

CITY OF SOUTH SALT LAKE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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Wednesday February 22, 2023
7:00 p.m.

CITY OFFICES

220 East Morris Avenue
South Salt Lake, Utah 84115

PRESIDING:

Council Chair Sharla Bynum

CONDUCTING:

Corey Thomas, District 2

SERIOUS MOMENT OF REFLECTION/
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Shane Siwik, District 5

SERGEANT AT ARMS:

Carson Aprato

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sharla Bynum (via Zoom), LeAnne Huff, Natalie Pinkney (via Zoom),
Shane Siwik, Corey Thomas, and Clarissa Williams

COUNCIL MEMBERS EXCUSED:

Portia Mila

STAFF PRESENT:

Mayor Wood
Josh Collins, City Attorney (via Zoom)
Jack Carruth, Police Chief
Terry Addison, Fire Chief (via Zoom)
Jonathan Weidenhamer, Community and Economic Development Director
Crystal Makin, Finance Director (via Zoom)
Sharen Hauri, Neighborhoods Director (via Zoom)
Aaron Wiet, Recreation Director (via Zoom)
Eliza Ungricht, Deputy Community Development Director
Misty Woods, Senior Administrative Assistant (via Zoom)
Hanna Tuia, City Planner
Danielle Croyle, Public Information Officer (via Zoom)
Jen Hill, Public Outreach Coordinator (via Zoom)
Jessica Potter, Executive Assistant (via Zoom)
Ariel Andrus, City Recorder
Sara Ramirez, Deputy City Recorder (via Zoom)

OTHERS PRESENT:

See list

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

February 8th, Work Meeting
February 8th, Regular Meeting

Council Member Williams made a motion to approve the minutes listed above.

MOTION: Clarissa Williams

SECOND: LeAnne Huff

Voice Vote:

Bynum:	Yes
Huff:	Yes
Mila:	Yes
Pinkney:	Yes
Siwik:	Yes
Thomas:	Yes
Williams:	Yes

NO ACTION COMMENTS

1. **SCHEDULING.** The City Recorder informed those at the meeting of upcoming events, meetings, activities, etc. **Next Mtg—March 8th@ 7pm.**

2. **CITIZEN COMMENTS/QUESTIONS.**

Council Member Williams read a public comment received via email from Isaac Higham, South Salt Lake resident, in which he wanted to express his appreciation for the Public Works and snow removal team. He said that they always manage big snowstorms exceptionally in comparison to other municipalities in the valley and thanked the Council for being able to make the difficult budget decisions that allow the City to fund departments at a level that provides for successful work in the City.

3. **MAYOR COMMENTS.**

Mayor Wood highlighted an upcoming event this coming weekend on Saturday, February 25th at The Co-Op at 10:30 am. The Black Physicians of Utah is hosting an Indoor Fitness Day, a health and wellness event, that will include a three-on-three basketball tournament, yoga, cooking class, and personal trainers on hand. The event is \$5 for adults and free for kids.

She talked about the Celebrate South Salt Lake grant opportunity. The South Salt Lake Arts Council is in their second year of looking for groups to receive mini grants to assist them in celebrating the City’s arts, culture, and diversity. Interested groups should apply at sslarts.org by March 15th.

She also highlighted the City’s recent presence in the news due to the City’s Animal Shelter overflow. Someone surrendered their animal over the evening hours just prior to the snowstorm. The shelter is full and the City is looking for options to have dogs adopted into homes, which is what the shelter has the most of right now.

She talked about the snowstorm and the new coined term, ‘snow fighters’ that highlights the hard work and conditions that staff face who work to clear the City’s streets. She noted that after this week’s snowstorm, the City’s roads were top notch

and praised the City's Streets Division for their preparation. Additionally, they are already prepping for the Spring run off and are working with the Salt Lake County Flood program and will have meetings starting in March.

She talked about HB-499 which is something that the City has been working on over the last several months to address the shortfalls of HB-440, which is the Homeless Overflow Bill. She explained how she and her staff have been in constant meetings and conversations with legislators. The City is supporting this new bill as it addresses a better and more functional way to address issues of the overflow which is considered in effect every year from November 15th-April 15th.

