyed that I had called. Recently, neighbors were being harassed by a group of young men that were seen going in and out of the apartments. This place wasn't crime free before this building opened, by any means, but it was a safer place. I am glad these types of apartments are coming up around the city and they are needed, but the parking was a real jerk move. Darin Mano, the housing authority and the builders are patting themselves on the back, but it doesn't seem like they had any consideration for the comfort and convenience of their residents or the neighborhood connected to it. I wonder where they all parked when they held their PR celebration last month...	D5	Online
5/9/2022 11:32	Proposed Changes to RMF-30 Zoning District	RMF-30 Zoning and Related Development Issues in Salt Lake City	William Gilmer	Thank you for the recent mailings reaching out to Salt Lake City residents regarding local housing issues. I am responding to the recommended RMF-30 Low Density Multi-Family Residential District zoning changes proposed by the Planning Commission as outlined in the 26 July 2019 Staff Report and amended 25 September 2019 report. While I agree in principal with the commissions efforts I am against the proposed changes as the unintended consequences of these revisions will irreversibly affect the remaining historical areas of the downtown vicinity. My comments relate, in general, to the RMF-30 Zones in the Local Historic Districts, and more specifically to the Central City area from 400 South to Liberty Park between 500 and 700 East. I believe this is a prime example of what remains of a quintessential historic Salt Lake City residential neighborhood that is in imminent danger of being destroyed for the sake of infilling and densification. The evidence of what is in store can be seen along 500 East on the southwestern edge of Liberty Park. Considering the intense development that has taken place in downtown, the flagrant destruction of historical structures, loss of green space, and the huge, labyrinthine apartment complexes that have been built and are under construction it is time for the city to take a break, let the dust settle, and evaluate the consequences of the rampant growth that has taken place. The Planning Commission and City Council need to take a step back from short term 5 year plans and look 25 to 50 years into the future to try and understand what this type of development will have on the well being of the residents and the impacts of air quality and water resources. For the following reasons the RMF-30 Zoning changes should be tabled indefinitely: Elimination of commission and public reviews. Developers will push to maximize unit development as necessary to maximize profit without regard to community and adjacent property impacts. Each development should be considered on a case-by-case basis with input from the Historic Landmark Commission, neighboring property owners, local representatives, and the public in general. Loss of green space. Current area developments have eliminated setbacks, allowed for loss of parking strips and reduced open space to a bare minimum. In the area mentioned above the historic residences have maintained large yards, mature trees in the lots as well as the parking strips and center medians and will continue to do so if infilling is restricted. Green space and mature vegetation are very important in a city that is faced with some of the worst air quality in the nation. With the large number of new apartment complexes along 400 South and in the Liberty Park vicinity, plus the cities desire to promote "walkability", maintaining the historical integrity and well vegetated lots such as those from Trolley Square to Liberty Park provide reprieve and natural beauty for area residents and may entice more people to walk from their apartment to the park and nearby businesses. Destruction of historical structures. Despite the included incentives for developers to retain and incorporate existing structures into new development it is highly unlikely this will happen. The logistics of this type of construction are difficult at best and, in general, will increase the cost of construction and limit the return on investment. Again, development is generally about maximizing profit for the effort involved and not about good community stewardship. Everywhere you look in this city, beautiful, viable historic structures have been demolished in the name of expediency, profitability and tax base. Historical structures are what provide a city with character and, once removed the loss is irreversible. Reduction of Parking Requirements.	D3	Online
5/9/2022 11:32	Proposed Changes to RMF-30 Zoning District	RMF-30 Zoning and Related Development Issues in Salt Lake City	William Gilmer (Continued)	As pointed out in the reviews, per unit parking requirements present a very real problem for multi-unit and cottage type developments. The reduction of requirements from two to one space for off street parking will very much impact area residents, commuters wishing to access local facilities, and the "livability" of the neighborhood. Everywhere in the city has seen a large increase in the number of cars parked along neighborhood streets and it is unrealistic to believe most households will only have one vehicle and that the majority of persons will want to walk or use public transport; this is just not borne out in the daily observations of area citizens moving about. Affordability. As pointed out in the staff reports these zoning changes are not necessarily about affordability of housing but more about providing for the "missing middle". The stated viewpoint that smaller units will be available at lower cost is not evident in the current real estate market and will not be so in the near future. Considering the cost of land acquisition and the exorbitant cost of materials brought on by supply chain issues and demand, developers are categorically unable