

City Council Business Meeting Minutes

Date: February 18, 2026

Time: 7:06 p.m.

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

Council Members Present:

Justin Brady
Dave McCall
Ed Hansen
Jon Gossett
Melodi Gochis

Staff Present:

Maresa Manzione, Mayor
Matthew Johnson, City Attorney
Nathan Farrer, Public Works Director
Darwin Cook, Parks and Recreation Director
Kelley Anderson, Planning Commissioner
Adrian Day, Police Chief
Paul Hansen, City Engineer
Andrew Aagard, Community Development Director
Shannon Wimmer, Finance Director
Shilo Baker, City Recorder
Loretta Herron, Deputy City Recorder
Chase Randall, Library Director

Minutes Prepared by Teresa Young

1. **Pledge of Allegiance**

Chairman Brady called meeting to order at 7:06 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. **America 250 Tribute**

Reading of the Declaration of Independence Presented by Chase Randall, Library Director

Mr. Randall volunteered to read the Declaration of Independence. In doing so, he noted that while much of the Council's work focuses on the technical details and day-to-day mechanics of governance—such as water rights, development, and policy—it is important to periodically reflect on the underlying purpose of that work. He observed that while the Constitution, along with the state constitution and city charter, defines the “how” of government, the Declaration of Independence clearly articulates the “why,” serving as a reminder of the principles and values that guide public service.

4. **State Funded Grant for Court Victim Advocates**

Presented by Velynn Matson, Tooele Victim Advocate

Ms. Matson, Court Victim Advocate with the Tooele City Police Department, provided a biannual update as required by state grant funding. She reported that beginning with the current grant cycle in July, her approved hours were increased, allowing the program to expand services. As a result, the Victim Advocate program assisted 426 crime victims, compared to 302 victims served during the previous eight-month period.

Ms. Matson noted that the additional hours have improved consistency in outreach and support for victims and their families. She highlighted a significant case involving a DUI-related homicide that occurred on September 26, 2025, at Main Street and 2400 North. The defendant has since entered a guilty plea and was sentenced to one to twenty years in the Utah State Prison. Victim services were provided to the surviving family, including support during court proceedings and victim impact statements. She also reported that victim services are currently being provided to the family affected by the recent incident at Main Street and 1000 North. Ms. Matson expressed appreciation for the City's continued support of victim services. Council members thanked her for her work and commitment to the community.

5. **Public Comment Period**

Chairman Brady reported that the city received one public comment via email on Tuesday, February 17, at 10:39 a.m. The email expressed concerns regarding the installation of cameras throughout the City and requested information on who approved and installed the cameras, as well as the associated cost to taxpayers. The comment was submitted by Shyanna Jorgensen of Tooele.

Chairman Brady opened the public hearing at 7:19 p.m. Seeing no members of the public coming forward, Chairman Brady closed the public hearing at 7:19 p.m.

6. **Public Hearing and Motion on Ordinance 2026-02 An Ordinance of the Tooele City Council Vacating a Municipal Utility Easement Near 2400 North Main Street (The Peak at Compass Point Subdivision) and Accepting a Replacement Municipal Utility Easement for Identical Utility Service to the Same Area**

Presented by Paul Hansen, City Engineer

Mr. Hansen advised this resolution addresses a utility easement within the Peak at Compass Point development, located at the northwest corner of 2400 North and SR-36. The City has a water line running through the development that connects back into the municipal system, making it public infrastructure that must be protected from cross-contamination and potential damage. While an easement was originally

created and shown on the subdivision plat, minor adjustments were made during construction to account for field conditions. This action vacates the original easement and replaces it with a new easement that accurately reflects the utilities as they were constructed. The revised easement does not change the size or scope of the easement; it simply corrects its location to match existing infrastructure.

Chairman Brady opened the public hearing at 7:21 p.m. Seeing no members of the public coming forward, Chairman Brady closed the public hearing at 7:21 p.m.

Motion: Council Member Hansen moved to approve Ordinance 2026-02 An Ordinance of the Tooele City Council Vacating a Municipal Utility Easement Near 2400 North Main Street (The Peak at Compass Point Subdivision) and Accepting a Replacement Municipal Utility Easement for Identical Utility Service to the Same Area. Councilman McCall seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Councilman McCall, "Aye"; Council Hansen, "Aye"; Councilwoman Gochis, "Aye"; Councilman Gossett, "Aye"; and Chairman Brady, "Aye". The motion passed 5-0.

7. **Ordinance 2026-03 An Ordinance of the Tooele City Council Amending Tooele City Code Chapter 1-26, Clarifying Application of Fee Changes to New and Pending Submissions, and Updating Reference to Utah Code**

Presented by Shannon Wimmer, Finance Director

Ms. Wimmer advised that this ordinance updates City Code 1-26, Sections 1 and 2, to clarify when newly adopted fees take effect. Under the revised language, any fee change approved by the City Council will apply to all new and pending applications or submissions for which the fee has not yet been paid in full, unless the fee is otherwise vested by law or governed by a written agreement with the City. In general, fees will take effect immediately upon adoption unless a different effective date is specified in the adopting resolution. This recognizes existing exceptions, such as impact fees, which are subject to a statutory 90-day waiting period. The clarification is intended to ensure consistency in internal procedures and fee implementation.

