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CITY COUNCIL MEETING RECAP

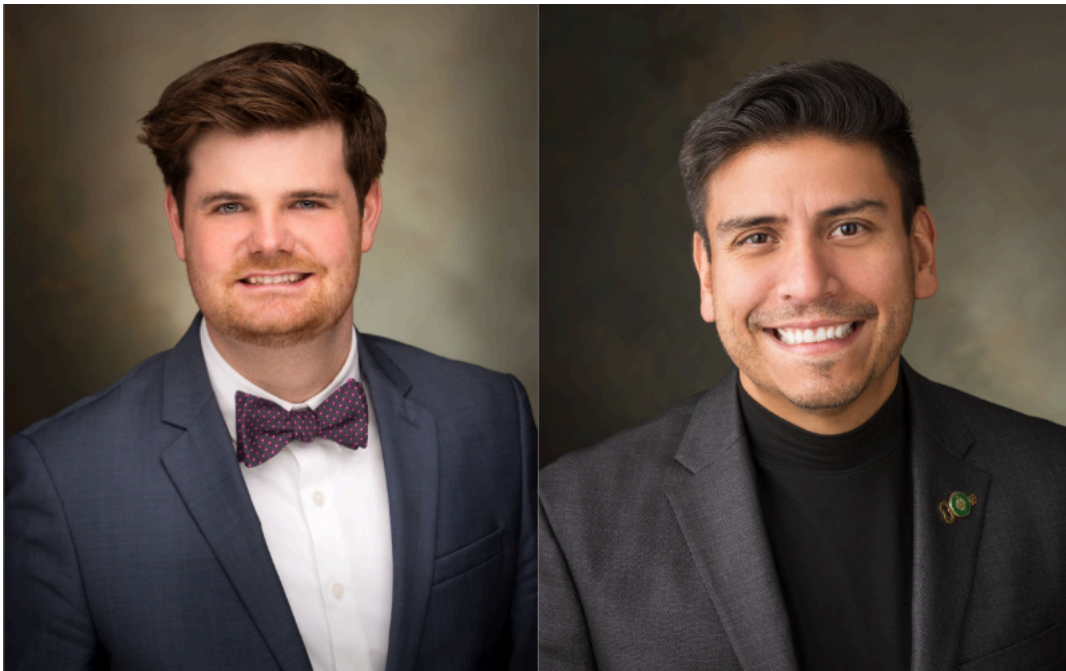
Meeting Agendas, Documents & Videos

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Tuesday, Jan. 7, 2025

Chris Wharton, Alejandro Puy to Lead City Council in 2025

Council members choose the Chair and Vice Chair every January.



SALT LAKE CITY, Jan. 7, 2025 – The Salt Lake City Council has appointed [Chris Wharton](#) as the 2025 Council Chair and [Alejandro “Ale” Puy](#) as Vice Chair, ushering in a new phase of the city’s leadership. These positions are selected annually and play a crucial role in shaping policies, promoting transparency, and fostering engagement with residents, stakeholders, and city departments. Council Member Wharton, who represents [District 3](#), returns to Council leadership, having previously served as Chair in 2020 and Vice Chair in 2018, 2021 and 2024.

“I am honored to serve as Chair once again,” said Council Member Wharton. “I am eager to work with my peers and our community to ensure Salt Lake City remains a thriving, inclusive and forward-thinking city with our constituents at the heart of every decision we make.”

Council Member Puy, who represents [District 2](#), steps into Council leadership for the first time after two years as RDA Board Chair, bringing a strong commitment to Westside investment and community engagement.

“I am excited to collaborate with Chair Wharton and my Council colleagues as we continue our work to enhance the quality of life for all Salt Lake City residents,” said Council Member Puy. “Our city’s future is bright, and I look forward to contributing to meaningful and impactful solutions for our community.

As Chair and Vice Chair, Wharton and Puy will steer the Council’s legislative priorities, set meeting agendas, sign official documents and represent the Council in public and policy discussions. In their Council capacity, they also oversee the management of the City Council Office.

In addition to appointing the Chair and Vice Chair, the Council also selects the leadership of the Community Reinvestment Agency (CRA) Board. Board leadership, which plays a key role in shaping the city’s

development strategies, will be determined on Jan. 21.

[Click here to view the Council's 2025 meeting schedule.](#)

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New Collection Services Schedule

Starting Feb. 3, 2025, Waste & Recycling will begin operating under a new curbside collection schedule, impacting garbage, recycling, and compost cans.