to provide "affordable housing". Again, their objective is to find opportunity and maximize profit not preserve history and keep neighborhoods happy and people in their homes or apartments. Current status in the neighborhood is the most likely alternative with small-scale landlords and homeowners offering single and multiple family units for rent. If the city wants to preserve the character, and at the same time support affordability, they would do much better to figure out how to apply federal funds to assist these owners with upgrades and maintenance. The very daunting task before the Planning Division Community & Neighborhoods staff, the Planning Commission, the City Council, and Mayor in dealing with a burgeoning population does not mean that densification and infilling of all areas of the city is appropriate. City planners should realize that preservation of Local Historic Districts, such as the Avenues and Trolley Square/Liberty Park area are, and will become even more valuable in the future of Salt Lake City. Not only will these neighborhoods illustrate the unique and long history of this city, they will provide a highly desirable real estate market for those young families who move here, live in one of the large apartment complexes, wish to remain and transition to a home that provides a yard in which their children can grow and play and the family can garden and nurture all important green space. The RMF-30 Low Density Multi-Family Residential text amendments should not be adopted at this time as carte blanche change to zoning requirements will assuredly open all areas in need of preservation to the long-term destruction and development of existing neighborhoods. However, a number of proposed text amendments provide very good context for consideration such as: Discussion of requirements for tiny homes, Ability to construct side oriented row houses and cottage developments, Limits to maximum lot width, and Incentives for retention of historic structures. To use these proposed changes on a project by project basis, with a long-term horizon taken into consideration will ensure a healthy growth of the city while protecting the things that make this a most desirable place to live.	D3	Online

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5/9/2022 12:10	City Budget	FW: (EXTERNAL) Re: City budget has doubled in the last 10 years	Jan Hemming	By way of further elaboration, how does this budget reflect recent realities: a pandemic, a slowdown or temporary stoppage of some city services over the past 3 years, a 40-year high inflation rate that is hitting everyone's pocketbook — especially families and those on fixed incomes, and a decline in school enrollment? You are the guardians of our precious tax dollars. Utah and SLC probably hasn't suffered as much as other capital cities and states, which is fortunate. In fact statistics indicate that SLC had strong post-COVID recovery. But we also don't have the economic foundation that a lot of other states have either. Regarding population, you can even go back in time when Salt Lake City's population was 189,454 in 1960 — 60 years ago. (Source: SLC Mayor's fiscal budget 2011-2012.) It's changed very little yet the city's budget keeps growing exponentially. Understandably, there are many more complexities today than there were in 1960, the cost of just about everything is much higher and the racial composition of the city has changed as well. It would be instructive to know where the greatest demands on city services are and which of those services have grown the most in the last 10 years. If my figures are correct, the city's budget was \$330 million in 2019-20, \$326 million 2020-21, \$349 million 2021-22, and now the "Great Leap Forward" to \$424 million in 2022-23. Best, Jan Dan and Tim: Luke Garrott's news article about the mayor's new budget will be a discussion item at Thursday's YNC meeting. Can you also come prepared to talk about the \$4 million increase in the Library budget. It appears from the CC work session discussion, our libraries are dealing more and more with the homeless as well as drug and mental health issues. Can we have a fuller disclosure about what they are encountering? In the past 10 years, the SLC budget has doubled while the population has grown 7%. Are there ever discussions about how the city can save money and reduce taxes? Best, Jan	D6	Online
5/9/2022 14:10	Redistricting	Redistricting	Judi Short	I watched the video where the two representatives explained their process for drawing the various maps, and their thoughts about why they presented the various maps to you for consideration. I also know that a group of City Councils sent a letter trying to defend their turf, and not be split up because the City Council person who has always represented them is now going to be representing a different area. You are trying to anticipate population shifts as all the apartments that are being constructed now fill up with bodies. And it is tempting to want to make the numbers in each district exactly the same. I have been on the Sugar House Community Council since 1988. I dare say some of you might not have been born then. I've seen a lot of changes, and Council people come and go. Even though Sugar House is mostly in Council District 7, I live in the Emerson neighborhood, which has always been in District 5. I always enjoy it when a Council person from another District comes to visit our Community Council, and we get to know them, and they learn about our issues. I say to you, do not obsess about this, get it pretty close, and then bask in the opportunity that you have before you. We are a better city when we know each other. When you get to visit the other Community Councils, not just the few you represent. And we get to see all of you every few years when you come to see us en masse and hear what is going on. I remember fondly having the entire City Council sitting on Monument Plaza one summer evening, celebrating maybe the completion of the RDA period, or the reconstruction of the monument, and it was delightful. Don't forget to come visit us soon! Don't worry about this, it will be fine, and just enjoy the outcome. We will all survive!	D7	Online
