

MINUTES OF THE DRAPER CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2025, IN THE DRAPER CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 1020 EAST PIONEER ROAD, DRAPER, UTAH

PRESENT: Mayor Troy K. Walker, and Councilmembers Mike Green, Bryn Heather Johnson, Tasha Lowery, Fred Lowry (via Zoom), and Marsha Vawdrey

EXCUSED:

STAFF: Mike Barker, City Manager; Kellie Challburg, Assistant City Manager; Scott Cooley, City Engineer and Public Works Director; Traci Gunderson, City Attorney; Spencer DuShane, Assistant City Attorney; Rich Ferguson, Chief of Police; Rhett Ogden, Parks and Recreation Director; Laura Oscarson, City Recorder; Linda Peterson, Communications Director; Clint Smith, Fire Chief; Jake Sorensen, Network Manager; and John Vuyk, Finance Director; Nicole Smedley

Study Session

Report: Fuels Mitigation

Fire Chief Clint Smith and Parker Hansen provided updates on fuels mitigation efforts, participation in the State's Community Wildfire Protection Program, grant funding sources, FY2025 deployments, and specific bills currently under consideration by the State Legislature. They spoke of equipment that would improve efficiency in the Fire Department, emphasized the desire to be proactive, and answered questions from the Council.

Discussion: Boundary Adjustment with Highland City

City Manager Mike Barker explained a request from Highland City to adjust the common boundary in the southeast corner of Draper. He said the next step would be to pass a resolution of intent. Councilmember T. Lowery said she understood the request, and expressed that Highland City had never contributed to trail maintenance, yet Highland residents wanted trail access. She said it would be nice if neighboring cities partnered with Draper City in making the trail systems successful, and emphasized that Draper was bearing the entire financial burden. Councilmember F. Lowry said he was not interested in going forward with a boundary adjustment unless Highland City came to the table with a plan for helping contribute. A majority of the Council indicated agreement.

Council/Manager Reports

- Councilmember Johnson reported on the Kindness Initiative sponsored by the Community Engagement Committee.
- Mayor Walker gave an update on the current Legislative Session.

Business Session

1. Call to Order by Mayor Troy K. Walker
2. Pledge of Allegiance led by Chief Smith
3. Public Comments
None
4. Consent Items
 - 4.a Approval of the February 4, 2025 City Council Meeting Minutes
 - 4.b Approval of Resolution #25-07 approving the disposal of property seized as evidence in accordance with Utah Code Section 77-11a-402
 - 4.c Approval of Resolution #25-08 reappointing Laura Bakker to the Draper City Tree Committee
 - 4.d Approval of Resolution #25-09 reappointing Christine Green as a Planning Commission Alternate

Councilmember T. Lowery moved to approve the Consent Items. Councilmember Vawdrey seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken. The motion passed unanimously.

	Yes	No	Absent
Councilmember Green	X		
Councilmember Johnson	X		
Councilmember T. Lowery	X		
Councilmember F. Lowry	X		
Councilmember Vawdrey	X		

5. Oath of Office
City Recorder Laura Oscarson administered the Oath of Office to the new City Recorder Nicole Smedley. Mayor Walker thanked Ms. Oscarson for her time as City Recorder and wished her the best in retirement. Mayor Walker welcomed Ms. Smedley to Draper City.

6. Items for Council Consideration

6.a Public Hearing: Ordinance #1634 approving a one-time incentive payment to the Mayor in recognition for his outstanding service and extensive involvement on various boards and commissions during the 2024-2025 period

Mayor Walker opened a public hearing, and closed the public hearing seeing no one come forward.

City Manager Mike Barker said the Council would need to decide on an amount for the one-time incentive payment if they decided to approve the ordinance. Mr. Barker spoke of Mayor Walker's time commitment and contribution on various boards and commissions, giving voice to Draper City businesses and residents. He said the proposed ordinance, if approved, would recognize the Mayor's time spent making sure the interests of Draper were well protected.

Councilmember T. Lowery asked how the situation was handled in other cities. Mr. Barker said staff put together a spreadsheet of mayoral salaries around the State, including incentive programs and additional compensations. Mr. Barker said he believed the proposed one-time incentive payment to be well in line with what other cities did to compensate their mayors for participation with external boards and commissions. Mayor Walker emphasized the incentive payment was not his idea, but said the recognition of his time spent was appreciated.

Referring to the Mayor's work with the Utah League of Cities and Towns (ULCT) and other external groups, Councilmember T. Lowery said she believed the Council could not underestimate the power of having Mayor Walker's voice at the table. She recognized that time spent representing the interests of Draper was time the Mayor did not spend in his professional career, and expressed support for the one-time incentive payment. Councilmember Green said he believed Mayor Walker was definitely deserving of the incentive payment. Councilmember Johnson said Mayor Walker had been as effective as he was because of the relationships he had created. Councilmember Vawdrey said Mayor Walker was great for the City, and said the Council appreciated Mayor Walker.

Councilmember Green moved to approve Ordinance #1634 authorizing a one-time incentive payment of \$10,000 in recognition of Mayor Walker for his outstanding service. Councilmember Vawdrey seconded the motion.

Councilmember F. Lowry expressed the opinion that the incentive payment was more than due, and said he appreciated the extra hours the Mayor had spent every year he had been in office.

A roll call vote was taken. The motion passed unanimously.

	Yes	No	Absent
Councilmember Green	X		
Councilmember Johnson	X		
Councilmember T. Lowery	X		
Councilmember F. Lowry	X		
Councilmember Vawdrey	X		

6.b Action Item: Resolution #25-10 adopting the Capitalization Threshold for Draper City

Finance Director John Vuyk presented a proposal to change Draper City capitalization thresholds. He explained that “capital asset” was defined by the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) as an asset used in operations with initial useful life extending beyond a single reporting period, and currently defined by Draper City as an asset with an initial individual cost of more than \$5,000 and an estimated useful life in excess of one year. Mr. Vuyk said the Draper City standard was established in 1999. He said staff reviewed all Draper City assets and determined City assets fell into eight categories. He proposed the following asset classifications, with updated capitalization thresholds and useful life. Mr. Vuyk said the City would save time in capitalizing assets with the proposed changes.

Asset Classification	Capitalization Threshold	Useful Life (In Years)
Office Equipment	\$10,000	3-7
Furniture and Equipment	\$10,000	5-15
Machinery and Equipment	\$10,000	5-15
Improvements (Other than buildings)	\$10,000	7-40
Vehicles	\$20,000	5-15
Infrastructure	\$20,000	10-20
Buildings (Including improvements)	\$20,000	7-40
Water Tanks	\$50,000	100

Councilmember T. Lowery moved to approve Resolution #25-10.
Councilmember Vawdrey seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken. The motion passed unanimously.

	Yes	No	Absent
Councilmember Green	X		
Councilmember Johnson	X		
Councilmember T. Lowery	X		
Councilmember F. Lowry	X		
Councilmember Vawdrey	X		

7. Adjournment

Councilmember Green moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Johnson seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous vote.

The meeting adjourned at 7:22 pm.