

City Council Business Meeting Minutes

Date: April 1, 2026

Time: 7:00 p.m.

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

Council Members Present

Justin Brady

Ed Hansen

Jon Gossett

Melodi Gochis

Dave McCall

Staff Present:

Maresa Manzione, Mayor

Andrew Stagg, Assistant City Attorney

Nathan Farrer, Public Works Director

Patrick Buhr, Assistant Public Works Director

Darwin Cook, Parks and Recreation Director

Kelley Anderson, Planning Commissioner

Paul Hansen, City Engineer

Andrew Aagard, Community Development Director

Chase Randall, City Library Director

Adrian Day, Police Chief

Shilo Baker, City Recorder

Loretta Herron, Deputy City Recorder

Minutes Prepared by Teresa Young

1. **Pledge of Allegiance**

Chairman Brady called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. **Roll Call**

Jon Gossett, Present

Melodi Gochis, Present

Ed Hansen, Present

Dave McCall, Present

Justin Brady, Present

3. **Mayor's Youth Recognition Awards**

Mayor Manzione expressed excitement over the full house, noting the strong support for the event, and welcomed everyone as they recognized three recipients of the Mayor's Youth Recognition Award.

Mayor Manzione recognized Meisha Cragun, a senior at Stansbury High School, as one of the recipients of the Mayor's Youth Recognition Award. Nominated by a school staff member, Meisha was commended for her caring nature, leadership, and dedication to serving others.

She is actively involved in yearbook, serves as president of the school Book Club, and participates in the Key Club, contributing to school and community service projects. Meisha also assists with youth presentations through her local martial arts group. Mayor Manzione highlighted her positive impact on others and congratulated her on her achievements.

Mayor Manzione next recognized Liliana Cruz Monosso, nominated by Mrs. Juliana Hoskins of St. Marguerite Catholic School. Liliana is recognized for her outstanding citizenship, strong character, and commitment to helping others. She consistently demonstrates kindness and thoughtfulness, supports classmates in need, and uplifts both peers and teachers. Her quiet leadership and dedication embody the spirit of the Mayor's Youth Recognition Award.

Lastly, Mayor Manzione recognized Westley Jimenez, nominated by Bethany Child of St. Marguerite Catholic School. He was recognized for his hard work, leadership, and dedication to serving others. He recently represented his school at the Diocesan Science and Engineering Fair and advanced to the Utah Science and Engineering Fair. Westley consistently helps others, whether through safety patrol, serving at the altar, assisting younger students, or volunteering in other ways, making him a positive role model and a valued member of his school community.

Mayor Manzione stated that the city takes pride in recognizing the youth of our community for their acts of kindness and leadership, which help make our community exceptional. To honor their achievements, the award recipients joined the council in the rotunda for a group photo, which will be shared with the local newspaper and on social media. Parents are also welcome to take their own photos.

The meeting paused briefly to allow for photos.

4. **Public Comment Period**

Chairman Brady opened the public comment period at 7:10 p.m. Seeing no members of the public coming forward, Chairman Brady closed the public hearing at 7:11 p.m.

5. **America 250 Library Monument Refurbishment**

Presented by Chase Randall, Library Director

Mr. Randall updated the City Council on several projects at the Tooele City Library in preparation for the America 250 celebration. Earlier this year, the library received a \$10,000 gift from the Andrew Carnegie Foundation, awarded to all libraries originally founded as Carnegie libraries. The funds were used to refurbish and restore the Pioneer monuments in front of the library, which had recently been vandalized.

The restoration included the library mud wall monument (built in 2009) and the main Pioneer monument, which honors the men, women, and children who settled Tooele between 1849 and 1869. The monuments were carefully cleaned and repaired, highlighting the detailed craftsmanship, engraved names of pioneers, and symbolic features representing family, education, industry, and progress.

Additionally, as part of America 250, a new mural celebrating America's achievements and technological innovations—from the Declaration of Independence to modern space exploration—will be installed in the library on April 4. He encouraged the community to visit the library to see the restored monuments and the new mural.