5/9/2022 17:05	City Budget	Budget Ideas	Jason Marshall	To whom it may concern: My name is Jason Marshall and I'm a Salt Lake City resident. I recently received the city flyer in the mail requesting FY 23 budget input from citizens. My top two recommended budget priorities for my neighborhood are parks and recreation and street maintenance. Regarding parks and recreation, I love Sugar House Park and I hope the city keeps it well funded. Regarding street maintenance, I recommend repairs to the asphalt on Highland Drive and on 2100 S in central Sugar House—the pavement is falling apart. I thank you for your time in reading my input. I hope the city council will consider my proposals. Respectfully, Jason Marshall	D7	Online
5/9/2022 17:07	City Budget	Budget Ideas	Doug Wortham	I support increasing the budget for the police department. I would like to see much more police presence in our neighborhoods and greater empowerment of the police to enforce laws and ordinances. I support more pay for officers, better training, and better vetting in hiring and evaluation. I do not support the police union. Doug Wortham	n/a	Online
5/9/2022 17:08	Off-street Parking Regulations	Rice Eccles Stadium	Steve Bird	My wife and I attended the super cross venue at rice Eccles stadium Saturday night and got a parking ticket for parking in a no parking zone on a street by the stadium. Had no idea we were parked illegal. My complaint is who in there mind allowed a coliseum to be built in the middle of neighborhoods with no parking what so ever! Worst parking I've ever experienced at an event to attract thousands of spectators.	n/a	Online
5/9/2022 17:16	Homelessness	Homeless	Roma Caramanica	Dear Mayor and City Council Members, There is an immediate and dire need to help the homeless population in Salt Lake City, Utah. It is alarming to see so many homeless individuals lying on the grass, in alcoves of buildings on porches of vacant buildings. There should be some type of funding available to provide shelter, showers and sufficient food for the homeless population in Salt Lake City and the surrounding areas. There should be funds allocated by the City of Salt Lake to help shelter, provide access to showers and to provide food for the homeless population here in Salt Lake City and the surrounding areas. Another problem in Salt Lake City Utah that should be addressed is the Parking Enforcement agents who sit and wait to ticket cars parked in a (5 minute driver may leave their vehicle spot). It takes at least 8-10 minutes for a person to park in a spot and unload groceries or other items and carry them up to their apartment or house. These 5 minute spots should be changed to 10 minute spots. Thank you for your consideration of my comments. opulation in the Salt Lake City and surrounding areas. Please make this a priority at yyour public hearing meetings on May 17 and June 7 2022. Another item that should be addressed is the Parking Enforcement agents who ticket vehicles that are in a 5 minute parking place who may be only a few minutes past the 5 minute time interval. This is a form of entrapment, so I suggest that the 5 minute driver may leave their vehicle spaces should be extended to 10 minutes. Individuals living in apartments who have groceries or other items to carry to their floors cannot do this in 5 minutes, but could accomplish this in 10 minutes. Thank you for considering my comments. Sincerely Roma Caramanica resident of Salt Lake City, Utah	n/a	Online
5/9/2022 17:19	City Budget	Budget	Troy Coyle	I'm not sure with whom I need to express my concerns so I have chosen you. I assume this is the slc city council. I recently heard that the mayor is going to or wanting to raise property taxes by 5%. I ask you, do you think that with inflation what it is today and the cost of living that this is a responsible act. You see I can't magically put 5% more money in my bank account to pay for my property taxes. I guarantee you that it won't be long and you all will get a raise because of it. You should be thinking of ways to put money back in our pockets so we can stimulate the economy. Think big , not hundreds of dollars, more like thousands per year. Last year alone my taxes were increased \$400 on my house, I was lucky enough to go out to my money tree that was in bloom and pick an extra \$400. This year the tree died. Must have been from the pandemic. The mayor needs to really look at what is happening to the tax payer. We are dying just like my money tree. I think my solution to the problem will be to deny you any of my money by leaving the state and relocating to a state that is more retiree friendly. I know this falls on deaf ears but I feel better. Troy Coyle	n/a	Online
5/10/2022 9:02	Affordable Housing	Changes to RMF-30 Zoning, Off-Street Parking Regulations	Jolene Anderson	I'm sorry Salt Lake City is having housing problems. But the streets in our neighborhoods we're not made for Densely populated living conditions. as much as you want to get more people in these neighborhoods, it's just not feasible. They've ruined the Sugar House area by trying to do this. The congestion is unbelievable. Not everybody has to live in SLC!!! One thought I have on these problems, involves West Valley city. My daughter works in a heavy industrial area around 5600 W. and 700 S. There are many warehouse facilities that employ many people but there is no housing or shopping close. There is also no public transportation that serve this area. I think it would be a great place to create new loving areas that would be close to employment opportunities. Trying to pack more people in to Salt Lake City will bring its own set of new problems and most certainly distract from what makes this City a place people want to live here. I plead with you to work on solutions that will make & keep this city a place we want to continue to live in, not a transportation nightmare!!!	D6	Online
