



**MAGNA CITY  
COUNCIL MEETING**

**JULY 8, 2025 @ 6:00 PM**  
WEBSTER COMMUNITY CENTER  
8952 West Magna Main Street  
Magna, Utah 84044

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**MAGNA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
JULY 8, 2025**

**Council Members Present:**

Eric Barney, Mayor  
Audrey Pierce  
Trish Hull  
Steve Prokopis  
Mick Sudbury

**Council Member(s) Excused:**

**Staff Present:**

David Brickey, City Manager  
Paul Ashton, Legal Counsel  
Daniel Torres, Economic Development Manager  
Diana Baun, City Recorder  
Chief Del Craig, UPD  
Lt. Christopher Benedict, UPD  
Sgt. Keith Borders, UPD

**Others Present:**

Steven Kuhlmeier Salt Lake County Public Works, Alexander Adriano, Teresa Brown, Terry George

**6:00 PM – PUBLIC MEETING**

**1. Call to Order**

Mayor Barney, presiding, called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

**2. Determine Quorum**

A quorum was present, allowing the meeting to proceed.

**3. Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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**MAGNA COUNCIL MEMBERS**

MAYOR ERIC BARNEY, MAYOR PRO TEM AUDREY PIERCE,  
COUNCIL MEMBER TRISH HULL, COUNCIL MEMBER STEVE PROKOPIS,  
COUNCIL MEMBER MICK SUDBURY

#### **4. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**Alexander Adriano** - a resident of Magna and current mayoral candidate, shared a handout (Attachment A) and addressed the city council to raise concerns regarding the enforcement of campaign sign regulations. Mr. Adriano explained that on the morning of July 4, several of his campaign signs were removed by an officer with the Unified Police Department, who was operating a personal, unmarked vehicle. He questioned whether this constituted an official enforcement action, especially since, according to Unified Police Captain Holt and Municipal Services District clerk Diana Baun, enforcement of campaign signs falls under the jurisdiction of code enforcement rather than law enforcement. Unified Police Chief Del Craig later confirmed that sign enforcement typically does not fall under the responsibilities of the police department and indicated that he had resisted the city's request to involve police officers. The city manager subsequently clarified that Unified Police were used due to the unavailability of code enforcement staff on the holiday. Mr. Adriano also questioned why his campaign signs were removed with urgency while signs from other candidates in similar locations were left untouched, despite all being placed in visible public areas during the July 4 parade. He noted that his signs posed no greater safety concern than other items placed along the parade route, such as lawn chairs and coolers. He asserted that the selective removal of only his signs suggested inconsistent enforcement rather than a genuine safety concern. Additionally, Mr. Adriano described challenges he encountered when attempting to determine the ownership status of the property where his signs had been placed. He stated that in response to his request for a map of publicly owned land, the city manager referred him to the Salt Lake County Assessor's parcel viewer. However, he found that the viewer returned no information for each location where his signs had been placed, making it impossible to confirm whether the sites were on public or private property. He emphasized that the same issue applied to areas where signs from other candidates remained in place. He concluded his remarks by calling on the city to ensure clarity, transparency, and equal enforcement of campaign rules for all candidates.

**Teresa Brown** - addressed the council to express concern regarding the hiring of an assistant city manager. She stated that she was not present at the meeting where the decision to approve or authorize the position was made and questioned the necessity of adding an assistant city manager role. She expressed the opinion that the size of the city did not justify employing both a city manager and an assistant city manager.

**Terry George** - addressed the council to follow up on questions he had previously submitted but for which he had not received a response. He acknowledged that he may not have completed the proper procedure, such as scanning the provided QR code, but indicated he would do so during this meeting. Mr. George reiterated his original questions, which concerned the city's long-range and immediate plans, specifically asking for a 10-year outlook and current strategic direction. He emphasized the importance of allowing citizens to voice their opinions prior to final decisions being made by the council. He acknowledged that council members may not respond directly during the meeting but stressed that residents should still be given the opportunity to be heard before policies or expenditures are finalized. He then expressed

concern regarding a recent \$225,000 expenditure on a local skateboard park. While he voiced support for youth programs, he questioned the cost and the urgency of the spending, especially given that, in his observation, only a small number of children typically used the facility. He stated that the park had not been cordoned off despite safety concerns that had been raised and said he had recently seen children using it despite its reportedly hazardous condition. He argued that no steps had been taken to block access or address the issue and warned that if someone were to be injured, responsibility would fall on the council, as the matter had already been brought to their attention. He also raised the issue of the absence of impact fees in the city and questioned why such fees had not been implemented. He concluded his remarks by reiterating that it was the council's responsibility to ensure the park was properly secured if it posed a danger and that reassessing the allotment of funds towards infrastructure might be a better option.

