

## Tooele RDA and City Council Work Meeting Minutes

**Date:** May 21, 2025

**Time:** 6:00 pm

**Place:** Tooele City Hall, Council Chambers  
90 North Main Street, Tooele, Utah

### City Council Members Present

Justin Brady  
Melodi Gochis  
Ed Hansen  
Maresa Manzione  
David McCall

### City Employees Present

Mayor Debbie Winn  
Police Chief Adrian Day  
Michelle Pitt, City Recorder  
Loretta Herron, Deputy City Recorder  
Matt Johnson, Assistant City Attorney  
Shilo Baker, Mayor's Assistant  
Darwin Cook, Parks and Recreation Director  
Jamie Grandpre, Public Works Director  
John Perez, Economic Development Director  
Shannon Wimmer, Finance Director  
Kami Perkins, HR Director  
Planning Commissioner Kelley Anderson

Minutes prepared by Alicia Fairbourne

### 1. Open City Council Meeting

Chairman Brady opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

### 2. Roll Call

Dave McCall, Present  
Ed Hansen, Present  
Melodi Gochis, Present  
Maresa Manzione, Present  
Justin Brady, Present

### 3. Mayor's Report

Mayor Winn highlighted three recent community events. She first described the Arbor Day celebration, where over 30 residents volunteered to plant 22 trees at Glen Eagles Park. In return, each participating family received a tree to plant at home. She mentioned that improvements to Glen

Eagles Park were forthcoming, including the installation of a new water line due to insufficient current infrastructure.

Next, she spoke about the Take Pride Tooele Day held at the Tooele Valley Museum. Over 100 volunteers participated in the clean-up event with many staying beyond the scheduled time. Mayor Winn expressed gratitude for the various community groups and businesses that contributed and noted the favorable weather.

Lastly, she discussed the unveiling of the city's tenth buffalo sculpture, located on the southwest corner of the library property and sponsored by Chartway Credit Union. She described recent improvements to the area, including the addition of stamped concrete and upcoming installation of picnic tables under nearby trees. The buffalo, originally positioned facing east, had been turned to face southwest to better display the sponsor's logo. The artist explained that the gold paint used on the horns and stripe symbolized faith, aligning with the community's spirit. Mayor Winn concluded by expressing appreciation for the artist's meaningful work and the sculpture's impact.

#### **4. Council Members' Report**

Councilwoman Manzione reported attending the Arbor Day event and noted that 15 of the 22 trees were planted within the first hour, with participation from families, including children and expectant mothers. She announced that the Arts Council had hired a new executive director named Cade. She also attended the Tooele Technical College graduation, which had its largest graduating class to date, and emphasized the school's value to the community. Additionally, she and Councilman Hansen met with a resident and city staff to address concerns and appreciated the staff's willingness to collaborate.

Councilwoman Gochis shared that she was out of town during the Arbor Day celebration but attended the Tooele Tech graduation, where her grandson graduated. She also attended the buffalo unveiling at the library and encouraged residents to check the library's social media for summer activities. She attended the Legislative Policy Committee meeting and summarized topics including legislative engagement, subdivision compliance, SB 174 research, housing and homelessness, and water policy. She noted there was a toolkit available for cities and emphasized communication with the Utah League of Cities and Towns if contacted by state auditors.

Councilman Hansen echoed Councilwoman Manzione's comments about their joint meeting with a resident and praised city staff for their professionalism. He also attended a Planning Commission meeting, which he described as a productive session with lively discussion.

Councilman McCall reported attending the Council of Governments (COG) meeting, the buffalo unveiling, and an Arts Council event. He also participated in both the Mayor's Golf Scramble and the Children's Justice Center fundraiser.

Chairman Brady briefly attended the Arbor Day celebration and received positive feedback from residents, including those from outside the city, about the newly planted trees. He also noted attending the Broadway Block Party, and stated that the North Tooele City Special Service District continued to thrive. He mentioned that flower planting would soon take place in the medians and park strips along 2000 North.

#### **5. Discussion Items**

##### **a. Code 10-3-7 Allowing Large Vehicles on Certain Streets**

*Presented by Adrian Day, Police Chief*

Police Chief Adrian Day clarified that the correct code section was 10-2-7 and proposed several changes intended to improve clarity, safety, and enforcement. He recommended removing the phrase "licensed or actually" from the vehicle definition in Section 1, noting that gross vehicle weight was



already a well-understood standard in the trucking industry. He also proposed eliminating the requirement in Sections 2 and 3 for the Police Chief to grant written permission for truck route deviations, citing liability concerns and the redundancy with Section 4, which already exempted travel for deliveries, construction, and nearby businesses.