5/10/2022 11:13	Request for Mayor	Native Plants Program & Monarch Waystations	Tessa Lindsey	Providing habitat for an endangered species in our city parks may seem like a small & trivial thing to some, but it's reflective of the new reality we are facing. As SLC continues to plan for growth and faces drought and water shortages, how we choose to landscape our yards, our parks, new developments and city green spaces is a pivotal part of the master plan. As we face drought and climate change, it is important for people to see examples of landscaping that incorporates water-wise native plants that support wildlife habitat, like the endangered Monarch butterfly, in our parks and public spaces. Please consider funding and expansion of the Monarch Waystation site now thriving in Stansbury Park to new locations in other parks and city green spaces. Through funding and expanding this program, the city can lead by example and raise awareness at this pivotal and crucial time in our state's history.	D3	Online
5/10/2022 11:15	Affordable Housing	changes to RMF-30 zoning	Nick Thomas	I am writing in opposition to this zoning change. Like many of the other proposals up for discussion this is another gift to developers wrapped up in the false promises of more "affordable housing". Developers are changing the face of Salt Lake neighborhoods in the name of profit. It's time for more restrictions not less.	D5	Online

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5/10/2022 11:26	Off-street Parking Regulations	proposal to update off-street parking regulations	Nick Thomas	I am writing in opposition to the proposal to change the amount of off street parking required for new development. Many neighborhoods in Salt Lake are already experiencing parking issues and this proposal will only make the problem worse. In addition the argument that requiring less off street parking will result in lower housing costs is a ridiculous assumption because the housing market not construction costs dictate housing prices. Yes construction costs will go down but this will only be translated into more profit for the developers which im guessing is the real reason this proposal exists. So please for the benefit of the residents of Salt Lake (and not the developers) shoot this proposal down.	D5	Online
5/10/2022 11:27	Homelessness	Jordan River Area	Anonymous Constituent	Phone call: I live by the Jordan River and I used to love this area. There are now a lot of homeless people living in this area by mile marker 36. It is not a hospitable area, they leave trash and their waste everywhere. It used to be a nice area to enjoy nature.	D1	Call
5/10/2022 13:45	City Budget	budgets	ASHLEY BANKHEAD	people, The outrageous property taxes in Salt Lake City has automatically increased your city budget. Yet the sidewalks and street gutters in part are in ruinous conditions and have been for 40 year. Urban forestry keeps planting eastern United States and European temperate trees, while the lack of sufficient water kills the top of the trees. The city is creating affordable housing, but not building any affordable restrooms with showers for the unhoused. I have seen on the west side, low income housing replaced with commercial facilities. I have seen Salt Lake City, a placed where once I could shop, now totally replaced with unusable buildings as banks and law offices. The new airport design may require a mile walk from entrance to departure or arrival, with no internal public transport system. And where are the solar panels that were once in the airport's plan? For whom is the budget for? For whom is the municipal for? And for whom will the automatic increased budget from automatic increased property taxes benefit? And then there is electricity? A Tesla sales office without solar panels? Electrical outlets for electrical vehicles, all getting electricity from dirty coal? Where will Salt Lake City place its solar panels and wind machines? Is there any portion of the budget for future energy plans? You can not let Utah Power & Light have control or input over this planning! Since the budget controls or ignores important issues, it is time to break away from past thinkins and address and underwrite future needs. Of course, many solutions will not be properly acted as NIMBY dominates- note the placement of homeless shelters in the past. Sincerely Peter	n/a	Online
5/10/2022 15:54	Off-street Parking Regulations	Ballpark neighborhood off-street parking	Anonymous Constituent	We have had many new condos/apartments being built here in the Ballpark neighborhood. West Temple between 1300 South to 1800 South, and on 1700 South from Main Street to the trax train tracks, I hate to drive through because of the amount of off-street parking. Unfortunately, I live here. Please make new construction permits have 2 or 3 on site parking per unit. Condos or apartments need more space for those times where they have friends or family visit or to recieve a package or delivery. People will move here, but will not stay living here if they cannot find a parking spot close to where they live. Let's not make it a getto. One parking space per unit is awful for the people who move here, and the people who already live here. You need to allow for new builds to have parking on their own properties, and not to encroach on the neighbors and the streets around them to park.	D5	Online
5/10/2022 17:27	Affordable Housing	Wish to have person who has mental illness to able to live independent	Jody Nelson	Hi, My name is Jody Nelson I would like the housing planning to look into people with Mentally illness whould be able to live on thire own and independent. To help us to guild this trough for these people.	n/a	Online