## **5. STAKEHOLDER REPORTS**

### **A. Unified Police Department**

Chief Del Craig introduced several key personnel changes and provided a law enforcement update for Magna. He first introduced Lt. Chris Benedict, who was recently appointed as the new lieutenant for the area and would be presenting the monthly crime statistics. Before that, Chief Craig introduced Sgt. Keith Borders as the new COP (Community-Oriented Policing) and Investigations Sergeant. Chief Craig noted that Sgt. Borders had recently served in Internal Affairs and possessed a broad range of law enforcement experience. He expressed confidence in both Lt. Benedict and Sgt. Borders, citing their strong understanding of the community's needs and commitment to service.

Sergeant Keith Borders briefly addressed the council, stating he had 19 years of law enforcement experience and had previously worked alongside Lieutenant Chris Benedict in the Special Victims Unit, where they were responsible for sex crimes and sex offender registry enforcement in the Magna area. Sgt. Borders detailed his prior roles in street crimes and patrol, and mentioned his dual role as a fire captain with the Tooele City Fire Department. He emphasized his familiarity with the community and pledged to serve Magna effectively while adapting to the city's unique culture. He also noted that additional detectives would soon be joining the team.

Lieutenant Chris Benedict then spoke, expressing enthusiasm about Sgt. Borders' appointment and praising his high professional standards. Before presenting the crime statistics for June, Lt. Benedict gave a brief overview of law enforcement activity during the July 4th holiday. He reported minimal incidents, including one lost child during the parade and one lost parent during the fireworks event. He commended the public for their responsiveness and the successful coordination with city personnel, particularly acknowledging Kari for her role in organizing the event. He stated that police visibility was strong and community interactions were positive.

Mayor Eric Barney inquired about the effectiveness of new traffic measures implemented during the holiday. Lt. Benedict responded that while there was still some congestion near the

park, traffic flow on major roads such as 3500 South, 3100 South, and 8400 West was greatly improved by temporarily shutting down certain traffic lights. He indicated that adjustments would be made for next year to address remaining congestion near the park.

Council Member Trish Hull commented positively on public feedback, noting she had seen praise on social media regarding the improved traffic flow. Lt. Benedict credited Sergeant Holt for developing the traffic strategy and stated that it would be built upon in future years.

Lt. Benedict then presented the June crime statistics. Officers responded to 1,528 total calls, with 505 incident reports filed. This translated to an average of 69 calls per officer across 22 patrol officers. He noted a decrease in assaults and other crimes against persons but reported a slight increase in domestic violence incidents and a notable rise in stolen vehicle reports. He stated that the department was actively investigating the cause of the vehicle theft increase. He also highlighted recent enforcement activity, reporting five proactive DUI arrests made over the weekend, four of which occurred during routine patrols and one resulting from an incident near 8000 West. He praised the patrol officers for their proactive work and credited the success to heightened expectations and leadership from Sergeant Borders and Chief Craig.

Council Member Mick Sudbury acknowledged improved police presence in the Little Valley area, which he said residents had noticed and appreciated. Lt. Benedict confirmed this was the result of enhanced deployment strategies and promised continued focus on officer visibility and community engagement. He also mentioned plans to increase direct communication between sergeants and council members regarding specific patrol beats.

## **6. CONSENT AGENDA**

### **A. Approve City Council Minutes**

1. November 26, 2024 City Council Meeting
2. April 22, 2025 City Council Meeting
3. June 24, 2025 City Council Meeting

**Council Member Sudbury moved to approve the City Council Meeting Minutes listed above as published. Council Member Hull seconded the motion; vote was 5-0, unanimous in favor.**

## **7. PRESENTATION ITEMS**

### **A. Water Supply Issues – Proposed Property Tax Increase by Jordan Valley Water Conservancy District for Water Service Purposes**

