

MINUTES OF COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING JUNE 24, 2025

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THE WEST VALLEY CITY COUNCIL MET IN REGULAR ELECTRONIC SESSION ON TUESDAY, JUNE 24, 2025 AT 6:30 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, WEST VALLEY CITY HALL, 3600 CONSTITUTION BOULEVARD, WEST VALLEY CITY, UTAH. THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AND CONDUCTED BY MAYOR KAREN LANG.

THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS WERE PRESENT:

Karen Lang, Mayor
Don Christensen, Councilmember At-Large
Lars Nordfelt, Councilmember At-Large (*electronically*)
Tom Huynh, Councilmember District 1
Scott Harmon, Councilmember District 2
William Whetstone, Councilmember District 3
Cindy Wood, Councilmember District 4

STAFF PRESENT:

Ifo Pili, City Manager
Nichole Camac, City Recorder
John Flores, Assistant City Manager
Eric Bunderson, City Attorney
Colleen Jacobs, Police Chief (*electronically*)
John Evans, Fire Chief
Jim Welch, Finance Director (*electronically*)
Steve Pastorik, CED Director
Dan Johnson, Public Works Director
Candace Whitaker, Acting Parks and Recreation Director (*electronically*)
Jason Erikson, Acting Parks and Recreation Director (*electronically*)
Jonathan Springmeyer, RDA Director
Sam Johnson, Strategic Communications Director
Paula Melgar, Human Resources Director
Lauren McPeak, Administration (*electronically*)
Travis Crosby, IT

OPENING CEREMONY- COUNCILMEMBER WOOD

Councilmember Wood asked members of the Council, staff, and audience to rise and recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING HELD JUNE 10, 2025

The Council considered the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held June 10, 2025. There were no changes, corrections or deletions.

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Councilmember Harmon moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held June 10, 2025. Councilmember Christensen seconded the motion.

A voice vote was taken and all members voted in favor of the motion.

AWARDS, CEREMONIES, AND PROCLAMATIONS

A. RECOGNITION OF HUNTER HIGH KEY CLUB

Mayor Lang and the City Council expressed appreciation to the Hunter High Key club for their fundraising efforts and contribution to the Victim Services Division.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Jim Vesock reported attending the Salt Lake County Council's recent budget meeting. He noted the meeting was lengthy and shared his appreciation for West Valley's finance staff, particularly praising Finance Director Jim Welch for providing clear, accessible budget information—something he found lacking in the County's presentation materials. Jim also shared concerns raised during the County meeting about increased security for public officials. He noted that Mayor Jenny Wilson now has a security detail due to rising threats, and that County Council members also have access to similar protection when needed. He expressed sadness that the current social climate requires such measures for those serving the public. Regarding WestFest, Jim said he attended for several days and generally thought it was a well-organized and enjoyable event, with improved layout and more shade. However, he relayed concerns from vendors about poor sales, vendor redundancy, and issues with music volume near food booths. He suggested the WestFest Committee consider limiting similar vendor types to help support better sales outcomes in future years.

Cheneil Hill, representing SAFE (Stand Against Fear and Exploitation), introduced the organization as a Utah-based 501(c)(4) nonprofit made up of survivors, advocates, families, and citizens focused on protecting the vulnerable and demanding accountability. While one of their current campaigns targets sex offender registry reform, their broader mission includes addressing systemic failures in handling abuse across institutions such as government, religion, and education. SAFE also advocates for victims of domestic violence, elder abuse, trafficking, and institutional cover-ups, and supports families affected by preventable tragedies. Cheneil emphasized that SAFE is not a single-issue group but a movement for justice and community empowerment. She requested the Council's support—not in the form of funding or public endorsements, but in collective backing to demonstrate to lawmakers that communities across Utah demand stronger protections. She concluded by thanking the Council for their service and expressing appreciation for their work on behalf of the community.

Giovanni Salazar introduced himself as a candidate running for Councilmember District 4.

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PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. ACCEPT PUBLIC INPUT REGARDING TOTAL COMPENSATION INCREASE OF MUNICIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICERS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026

Mayor Lang informed a public hearing had been advertised for the Regular Council Meeting scheduled June 24, 2025 in order for the City Council to hear and consider public comments regarding Total Compensation Increase of Municipal Executive Officers for Fiscal Year 2025-2026.

Mayor Lang opened the Public Hearing. There being no one to speak in favor or opposition, Mayor Lang closed the Public Hearing.

B. ACCEPT PUBLIC INPUT REGARDING APPLICATION GP-2-2025, FILED BY WEST VALLEY CITY, REQUESTING A GENERAL PLAN CHANGE TO PROVIDE A COMPREHENSIVE UPDATE TO THE MAJOR STREET PLAN

Mayor Lang informed a public hearing had been advertised for the Regular Council Meeting scheduled June 24, 2025 in order for the City Council to hear and consider public comments Application GP-2-2025, Filed by West Valley City, Requesting the GP-2-2025, Filed by West Valley City, Requesting a General Plan Change to Provide a Comprehensive Update to the Major Street Plan

Written documentation previously provided to the City Council included information as follows:

The Major Street Plan defines street alignments and right-of-way widths for existing and proposed major streets within the City and is referenced several times in the City's Zoning Ordinance. The City first adopted a Major Street Plan in August of 1980 as Ordinance 80-05. Since that time there have been numerous revisions made to this Plan as the City has grown and changed.