6. **Public Hearing and Motion on Ordinance 2025-32 An Ordinance of Tooele City Council Amending Section 7-9-2 of Tooele City Code Regarding the Parking of Recreational Vehicles**

Presented by Adrian Day, Police Chief

Police Chief Day presented a proposed amendment to the city code regarding the location and use of recreational vehicles specifically at homeless shelter facilities. The amendment, which has been reviewed by the Planning Commission, defines “homeless shelter” based on state code and clarifies what types of facilities are not included, such as micro shelters, behavioral health transition facilities, medical facilities, and psychiatric facilities. Under the amendment, up to two RVs would be allowed for a two-week period in a paved parking lot at a shelter that provides meals, showers, and bathroom access. The RVs must be maintained so that garbage or unsightly materials do not accumulate, and if a vehicle cannot move on its own after two weeks, the facility would be responsible for the cost of impoundment. This change was requested by the director of the Tooele County Housing Authority and supported by the local homeless shelter, Switch Point. Chief Day explained that the amendment provides a way to manage RVs used for homelessness, particularly by individuals coming from the Salt Lake area, giving them an opportunity to repair their vehicles or relocate appropriately. Currently, Switch Point is the only facility in Tooele that qualifies under this ordinance, and the police department will coordinate notification to ensure compliance.

Chairman Brady opened the public hearing at 7:22 p.m. Seeing no members of the public coming forward, Chairman Brady closed the public hearing at 7:23 p.m.

Motion: Councilman Hansen moved to approve Ordinance 2025-32 An Ordinance of Tooele City Council Amending Section 7-9-2 of Tooele City Code Regarding the Parking of Recreational Vehicles Councilman Gossett seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Councilman McCall, “Aye”; Councilman Hansen, “Aye”; Councilwoman Gochis, “Aye”; Councilman Gossett, “Aye”; and Chairman Brady, “Aye”. The motion passed 5-0.

7. **Public Hearing and Motion on Ordinance 2026-07 An Ordinance of Tooele City Amending Tooele City Code Section 7-26-3 Regarding Water Rights Exactions**

Presented by Paul Hansen, City Engineer

Mr. Hansen reported that the city is considering an update to its water rights review process. Since 1998, the city has required the exaction of water rights, and this proposed change does not alter the quantity required or existing obligations. Instead, it gives the city additional discretion to evaluate the quality, quantity, and sufficiency of water rights to ensure reliable future supply. The proposal was reviewed by the Planning Commission, which forwarded it to the council with a positive recommendation.

Chairman Brady opened the public hearing at 7:25 p.m. Seeing no members of the public coming forward, Chairman Brady closed the public hearing at 7:25 p.m.

Motion: Councilwoman Gochis moved to approve Ordinance 2026-07 An Ordinance of Tooele City Tooele City Code Section 7-26-3 Regarding Water Rights Exactions. Councilman McCall seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Councilman Gossett, “Aye”; Councilwoman Gochis, “Aye”; Councilman Hansen, “Aye”; Councilman McCall, “Aye”; and Chairman Brady, “Aye”. The motion passed 5-0.

8. **Public Hearing and Motion on Ordinance 2026-08 An Ordinance of the Tooele City Council Amending Section 7-4-7 of the Tooele City Code Regarding the Parking of Operable Motorized Vehicles in the Front and Side Yards of Residential Properties in Single-Family Residential Zoning Districts**

Presented by Andrew Aagard, Community Development Director

Mr. Aagard presented an update on the proposed amendment to Tooele City Code 7-4-4, addressing parking of vehicles in residential zones. The ordinance aims to curb situations where front yards are being used as vehicle storage, providing the city with clearer enforcement authority. Mr. Aagard noted the ordinance has been under discussion for several months, reviewed in multiple city council work sessions, and received a unanimous positive recommendation from the Planning Commission following a public hearing on March 25, 2026.