Alan Packard, General Manager of the Jordan Valley Water Conservancy District, addressed the council to inform them of a proposed property tax increase and an upcoming truth-in-taxation hearing. He reviewed a presentation including in the meeting's supporting documents published previously, as well as a handout for the council (Attachment B). He explained that Jordan Valley provides drinking water to approximately two-thirds of Salt Lake County, excluding Salt Lake City, Sandy City, and areas serviced by Salt Lake City. He acknowledged Council Member Mick Sudbury's role as a trustee on the district's board and thanked him for



his service. Mr. Packard announced that the public hearing would take place on August 11 at 6:00 p.m. at the district's headquarters in western Utah. During the hearing, public comments would be taken, and trustees would deliberate and vote on the proposed increase. The proposal calls for an 11% increase in property tax. For a residential property with an average assessed value of \$630,000, this would amount to an additional \$11.78 per year. For a business property of the same value, the increase would be \$21.42 annually due to the absence of the residential exemption. He stated that approximately 30% of Jordan Valley's revenue comes from property taxes, which provide a stable funding source critical to offsetting the volatility in water demand driven by weather conditions. He explained that the tax increase is needed to support an expected \$210 million in capital expenditures over the next five years. Major projects include the expansion and upgrades to a water treatment plant in Herriman, the construction of new storage reservoirs, a new segment of the Southwest Aqueduct, and new wells for groundwater development. He noted that the last treatment plant expansion occurred in 1986 and that water infrastructure investments are generally designed to last decades, which requires large up-front costs that are paid off over time. To distribute the costs fairly across current and future users, the district plans to borrow funds and emphasized the need for a reliable revenue base to secure favorable borrowing terms.

Council Member Trish Hull asked how the tax increase would affect Magna residents, given that Magna Water District provides most of the city's water and only a small portion comes from Jordan Valley. Mr. Packard clarified that the property tax is applied uniformly throughout Jordan Valley's service area, regardless of how much water a community receives from the district. While the tax amount is the same, Council Member Hull noted that it seemed inequitable for Magna residents to pay the same rate as those receiving their full water supply from Jordan Valley. Mr. Packard acknowledged the concern, noting that rates for Magna residents could be lower given the small amounts used, but reiterated the uniform application of the tax. Council Member Hull also questioned why Magna residents would help fund the Southwest Aqueduct, which primarily serves the southern part of the valley. Mr. Packard responded that despite its location, the aqueduct provides essential backup capacity to the broader Jordan Aqueduct system, which includes areas as far north as 2100 South, thereby benefiting all communities within the district's service area, including Magna.

#### **B. Park Plan Study Request for \$20,000**

Dan Torres presented a proposal to the council (Attachment C) concerning the development of a system-wide parks plan for the communities under the Municipal Services District (MSD), including Magna, Copperton, White City, and potentially Kearns. He reminded the council that in a previous meeting, they had requested cost estimates for park improvements, specifically at Magna Copper Park and Magna Neighborhood Park. In response, he reported that preliminary cost estimates had been obtained from a consultant for limited tree planting and design work. At the MSD level, an application had been submitted for a state parks grant aimed primarily at rural Utah communities. Despite the urban nature of the MSD, the district was awarded \$50,000 for the development of a regional parks plan. He explained that there had never been a formal, comprehensive parks plan for these communities, and having one is often a prerequisite for grant eligibility. The proposed system-wide plan would identify service

levels, user demographics, and current recreation trends. It would include master plans for the larger parks in each community, with a focus on Magna Copper Park and Magna Neighborhood Park unless the council requested additional sites be included. To fund the broader planning effort, he suggested each participating community contribute \$20,000 in addition to the \$50,000 grant. With contributions from all potential partners, the project budget would range between \$110,000 and \$130,000. He noted that staff capacity existed to begin the work immediately and that a request for proposals (RFP) was being developed.

Mayor Eric Barney asked for clarification on whether the \$20,000 request would be in addition to the state grant, and Mr. Torres confirmed it would. Mr. Torres added that Magna also had a pending TRCC grant request that prioritized improvements to the Webster Center and Magna Neighborhood Park, which could help offset costs.

Council Member Mick Sudbury raised concerns about investing in park infrastructure at Magna Copper Park due to its current lease status. He explained that the park, which sits on Rio Tinto-owned land, is now operating under a year-to-year lease following the expiration of a previous five-year agreement. He questioned the logic of making capital investments without longer-term lease security. In response, City Manager David Brickey confirmed that discussions had been initiated with Rio Tinto about extending the lease, though he had been informed a 99-year lease was not feasible. However, he had been encouraged to request a 20-year term. Council Member Sudbury expressed interest in pursuing at least a five-year lease before making significant financial commitments.