Staff is proposing a comprehensive update to the City's Major Street Plan based on travel demand modeling for the year 2050 performed by the transportation consulting firm Parametrix. This effort was undertaken for the reasons listed below:

- Staff wanted to verify that the street right-of-way widths recommended in the Major Street Plan were still supported by the latest travel demand modeling.
- Staff is working on several updates to the General Plan to comply with State code requirements that must be met by the end of 2025. While making these State mandated changes like adopting station area plans and a water element, staff wanted the rest of the General

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Plan, which was last updated in 2015, to be refreshed.

- Staff is also preparing an update to the City's transportation impact fees. This effort also requires travel demand modeling, but for a shorter planning horizon of 10 years to comply with State code. Staff retained Parametrix under one contract to run the travel demand model for the year 2034 (the project started last year) for the impact fees and for the year 2050 for the Major Street Plan.

Mayor Lang opened the Public Hearing. There being no one to speak in favor or opposition, Mayor Lang closed the Public Hearing.

ACTION: ORDINANCE 25-15, AMEND THE WEST VALLEY CITY GENERAL PLAN TO UPDATE THE CITY'S MAJOR STREET PLAN

The City Council previously held a public hearing regarding proposed Ordinance 25-15 that would amend the West Valley City General Plan to Update the City's Major Street Plan.

Upon inquiry by Mayor Lang there were no further questions from members of the City Council, and she called for a motion.

Councilmember Huynh moved to approve Ordinance 25-15.

Councilmember Wood seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken:

Councilmember Wood	Yes
Councilmember Whetstone	Yes
Councilmember Harmon	Yes
Councilmember Huynh	Yes
Councilmember Christensen	Yes
Councilmember Nordfelt	Yes
Mayor Lang	Yes

Unanimous.

C. ACCEPT PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING APPLICATION ZT-2-2025, FILED BY GRANITE CREDIT UNION, REQUESTING A ZONE TEXT CHANGE TO AMEND SECTION 7-2-112 OF THE WEST VALLEY CITY MUNICIPAL CODE TO PERMIT A MOBILE FINANCIAL INSTITUTION AS A TEMPORARY USE

Mayor Lang informed a public hearing had been advertised for the Regular Council Meeting scheduled June 24, 2025 in order for the City Council to hear and consider

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public comments regarding application ZT-2-2025, Filed by Granite Credit Union, Requesting a Zone Text Change to Amend Section 7-2-112 of the West Valley City Municipal Code to Permit a Mobile Financial Institution as a Temporary Use

Written documentation previously provided to the City Council included information as follows:

The applicant submits this request based on the following considerations:

1. **Continuity of Financial Services:** When a financial institution undergoes remodeling or reconstruction, community members who rely on in-person banking services may experience significant disruption. Allowing a financial mobile branch ensures uninterrupted access to essential banking services, such as deposits, withdrawals, loans, and financial counseling.
2. **Alignment with Existing Temporary Land Use Permits:** The ordinance already permits mobile medical units and temporary structures for construction and sales offices. Financial mobile branches serve a similar public benefit by maintaining community access to critical financial resources during construction.
3. **Economic and Community Stability:** Access to financial services plays a vital role in maintaining economic stability for individuals and small businesses. Allowing temporary mobile branches helps customers avoid financial hardship by ensuring they can continue managing their banking needs locally.
4. **Regulated and Temporary Use:** The proposed amendment maintains reasonable land-use regulations by requiring financial mobile branch permits to be renewed every six months while construction is ongoing, ensuring they remain temporary and are not used indefinitely.

Mayor Lang opened the Public Hearing. There being no one to speak in favor or opposition, Mayor Lang closed the Public Hearing.

ACTION: ORDINANCE 25-16, AMEND SUBSECTION 7-2-112(3) OF THE WEST VALLEY CITY MUNICIPAL CODE TO PERMIT A MOBILE FINANCIAL INSTITUTION AS A TEMPORARY USE

The City Council previously held a public hearing regarding proposed Ordinance 25-16 that would amend Subsection 7-2-112(3) of the West Valley City Municipal Code to Permit a Mobile Financial Institution as a Temporary Use.

Upon inquiry by Mayor Lang there were no further questions from members of the City Council, and she called for a motion.

Councilmember Whetstone moved to approve Ordinance 25-16.

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Councilmember Huynh seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken:

Councilmember Wood	Yes
Councilmember Whetstone	Yes
Councilmember Harmon	Yes
Councilmember Huynh	Yes
Councilmember Christensen	Yes
Councilmember Nordfelt	Yes
Mayor Lang	Yes

Unanimous.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. RESOLUTION 25-86: APPROVE A CERTIFICATION OF ELIGIBLE EMPLOYEES TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Mayor Lang presented proposed resolution 25-86 that would approve a Certification of Eligible Employees to the Department of Public Safety.