- Monday pickup will switch to Tuesdays.
- Tuesday pickup will switch to Mondays.
- Wednesday pickup will switch to Fridays.
- Friday pickup will switch to Wednesdays.
- Thursday pickup will remain on Thursdays.

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VOTES

The Council approved the following items during the formal meeting:

- Created the Northpoint Light Industrial Zoning District to align with the Northpoint Small Area Plan.
- Initiated a zoning petition updating the maximum hedge, fence, and wall height.
- Approved housekeeping amendments to campaign finance disclosures and city elections to comply with state law.
- Adjusted the [City Council Annual Salary](#) to include stipends for leadership positions.
- Approved the appointment of:

- David Buchanan as the Chief Human Resources Officer
- Tammy Hunsaker as the Director of the Community and Neighborhoods Department
- Nancy Strahan to the Accessibility and Disability Commission
- Michael Mejia to the Art Design Board
- Amy Carmen and Pamela Mower to the Accessibility and Disability Commission

PUBLIC HEARINGS HELD

The Council provided public input opportunities for the following items:

- Grant Application: Environmental Protection Agency Brownfields Grant
- Grant Application: My Brother's Keeper Accelerator Communities Cohort Grant Bullet
- Ordinance: Zoning Map Amendment at [333 West 700 South](#)
- Ordinance: Zoning Map Amendment at 238 South Concord Street and 1255 West Pierpont Avenue

BRIEFINGS

The Council was briefed on the following items during the work session:

- The city's national legislative priorities & city-related items for the 2025 Utah State Legislative Session ([Watch](#))
- A Comprehensive Water, Wastewater, and Stormwater Rate Study, which will determine necessary rate changes to provide

adequate revenues for Public Utilities needs in the coming years. ([Watch](#))

- A proposed alley vacation in District 5 ([Watch](#))
- The City's program to maintain and conserve the City's Public Art ([Watch](#))
- An annual Utah Open Meetings Law Training and Government Records Access and Management Act (GRAMA) Training ([Watch](#))
- A budget amendment for the Library to facilitate the completion of the roof renovation project. ([Watch](#))

FUTURE VOTES & HEARINGS

The Council added the below items to the **Jan. 21, 2025**, meeting agenda:

Votes

- [Ordinance](#): Zoning Map Amendment at 333 West 700 South
- Ordinance: Zoning Map Amendment at 238 South Concord Street and 1255 West Pierpont Avenue
- [Ordinance](#): City-wide Text Amendment for Gas Station Standards

Hearings

- Ordinance: Library Budget Amendment No.1 for Fiscal Year 2024-25
- Grant Application: Low Carbon Transportation Materials Grant
- Grant Application: Restoration of Wetlands, Utah Pollinator Habitat Program
- Grant Application: Utah Department of Natural

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](#)

Mayor's Community Office Hours:

The Mayor's team of community liaisons is available to constituents to discuss community needs and receive feedback.

[View Upcoming Dates & Locations](#)

Homelessness Update:

Homeless Resource Centers were at capacity throughout the beginning of January.

A Code Blue alert is anticipated from Tuesday, Jan. 7-9.

The City's next Homeless Resource Fair will be held Jan. 10 at the Gail Miller Homeless Resource Center.

If you or someone you know is experiencing or is at risk of experiencing homelessness, call [801-990-9999](tel:801-990-9999).

[View Shelter Bed Availability](#)

Learn About SLC's Homelessness Response Efforts

Salt Lake County is seeking volunteers to assist with an upcoming Homeless Point-In-Time Count in January 2025. Volunteers will work in teams on the following mornings from 4-6 a.m.

- Thursday, Jan. 30
- Friday, Jan. 31
- Saturday, Feb. 1

[Learn More & Register](#)

Volunteers are needed for Code Blue nights! Fill out an interest form to help the 2nd & 2nd Coalition below.

[Sign Up To Volunteer](#)

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

[Tuesday, Jan. 21](#)

The Council meets as the Community Reinvestment Agency (CRA, formerly the Redevelopment Agency) at 2 p.m. and the Council's work session begins following the CRA meeting 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. The Council will also hold an annual work retreat on Tuesday, January 14th.

Please confirm meeting times on agendas 24 hours in advance

2025 Meeting Schedule

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