

City Council Work Meeting Minutes

Date: September 16, 2026

Time: 6:15 p.m.

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

Council Members Present

Jon Gossett
Justin Brady
Ed Hansen
Melodi Gochis

Excused:

Dave McCall

Staff Present:

Maresa Manzione, Mayor
Matthew Johnson, City Attorney
Nathan Farrer, Public Works Director
Patrick Buhr, Public Works Assistant Director
Adrian Day, Police Chief
Shannon Wimmer, Finance Director
Andrew Aagard, Community Development Director
Paul Hansen, City Engineer
Shilo Baker, City Recorder
Clarissa Pankratz, Deputy City Recorder
Teresa Young, Clerk/Minute Composition

Minutes Prepared by Teresa Young

1. Open City Council Meeting

Chairman Brady opened the meeting at 6:15 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Councilman Gossett, Present
Councilwoman Gochis, Present
Councilman Hansen, Present
Chairman Brady, Present

Councilman McCall, Excused

3. Mayor's Report

Mayor Manzione reported on Homecoming Week and encouraged the community to support local high school activities. She also announced that the County is beginning the process of updating its Pre-Disaster

Mitigation Plan, which is updated every five years. A public survey will be available through the City's website and social media to gather community input regarding local risks. She thanked Chief Colovich and the Fire Department for their assistance with the planning process.

Mayor Manzione also shared a letter of appreciation received by the Police Department from residents who were out of town when their home alarm was activated multiple times. The Police Department responded and coordinated with the residents' security company, neighbors, and family members to ensure the home was monitored. The residents expressed their gratitude for the professionalism and care provided by the Police Department.

4. Council Members' Report

Councilman Hansen reported attending the Planning Commission meeting, which he said went well and included discussion of several items. He also attended a tour of a data center in Eagle Mountain with the Mayor and other Council members. He reported that the tour provided an opportunity to learn more about data center operations. Councilman Hansen also participated in the Deseret Peak High School Homecoming parade and attended an LHC (Local Homeless Council) meeting.

Councilwoman Gochis reported attending a League of Cities and Towns "Leading Together" meeting focused on effective governance for Utah cities with five- to six-member councils. She also attended her regularly scheduled meeting with Mayor Manzione, the ribbon cutting for the new McDonald's near Smith's Marketplace, and the Deseret Peak High School Homecoming parade.

Councilman Gossett reported attending the Arts Council meeting, where he viewed renderings of the proposed renovations to the Ritz, including the exterior, interior, concessions, and restrooms. He expressed enthusiasm about the project and the proposed design.

Chairman Brady reported attending the 9/11 Memorial Walk on September 12 and noted an excellent turnout, with attendance estimated at more than 200 people. He also reported receiving concerns from residents regarding traffic on Frank's Drive/600 West. The concerns have been shared with City staff, and improvements are anticipated as UDOT completes work on the intersection.

5. Discussion Items

a. Transportation Master Plan Update

Presented by Nathan Farrer, Public Works Director

Mr. Farrer provided an update on the City's Transportation Master Plan, noting that due to significant growth and development, the City has contracted with Hales Engineering to prepare a new plan. The process is expected to take approximately one year to 18 months and will evaluate roadway expansion and improvements, transportation network connectivity, traffic patterns, travel times, and coordination with UDOT and other regional partners. The contract amount is \$130,000, with optional components such as a speed management study and impact fee analysis excluded from the scope.

Mr. Farrer explained that the City will collect updated data rather than relying primarily on the 2021 transportation plan due to the growth experienced since that plan was completed. The process will include stakeholder engagement with the Council, City staff, developers, and local, regional, and state agencies. He discussed the need to improve connectivity, particularly near

Frank's Drive and 1000 North, and noted the constraints created by the railroad and State Route 112. The plan will also consider pedestrian access, public transportation, roadway maintenance, and potential changes to highway designations.

In response to questions, Mr. Farrer explained that although some information from the 2021 plan may be used as a baseline, much of the data will be updated to reflect current conditions. He indicated that the consultants are expected to consider the regional transportation network, including County planning efforts.

The Council discussed UTA's on-demand transit service, including concerns that service ends early in the evening, making it difficult for some residents to return home from work. Mr. Farrer reported that UTA has discussed expanding service, including potentially making on-demand service more robust by 2037, but that additional commuter bus service was not currently planned in the near term. He noted that the City hopes the new transportation plan can help demonstrate the need for expanded public transportation and support discussions with UTA and UDOT.

The Council also discussed the limited number of locations where traffic can cross the railroad and the resulting congestion and connectivity challenges. Mr. Farrer stated that the City is working with UDOT and the consultants to emphasize these limitations and identify additional ways to improve access throughout the City. The completed plan will be brought back to the Council for review and will help establish priorities for future transportation projects and budget decisions.

6. Closed Meeting

~ Litigation, Property Acquisition, and/or Personnel

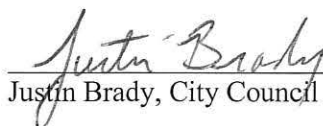
Chairman Brady advised there was no need for a closed meeting.

7. Adjourn

Chairman Brady adjourned the meeting 6:36 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 7th day of October, 2026


Justin Brady, City Council Chair