Council Member Steve Prokopis asked whether the full \$150,000 would be used solely for planning and design work. Mr. Torres confirmed that it would, emphasizing that the goal was not to plan for planning's sake but to have a comprehensive, actionable document that would strengthen future grant applications. He cited his past experience leading a similar effort in Rexburg, Idaho, where a city-wide parks master plan was completed for \$70,000. He reiterated that having a formal plan would help justify project funding, clarify goals to the community, and guide decision-making by the council. He also noted that if the TRCC grant is awarded, it could reduce the city's financial commitment.

Council Member Trish Hull asked about the timing of the TRCC award, and Mayor Barney stated that presentations would occur in August or September, with funds being awarded for the upcoming year. Mr. Torres added that while the project would need to be carefully timed to ensure eligibility for reimbursement, other existing project proposals—such as resurfacing pickleball and tennis courts—might provide additional flexibility in how grant funds are ultimately allocated.

Mr. Torres concluded by affirming that the ask for \$20,000 from Magna was intended as an appropriation, not necessarily a full expenditure, depending on the final cost of consultant bids and potential matching grants.

Mayor Barney opened the floor for a motion to approve the \$20,000 funds, but there was no motion made from the council for approval.

### C. Pavement Management Presentation

Steven Kuhlmeier from Salt Lake County Public Works Operations presented an in-depth follow-up on individualized pavement management and budget forecasting, as previously requested by the Municipal Services District (MSD) Board. The presentation was published in the meeting's supporting documents and aimed to inform the Magna City Council about the modeling assumptions, maintenance services provided by Public Works Operations, and projections for maintaining and improving Magna's road network based on current condition data. He began by explaining that Public Works Operations conducts visual inspections of roads on a three-year rotation using baseline data initially gathered five years ago with truck-mounted equipment. These inspections cover approximately one-third of the roads annually, and the data collected are used to monitor pavement conditions over time. He detailed various maintenance services provided to Magna through the MSD, including milling and overlays (removing and replacing the top two inches of asphalt), pothole repairs, crack sealing, mastic patching for severe cracking, and surface smoothing. Additionally, contracted treatments such as micro surfacing and slurry seals are used as part of preservation efforts. He shared the current condition snapshot of Magna's road network, noting that the data exclude state, private, and dirt roads. The condition index is weighted by surface area and heavily reflects pavement quality, though it includes some metrics from sidewalks. He clarified that the overall condition index (OCI) used for the map includes composite scores derived from visual indicators such as cracking and rutting. To support long-term planning, a network-wide budget forecasting tool was developed using these condition metrics. Mr. Kuhlmeier emphasized that this model focuses only on asphalt, excluding curbs, gutters, and sidewalks, although such features may impact roadway longevity. The forecast assumes a 6.5% annual rate for construction cost escalation, based on historical data trends and more moderate than pandemic-era spikes.

Council Member Trish Hull asked for clarification on reconstruction needs noted in the model.

Mr. Kuhlmeier responded that reconstruction — which involves replacing subgrade soils — falls outside of Public Works Operations and is handled as engineering projects by the MSD.

Mayor Eric Barney emphasized the challenge of roads requiring reconstruction not being addressed quickly enough under current capacity limits, pointing out that with only 200,000–300,000 square feet of reconstruction possible every three years, many failing roads may remain untouched.

Mr. Kuhlmeier acknowledged the concern and explained that decisions must be made regarding what level of maintenance should be applied to low-volume residential streets. He later referenced a three-year pavement management plan available online, showing a proposed plan to address 75% of roads in Magna's downtown area via mill and overlay treatments.

Council Member Mick Sudbury raised concerns about coordination with Magna Water, citing past instances where water line replacement projects followed road repairs, leading to

degraded street conditions. Mr. Kuhlmeier noted that coordination meetings are held each winter with utility providers and acknowledged room for improvement in aligning long-term infrastructure plans

Mr. Kuhlmeier outlined the model's goal: achieving an average network score of 80 (defined as "good") and eliminating "poor" roads. The model distributes available Public Works capacity across the MSD based on service area, forecasting what level of treatment can be expected and how much additional effort would be required to meet Magna's road maintenance goals. He further explained how the model accounts for growth by using estimated population-based road expansion rates from Magna's general plan, though he admitted this may slightly underrepresent current population growth.

Mayor Barney questioned whether population was the best metric for predicting road expansion, given that growth in Magna leads to more new roads, unlike denser communities such as Kearns where growth is largely vertical. Mr. Kuhlmeier responded that while population-based projections were used, other factors such as treatment lifespan, treatment cost, and inflation are likely more influential in forecasting outcomes.