Motion: Councilwoman Gochis moves to approve Ordinance 2026-03 An Ordinance of the Tooele City Council Amending Tooele City Code Chapter 1-26, Clarifying Application of Fee Changes to New and Pending Submissions, and Updating Reference to Utah Code. Councilman Gossett 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. **Resolution 2026-06 A Resolution of the Tooele City Council Amending the Legislative Policy Regarding Public Comments in Public Meetings, Applicable to the Public Comment Period and Public Hearings**

Presented by Matthew Johnson, City Attorney

Mr. Johnson advised that this resolution amends the City's public comment policy to clarify how written public comments are handled. The update addresses uncertainty regarding which portions of the existing policy—originally focused on verbal, in-person comments—apply to comments submitted in writing. Additional clarifications distinguish between public hearings and the general public comment period. Revisions discussed at the prior work meeting are reflected in the red- and blue-lined version, with red indicating the original proposed changes and blue indicating revisions made since that meeting. A key change extends the deadline for written comments from 5:00 p.m. to 11:59 p.m. the day prior to the

meeting, providing clearer guidance to both staff and the public. Minor edits were also made to improve clarity and avoid impractical requirements. The overall purpose of the resolution is to ensure consistency, transparency, and clear procedures for receiving written public comments.

Motion: Councilman McCall moves to approve Resolution 2026-06 A Resolution of the Tooele City Council Amending the Legislative Policy Regarding Public Comments in Public Meetings, Applicable to the Public Comment Period and Public Hearings. 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.

9. **Resolution 2026-08 A Resolution of the Tooele City Council Waiving Development Impact Fees for the Tooele County Housing Authority's Harvey Subdivision**

Presented by Matthew Johnson, City Attorney

Mr. Johnson advised this resolution considers a request from the Tooele County Housing Authority for a waiver of impact fees associated with the construction of six dwelling units. The City Council has the discretionary authority to waive up to \$10,000 per dwelling unit for this type of housing, for a potential total waiver of \$60,000. Any approved waiver would be funded from the City's fund balance. Consistent with prior resolutions, the specific dollar amount is left blank in the resolution and would be stated in the motion if approved. The matter was discussed earlier in the work meeting, with councilmembers expressing support for approving the maximum waiver amount per unit due to the positive impact on housing affordability.

Motion: Councilman Gossett moved to approve Resolution 2026-08 A Resolution of the Tooele City Council Waiving Development Impact Fees for the Tooele County Housing Authority's Harvey Subdivision for \$10,000 each dwelling unit for a total of \$60,000. Councilwoman Gochis 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 2026-07 A Resolution of the Tooele City Council Approving an Agreement with Aarrow Landscape Construction, LLC, for the 2026 Tooele Valley Museum Sidewalk Project**

Presented by Darwin Cook, Parks & Recreation Director

Mr. Cook provided an update on recent improvements to the Tooele Valley Museum and Historical Park property, including multiple sidewalk upgrades and enhanced public access. A key improvement for the upcoming season is the inclusion of the Foreman's House as part of the museum exhibit, now fully accessible to the public with the addition of an ADA-compliant ramp. Mr. Cook emphasized the museum's growing value as a community asset and its role in preserving and sharing local history. The resolution presented proposes entering into a contract with Aarrow Landscape Construction LLC, to

construct a new six-foot-wide sidewalk along the south side of the museum property where an existing sidewalk easement exists but no sidewalk is currently built. The area is heavily used by pedestrians, including students, and the new sidewalk would replace an informal dirt path. The project also includes repairing deteriorated sidewalk sections between First Street and Pinehurst, adding an ADA-compliant crossing, and removing obsolete driveway approaches from the site's former use as a depot. The project was competitively bid, with twelve bidders responding. Aarrow Landscape Construction, LLC, was

selected as the low bidder with a total cost of \$73,591.25. Of that amount, \$65,497.50 will be funded through the Capital Projects Fund for the museum portion, and \$8,093.75 will come from the General Sidewalk Fund for the First Street to Pinehurst segment. The contractor has a proven track record with prior city sidewalk and parking lot projects. Councilmembers expressed support for the project, noting improvements to safety, accessibility, and the overall appearance of the property.

Motion: Councilwoman Gochis moved to approve Resolution 2026-07 A Resolution of the Tooele City Council Approving an Agreement with Aarrow Landscape Construction, LLC, for the 2026 Tooele Valley Museum Sidewalk Project. 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.

11. **Invoices & Purchase Orders**

Presented by Shilo Baker, City Recorder

No invoices were presented.

12. **Minutes**

- ~February 4, 2026 Work Meeting
- ~February 4, 2026 Business Meeting

Motion: Councilman Hansen made a motion to approve the February 4, 2026 Work Meeting Minutes and the February 4, 2026 Meeting Minutes. Councilwoman Gochis 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 passes 5-0.

13. **Adjourn**

Chairman Brady adjourned the meeting at 7:38 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 4th day of March, 2026


Justin Brady, City Council Chair

Shilo Baker

From: Shyanne j
Sent: Tuesday, February 17, 2026 10:39 AM
To: Council Meeting Public Comment
Subject: Mass Surveillance

[External Email]
Hello Tooele,

Just a friendly FYI that Tooele has mass surveillance, cameras all around town. Isn't that for Communist China?

I think we need an explanation of who approved and installed these. How much are they costing the taxpayers?

requesting

Shyanne Jorgensen of Tooele