

News Advisory

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Salt Lake City Council to Check Downtown's Pulse

The Salt Lake City Council on Thursday will review and discuss progress toward implementing the *Salt Lake City Council Policy Statement on the Future Economic Development of Downtown*. The statement, adopted in January 2003, included a series of recommendations for the short-term and long-term economic development of downtown.

The review and discussion will be the main item on the City Council's work session agenda and will be televised on the City's cable channel, Channel 17. The meeting will start at 5:30 p.m. in Room 326 of the City & County Building, 451 South State Street. The cable channel broadcast of the discussion will start about 5:50 p.m. because the City Council will interview four candidates for appointments to City boards and commissions before holding the discussion.

Discussion participants will include Mayor Ross Anderson's Senior Advisor for Economic Development Alison McFarlane, a representative of the Salt Lake City Planning Division, and Robert Farrington, executive director of The Downtown Alliance. Representatives of business interests in the downtown also have been invited to the meeting.

Ms. McFarlane will review steps Mayor Anderson's administration has taken to implement recommendations in the City Council's *Policy Statement*. She also will report on the status of the administration's economic development efforts. The Planning Division representative will review the Salt Lake City Planning Commission's consideration of updating the City's *Downtown Master Plan* adopted in 1995. Mr. Farrington will present The Downtown Alliance's work plan and budget for the current fiscal year. After the presentations the City Council will conduct a discussion of the downtown's future economic development.

As with all City Council work sessions, the public is encouraged to attend the meeting. However, the City Council will not open the meeting to general public comment.

The City Council adopted the *Policy Statement* in January 2003 after several months of research and deliberation in the wake of the end of the 2002 Winter Olympics.