Chief Day raised the possibility of allowing truck drivers to park their vehicles at their personal residences, which was not addressed under the current code. He also discussed damage caused by overweight vehicles on residential roads, referencing a recent incident involving a truck weighing nearly 100,000 pounds on Vine Street, which significantly exceeded its 80,000-pound rating.

He further recommended striking language in Section 6 that made parking violations a Class B misdemeanor, clarifying that such offenses should remain civil matters as described in Section 5. Additionally, he proposed limiting designated truck routes strictly to SR-36 and SR-112. He explained that other roads currently listed – such as Droubay Road, Pine Canyon Road, and Tooele Boulevard – either led nowhere, lacked adequate infrastructure, or passed through residential areas.

The Council discussed difficulties with truckers using mismarked GPS routes not in compliance with city code and the challenges of updating incorrect online data. Mayor Winn and Chief Day emphasized that safety was the primary concern, especially near schools and in neighborhoods, and noted past efforts to notify industrial depot businesses. They agreed that further outreach would be beneficial.

Councilwoman Gochis shared that trucks from a nearby trucking school frequently used 200 South, damaging overhead utility lines and raising additional safety concerns. Chief Day noted that drivers were often more responsive to federal inspection penalties than local citations, which had improved enforcement outcomes.

The Council expressed support for Chief Day's proposed revisions, including the updated language and limiting truck routes to SR-36 and SR-112. Chairman Brady confirmed that the item would be brought forward at a future business meeting for formal action.

#### **b. Budget Discussion**

##### ***Presented by Shannon Wimmer, Finance Director***

Ms. Wimmer opened the discussion by inviting Council Members to ask questions or raise concerns about the tentative budget presented at the previous Council meeting. She noted that no specific questions had been submitted in advance, so no formal presentation had been prepared.

In response to a question from Councilwoman Gochis, Ms. Wimmer outlined several minor updates to the budget. These included a \$15,000 addition for IT monitoring software deemed essential for system security, a small \$9 adjustment for public defender compensation to account for a rounded COLA increase, and the allocation of \$600,000 in existing Road C funds - \$200,000 for slurry seal projects and \$400,000 for road improvements.

Chairman Brady and Councilwoman Manzione reflected on the productive budget process, emphasizing the alignment between Council and administration on priorities, particularly focusing on people and ongoing maintenance. Ms. Wimmer and Mayor Winn confirmed that substantial budget discussions had taken place prior to the tentative budget's release and praised the cooperative process.

Mayor Winn also corrected a previous statement, clarifying that the COLA included in the budget was 2.5%, not 2%, and that this had been consistent throughout the internal discussions and calculations.

Chairman Brady raised questions about the 50/50 sidewalk replacement program. Ms. Wimmer explained that approximately \$21,000 had been received from residents, resulting in about \$42,000 in sidewalk projects due to the city's match. Mr. Grandpre added that awareness remained a challenge

despite efforts to publicize the program. He noted that many applicants chose not to move forward after learning the cost and shared that residents sometimes opted to repair smaller sections of sidewalk based on affordability. He also confirmed that the Streets Department continued to replace sidewalks independently of the 50/50 program, particularly in cases of significant damage or ADA-related needs.

Mayor Winn praised the responsiveness of Streets Department staff, particularly in addressing accessibility concerns near Remington Park, and emphasized the importance of keeping sidewalk repair and 50/50 funding lines separate while maintaining flexibility for transfers if needed.

Ms. Wimmer confirmed the 50/50 fund balance remained healthy, with \$136,000 carried forward, and additional revenue added as projects were completed. She stated that budget meetings with staff were scheduled over the next two weeks to finalize carryover projects and ensure funding was appropriately allocated for any projects that would not be completed by fiscal year-end.

Chairman Brady and the Council agreed to place a standing budget discussion item on upcoming work meeting agendas to allow time for further review and follow-up questions before adoption at the second meeting in June. Ms. Wimmer welcomed Council Members to contact her directly with questions.

**2. Closed Meeting**

**~ Litigation, Property Acquisition, and/or Personnel**

Chairman Brady noted that there was no need for a closed meeting

**3. Adjourn**

There being no further business, Chairman Brady adjourned the meeting at 6:40 p.m.

*The content of the minutes is not intended, nor are they submitted, as a verbatim transcription of the meeting. These minutes are a brief overview of what occurred at the meeting.*

Approved this 4<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2025

  
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Justin Brady, City Council Chair