The amendment adds a section outlining where parking is allowed, including driveways, side yards adjacent to driveways, rear yards, and, under certain conditions, the opposite side yard is paved and with proper access. Circular drives are exempt, and all parking areas must be appropriately paved. Parking is prohibited between the inside edge of the driveway and the front corner of the home. A graphic illustrating permitted and prohibited parking areas will also be added to the ordinance.

Mr. Aagard emphasized that while the ordinance is not perfect, it balances property owners' rights with neighborhood aesthetics and city enforcement needs. Council members noted that the ordinance represents a strong compromise between citizen flexibility and city regulation.

Chairman Brady opened the public hearing at 7:30 p.m. Seeing no members of the public coming forward, Chairman Brady closed the public hearing at 7:31 p.m.

Motion: Councilman Gossett moved to approve Ordinance 2026-08 An Ordinance of the Tooele City Council Amending Section 7-4-7 of the Tooele City Code Regarding the Parking of Operable Motorized Vehicles in the Front and Side Yards of Residential Properties in Single-Family Residential Zoning Districts. Councilwoman Gochis seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Councilman McCall, "Aye"; Councilman Hansen, "Aye"; Councilwoman Gochis, "Aye"; Councilman Gossett, "Aye"; and Chairman Brady, "Aye". The motion passed 5-0.

9. Resolution 2026-16 A Resolution of the Tooele City Council Consenting to the Mayor's Appointment of William Monosso to the Tooele Valley Museum Advisory Board

Presented by Maresa Manzione, Mayor

Mayor Manzione announced the appointment of Mr. Monosso for a three-year term on the Tooele Valley Museum Advisory Board. She emphasized his deep family ties to Tooele, noting that his ancestors were pioneers in the area and had connections to the Utah Pioneers Museum, as well as local mining and law enforcement. Mr. Monosso wrote a heartfelt commitment to preserving and sharing Tooele's rich history and heritage with new residents, promoting a sense of community pride. The Mayor and the City Council commended his dedication and enthusiastically recommended him for the board.

Motion: Councilman Hansen moved to approve Resolution 2026-16 A Resolution of the Tooele City Council Consenting to the Mayor's Appointment of William Monosso to the Tooele Valley Museum Advisory Board. Councilman McCall seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Councilman Gossett, "Aye"; Councilwoman Gochis, "Aye"; Councilman Hansen, "Aye"; Councilman McCall, "Aye"; and Chairman Brady, "Aye". The motion passed 5-0.

10. Resolution 2026-17 A Resolution of the Tooele City Council Approving an Agreement Change Order No. 3 with Hydro Resources Rocky Mountain, Inc., for Drilling of the 2025 Tooele City Wells Project

Presented by Nathan Farrer, Public Works Director

Mr. Farrer updated the City Council on the wellhead project, explaining that the city will cover the cost of installing a protective casing to ensure the wellhead remains viable. He also requested approval to increase the contingency fund to \$223,500 to address potential future emergencies, noting that the resolution would need to be amended to include this updated amount.

Motion: Councilman Hansen moved to approve Resolution 2026-17 A Resolution of the Tooele City Council Approving an Agreement Change Order No. 3 with Hydro Resources Rocky Mountain, Inc., for Drilling of the 2025 Tooele City Wells Project which includes approval of the contingency of \$223,500. Councilwoman Gochis seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Councilman McCall, "Aye"; Councilman Hansen, "Aye"; Councilwoman Gochis, "Aye"; Councilman Gossett, "Aye"; and Chairman Brady, "Aye". The motion passed 5-0.

11. Resolution 2026-18 A Resolution of the Tooele City Council Approving an Agreement with Huber Technology, LLC, for the Water Reclamation Facility Solar Dryer Project

Presented by Nathan Farrer, Public Works Director

Mr. Farrer presented the procurement request for Turner machines to support the solar dryer greenhouse in processing biosolids from the treatment process. He explained that the lead time for the equipment is 24 to 36 weeks, making it timely to order now so it aligns with the completion of new concrete floors. The total cost, including spare parts and associated technology, is \$2,676,167. Mr. Farrer noted that while the price is significant, it represents a necessary and strategic investment for the project, with a discount applied to the second and third machines.