Written documentation previously provided to the City Council included information as follows:

The Local Public Safety and Firefighter Surviving Spouse Trust Fund provides financial support to agencies by reimbursing the cost of continued health coverage for the surviving spouses and children of Public Safety Officers and Firefighters who die in the line of duty.

For the upcoming fiscal year, the contribution rate is \$100 per eligible employee.

Participation in the Trust Fund is mandatory for all agencies employing one or more Public Safety Officers or Firefighters eligible for Utah Retirement System service credit under Title 49 of the Utah State Retirement and Insurance Benefits Act, unless exempt under Utah Code Section 53-17-201(3).

Effective May 7, 2025, two statutory changes were enacted by the Utah Legislature.

- Vision and dental premiums are now eligible for reimbursement by the fund.

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- Reimbursement for health, dental, and vision insurance now begins on the date of the line-of-duty death, eliminating the previous requirement that the employing agency cover the first 12 months of premiums.

These changes enhance the scope of support provided to the families of fallen public safety employees and reinforce the state's commitment to those who serve and sacrifice for their communities.

B. RESOLUTION 25-87: APPROVE A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE UTAH DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR IMPROVEMENTS ON 5600 WEST

Mayor Lang presented proposed resolution 25-87 that would approve a Cooperative Agreement Between the City and the Utah Department of Transportation for Improvements on 5600 West

Written documentation previously provided to the City Council included information as follows:

As part of the UDOT Pavement Preservation Project on 5600 West, UDOT will be replacing ADA ramps along 5600 West to comply with current Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards, some of which fall within existing Public Sidewalk Easements on 5600 West which were required as part of the 5600 West Overlay Zone. UDOT is requesting a License to reconstruct and the maintain the ADA ramps within the city's easements.

C. RESOLUTION 25-88: ACCEPT A PUBLIC SIDEWALK, LIGHTING, AND UTILITY EASEMENT FROM HIGGINS ENTERPRISE, L.L.C. FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 3899 SOUTH REDWOOD ROAD

Mayor Lang discussed proposed Resolution 25-88 that would accept a Public Sidewalk, Lighting, and Utility Easement from Higgins Enterprise, L.L.C. for Property Located at 3899 South Redwood Road.

Written documentation previously provided to the City Council included information as follows:

The Higgins Enterprises, L.L.C. located at 3899 S. Redwood Road is currently working on an expansion. The site lies within the Redwood Road overlay zone which requires specific improvements including a wider sidewalk and sidewalk lighting. As part of the required improvements fall outside the public right-of-way, a Public Sidewalk, Lighting and Utility Easement was required.

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Upon inquiry by Mayor Lang there were no further questions from members of the City Council, and she called for a motion.

Councilmember Harmon moved to approve the items on the Consent Agenda.

Councilmember Christensen seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken:

Councilmember Wood	Yes
Councilmember Whetstone	Yes
Councilmember Harmon	Yes
Councilmember Huynh	Yes
Councilmember Christensen	Yes
Councilmember Nordfelt	Yes
Mayor Lang	Yes

Unanimous.

NEW BUSINESS

A. RESOLUTION 25-89: RATIFY THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND KEVIN THURMAN FOR ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE SERVICES

Mayor Lang presented proposed resolution 25-89 that would ratify the Agreement Between the City and Kevin Thurman for Administrative Law Judge Services

Written documentation previously provided to the City Council included information as follows:

The Current ALJs are no longer able to work for the City. After careful consideration of multiple applicants, the City has determined that Kevin Thurman is highly qualified and experienced. The City is agreeing to pay Thurman a fee of \$150.00 per hour for services performed.

Upon inquiry by Mayor Lang there were no further questions from members of the City Council, and she called for a motion.

Councilmember Harmon moved to approve Resolution 25-89.

Councilmember Christensen seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken:

Councilmember Wood	Yes
Councilmember Whetstone	Yes

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Councilmember Harmon	Yes
Councilmember Huynh	Yes
Councilmember Christensen	Yes
Councilmember Nordfelt	Yes
Mayor Lang	Yes

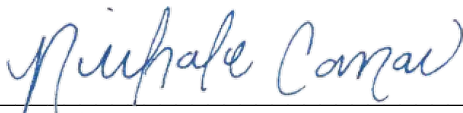
Unanimous.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Upon motion by Councilmember Huynh all voted in favor to adjourn.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS OF THE WEST VALLEY COUNCIL THE REGULAR MEETING OF TUESDAY, JUNE 24, 2025 WAS ADJOURNED AT 6:49 P.M. BY MAYOR LANG.

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true, accurate and complete record of the proceedings of the Regular Meeting of the West Valley City Council held Tuesday, June 24, 2025.



Nichole Camac, MMC
City Recorder