4. CITY ATTORNEY COMMENTS.

None

5. CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS.

Council Member Bynum expressed her thanks to all those who work hard to clear the snow and provide for safe travels for everyone.

Council Member Pinkney said that she was appreciative of the staff and the positive comment from the resident on the snow fighting.

Council Member Williams thanked all the City staff who worked especially hard during this snowstorm.

Council Member Huff echoed the thanks and said it was nice to hear the positive feedback from residents.

Council Member Siwik thanked the snow fighters for their work.

Council Member Thomas also thanked the Public Works department in getting all of the snow cleared out.

ACTION ITEMS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. An Ordinance of the South Salt Lake City Council Amending Title 13 of the South Salt Lake City Municipal Code to Update Language Regarding Backflow Devices and Fees Associated Therewith.

Senior Administrative Assistant, Misty Woods, went over the proposed Ordinance and the materials provided to the Council, a copy of which is attached and incorporated by this reference.

The changes will be made to Title 13 under the Public Works Water Division that will include changing some language, adding in a provision to use an outside agency for the City's backflow testing program, and adding a fee schedule.

The fee portion is for testing the backflow devices, which is an annual requirement, for residents and businesses to follow the Federal mandate of backflow prevention.

Council Member Siwik wanted to know more about the fee amount.

Ms. Woods explained that the fee will be \$15.95 for the City’s backflow testers that are on staff. Private backflow tests are usually around \$50-60. Residents can use an outside tester and pay other prices if they choose.

Council Member Siwik also her asked about the penalty that was mentioned in the material.

She explained that it is specifically for the backflow installations and making sure that they are properly installed. Federal law mandates for installation across the board. The City hadn’t been able to enforce it due to not having a backflow program in place and so now that there is one, they need to have that provision in the Ordinance to be able to penalize when necessary.

Council Member Siwik read the following from the provided material, ‘It is unlawful for the owner or occupant of any premise using the City’s water supply to cross connect that water supply with another source of water that doesn’t meet purification standards.’

It was further clarified that this would apply for anyone who’s in the City’s water district which is roughly 3300 South-2100 South.

Council Member Williams made a motion to approve this Ordinance.

MOTION: Clarissa Williams

SECOND: LeAnne Huff

Roll Call Vote:

Bynum:	Yes
Huff:	Yes
Mila:	Yes
Pinkney:	Yes
Siwik:	Yes
Thomas:	Yes
Williams:	Yes

Public Hearing – 7:30 (Or As Soon Thereafter As Possible)

To receive public input regarding a petition to vacate a public right of way located at 200 East at approximately 3550 South through 3570 South.

Deputy Community Development Director, Eliza Ungricht, reviewed the petition and its materials with the City Council. A copy is attached and incorporated by this reference.

Ms. Ungricht said that should this be approved, the next two steps will be completed at the Planning Commission level. The first step will be to consolidate all the parcels via plat. The second step will be to have a conditional use permit in place for the automotive dealership.

She said that the applicant will be paying fair market value. An appraisal was done in December of 2022 and came back at \$46,000.

The City Code also requires for 'good cause', which is defined as 'An adequate or substantial ground or reason to take certain action' for a vacation. She explained that this vacation will not negatively affect adjacent parcels since there is no access from this right of way from any other property owner, and that the City will no longer have liability for the unused right of way. Additionally, if the vacation is granted it will clean up the property lines and enable the existing automotive dealership to expand.

She said that based on these reasons staff does recommend for the Council to approve with the mentioned conditions.

The public hearing opened at 7:39 p.m.
No public comment was made.
The public hearing closed at 7:39 p.m.

Council Member Huff made a motion to approve the Ordinance for the vacation of a public right of way.

MOTION: LeAnne Huff
SECOND: Clarissa Williams

Roll Call Vote:

Bynum:	Yes
Huff:	Yes
Mila:	Yes
Pinkney:	Yes
Siwik:	No
Thomas:	Yes
Williams:	Yes

Council Chair Bynum made a motion to Adjourn

MOTION: Clarissa Williams

SECOND: LeAnne Huff

Voice Vote:

Bynum: Yes

Huff: Yes

Mila: Yes

Pinkney: Yes

Siwik: Yes

Thomas: Yes

Williams: Yes

The meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

Sharla Bynum, Council Chair

Ariel Andrus, City Recorder