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Salt Lake City Council Adopts 'Holistic' Budget Centered on City Infrastructure and Maintenance, Community Care

The nearly \$2 billion budget includes funding to enhance diversified response, capital improvement and quality of life.

SALT LAKE CITY – The Salt Lake City Council voted Tuesday to adopt a nearly [\\$2 billion annual budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 \(FY25\)](#), which invests in our City's present needs and assets, and supports sustainable long-term growth. The City's "general fund," or operating budget, makes up nearly a quarter of the annual budget and funds City operations and services to the public. The \$480 million operating budget includes funding for initiatives to enhance quality of life, increase housing supply, maintain public spaces, provide homeless services and invest in infrastructure. Before adoption, Council Members added funding to the budget to further enhance the priorities of needs along the Jordan River, public restroom facilities, parks maintenance, noise enforcement, and traffic safety on neighborhood streets.

"We adopted a balanced budget amid unprecedented growth pressures, which only illuminated our enormous responsibility as stewards of public funds. In that vein, we aimed to care for our City and residents as we grow holistically," said Council Chair Victoria Petro. "We are also eager to embark on a zero-based budgeting effort during the coming year, justifying every taxpayer expense from scratch."

The FY25 budget runs from July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2025, and includes the below highlights:

- A proposed \$58.1 million to the City's Capital Improvement Program (CIP), including \$15 million for deferred maintenance projects, and \$2 million for implementing the City's "[Livable Streets](#)" initiative, which installs safety measures on neighborhood streets.
- Advancement of the City's goals towards embedding racial equity in policing by adding four ongoing trainings and a culturally responsive therapy program for families involved in negative police interactions.
- Continued expansion of alternative community safety response models, including the Fire Department's Medical Response Team, the Public Services Department's Rapid Intervention Team, and a Community Outreach Manager in the City's Justice Court.

- A \$100,000 increase to the annual [Arts, Culture, and Events \(ACE\) Fund](#) and funding for public art enhancements, including Japantown Art, the reinstallation of the 100 historic bronze statues to restore "The Gulls of Salt Lake City" installation downtown.
- A market-based salary increase for the Mayor and City Council Members.
- A 5% cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) for all City employees to retain a qualified workforce and maintain outstanding service to constituents, including negotiated salary increases for public safety and fire given the significant service they provide in the capital city.
- Added resources to maintain our City parks and public lands, especially as they experience increased pressure from our unsheltered community members.

For more information about the FY25 budget, please visit tinyurl.com/SLCFY25.

City Council Meeting Highlights

Tuesday, June 11, 2024

Agendas, Supporting Documents & Meeting Videos



Sports, Entertainment, Culture and Convention District

The Council received a follow-up briefing on Smith Entertainment Group's (SEG) proposed Sports, Entertainment, Culture, and Convention District (SECC) and heard additional public comment during a second hearing on the proposal. SEG presented [additional information](#)—including preliminary depictions—on the proposed district.

The Kem C. Gardner Policy Institute's Natalie Gochnour provided contextual information on the proposed investment and its importance to a strong and thriving urban core, describing this magnitude of "city building" as an economic relay with each generation of leaders needing to do their part. Gochnour emphasized the continued public benefits of previous generations' investments, such as the Eccles Theater and the 2002 Winter Olympics, which attracts the human capital needed to strengthen the City's downtown.

[Learn More](#)

The Council Also:

- Joined Mayor Erin Mendenhall to declare June 19 as Juneteenth Freedom Day and June 20 as World Refugee Day in Salt Lake City.

- Received a follow-up briefing on [a proposed rezone of the former Sears site](#) (~754 S. State Street) to allow the development of an urban hospital by Intermountain Health (IH). Council Members discussed with IH representatives the balance between street activation and the primary focus of hospital services.

Updates From the Administration

Community Engagement Updates:

Salt Lake City believes public input is essential to making the right decisions for our city. Visit the City's website for a list of projects currently collecting feedback.

[Give Feedback on City Projects](#)

Homelessness Updates:

All Homeless Resource Centers are operating at capacity.

The City's next Homeless Resource Fair will be held June 14 at Pioneer Park, and the next Kayak Court will be on June 21.

[Shelter Bed Availability Dashboard](#)

[Learn More About SLC's Homelessness Response](#)

Next Meeting

Tuesday, July 2

The Council's work session begins at 2 p.m. and ends at approximately 6:30 p.m. The formal meeting begins at 7 p.m. and ends upon the conclusion of items listed on the agenda.

Council staff can provide parking validations for the City Library.

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