Motion: Councilman McCall moved to approve Resolution 2026-18 A Resolution of the Tooele City Council Approving an Agreement with Huber Technology, LLC, for the Water Reclamation Facility Solar Dryer Project. Councilman Hansen seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Councilman Gossett, "Aye"; Councilwoman Gochis, "Aye"; Councilman Hansen, "Aye"; Councilman McCall, "Aye"; and Chairman Brady, "Aye". The motion passed 5-0.

Mayor Manzione announced that the city has hired a new Assistant Public Works Director, Patrick Buhr, who started two weeks ago, and introduced him to the council.

12. Resolution 2026-19 A Resolution of the Tooele City Council Authorizing the Application for and Acceptance of Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant Funding for Police Department Equipment

Presented by Adrian Day, Police Chief

Chief Day reported that the department is set to receive \$22,945 from a federal justice grant based on violent crime data submissions. The funds will be used to purchase an unmanned aircraft system (X10 model) that meets all grant requirements, increasing the likelihood of approval. No local match is required.

Motion: Councilman Gossett moved to approve Resolution 2026-19 A Resolution of the Tooele City Council Authorizing the Application for and Acceptance of Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant Funding for Police Department Equipment. Councilman McCall seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Councilman McCall, "Aye"; Councilman Hansen, "Aye"; Councilwoman Gochis, "Aye"; Councilman Gossett, "Aye"; and Chairman Brady, "Aye". The motion passed 5-0.

13. Resolution 2026-20 A Resolution of the Tooele City Council Approving an Interlocal Agreement Between Tooele City and Tooele County for 2026 Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant Funds

Presented by Adrian Day, Police Chief

Chief Adrian Day explained that to secure the federal grant, the city must enter a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the county. While the county itself does not qualify for funding due to low violent crime rates, their approval is required for the application. This year's county council meeting to authorize the MOU is on April 7, which is the necessary deadline to submit the grant. He noted that only four counties in Utah qualify for this grant, highlighting the city's higher violent crime rate relative to its size, even compared to larger cities like Provo.

Motion: Councilman Hansen moved to approve Resolution 2026-20 A Resolution of the Tooele City Council Approving an Interlocal Agreement Between Tooele City and Tooele County for 2026 Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant Funds. Councilman McCall seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Councilman Gossett, "Aye"; Councilwoman Gochis, "Aye"; Councilman Hansen, "Aye"; Councilman McCall, "Aye"; and Chairman Brady, "Aye". The motion passed 5-0.

Councilman McCall asked Chief Day about how this grant compares across Utah, noting that Provo receives slightly more funding despite having a much larger population. Chief Day confirmed that only 17 cities qualify, and the city's allocation reflects its high violent crime rate relative to population. Councilman McCall emphasized that this highlights the community's need for law enforcement resources and expressed appreciation for their work.

14. Invoices & Purchase Orders

Presented by Shilo Baker, City Recorder

Ms. Baker presented two invoices for City Council consideration. The first is to LN Curtis & Sons for SCBA packs and bottles for the Fire Department, totaling \$56,498. The second is to IWorq's for Public Works software management and annual support, totaling \$30,750.

Motion: Councilwoman Gochis moved to approve the invoices as stated. Councilman Hansen seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Councilman McCall, "Aye"; Councilman Hansen, "Aye"; Councilwoman Gochis, "Aye"; Councilman Gossett, "Aye"; and Chairman Brady, "Aye". The motion passed 5-0.

15. Minutes

~March 18, 2026, Business Meeting

There were no corrections to the minutes.

Motion: Councilman Hansen moved to approve the minutes from the March 18, 2026, Business Meeting. Councilman McCall seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Councilman Gossett, "Aye"; Councilwoman Gochis, "Aye"; Councilman Hansen, "Aye"; Councilman McCall, "Aye"; and Chairman Brady, "Aye". The motion passed 5-0.

16. Adjourn

Chairman Brady adjourned the meeting 7:45 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 15th day of April 2026


Justin Brady, City Council Chair