Council Member Steve Prokopolis asked about the frequency of road mileage calculations. Kuhlmeier explained that while the state only requires mileage updates when changes occur, the MSD now requests annual updates for funding allocations.

Mr. Kuhlmeier detailed the assumptions around treatment longevity, using Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) averages to estimate added years of service for various maintenance strategies. The model assumes a 20-year linear depreciation rate for roads, a conservative estimate meant to account for varying road conditions. He presented charts showing funding levels and road condition scores over time. According to the model, Magna would reach its desired road condition level within five to six years, assuming a significant increase in maintenance efforts up front. After that, maintenance could be sustained at current levels. Preventive maintenance was emphasized as an efficient, cost-effective tool for preserving roads in good condition. Final charts showed the estimated square footage of different treatment types required each year. Mr. Kuhlmeier explained that in the initial years, maintenance demand exceeds current Public Works capacity, requiring supplemental contracted services. After about six years, maintenance needs stabilize, and routine services can keep roads in good condition if funded appropriately.

Council members were shown an interactive map displaying Magna's three-year pavement management plan, which includes past treatments and future proposals. Mayor Barney and Council Member Sudbury asked about project timelines, particularly for Magna Main Street. Mr. Kuhlmeier explained that this was an MSD engineering project, not handled by Public Works Operations.

To conclude, Mayor Barney clarified for attendees that Public Works Operations, under contract with the MSD, handles road maintenance, while reconstructions are conducted by the



MSD's engineering department. No further questions were raised, and the council thanked Kuhlmeier for the detailed presentation.

#### **D. Appointing an Alternate for the MSD Board**

Paul Ashton informed the council that a formal alternate needed to be appointed to serve on the Municipal Services District (MSD) Board. He explained that, although state statute originally required the mayor to serve on the MSD board when Magna was a metro township, this requirement was removed when Magna transitioned into a city. A recent legislative change restored the authority for cities to appoint alternates. He emphasized the importance of appointing an alternate, particularly due to the MSD's weighted voting structure, which directly affects quorum and the board's ability to act.

Mayor Eric Barney noted that he would be out of the country for the MSD meeting scheduled for August 13, adding urgency to the need for an alternate. Mr. Ashton stated that cities often appoint the Mayor Pro Tem as the alternate, though it is up to each city to decide. Council Member Steve Prokopis inquired about practices in other districts, referencing the Unified Police Department (UPD) and whether alternate representation was allowed there. Mr. Ashton responded that most districts do not use weighted voting for quorum, making MSD's situation unique. He added that while UPD and others may allow substitutes, the statutory structure of MSD requires an official alternate to be appointed and sworn in.

Council Member Trish Hull recalled that Audrey Pierce had previously acted as Mayor Barney's backup and suggested she be appointed. Audrey Pierce confirmed that she had attended on behalf of the mayor in the past but was not allowed to vote, which Mr. Ashton confirmed was the reason for the statutory update. Mr. Ashton advised that for expediency, the appointment could be made immediately by motion, and the necessary documentation could be prepared so that Council Member Pierce could be sworn in before the next MSD meeting.

**Council Member Hull moved to appoint Council Member Audrey Pierce as an alternate voting member for the Municipal Service District Board, to attend board meetings when Mayor Eric Barney is unavailable. Council Member Sudbury seconded the motion; vote was 5-0, unanimous in favor.**

Paul Ashton said he would write up a letter finalizing the vote to make Council Member Pierce the alternate.

#### **E. Discussion and Potential Action Regarding Resolution R2025-07, Accepting Property on Behalf of Magna City from the Magna City Community Reinvestment Agency**

Paul Ashton informed the council that it was no longer necessary for the city to pass a resolution to formally accept property from the Community Reinvestment Agency. He noted that a recent statutory change made by the Utah Legislature during the past session eliminated

this requirement. Specifically, he cited Utah Code section 57-1-48, which now allows a city to receive public property from another public entity without needing a resolution.

**Council Member Sudbury moved to skip Item E on tonight's agenda regarding accepting property from the Community Investment Agency. Council Member Hull seconded the motion; vote was 5-0, unanimous in favor.**

**8. COUNCIL BUSINESS - None**

**9. MANAGER/CITY ATTORNEY UPDATES**

City Manager David Brickey provided several important updates during the council meeting. He began by referencing a set of ten questions included in the meeting packet that he had answered and shared with the candidates. He clarified that these responses reflected his personal opinions and did not represent official positions of Magna City or the city council. He then reported on a recent meeting with the Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT), during which he received confirmation that the Cordero Drive project was moving forward and scheduled to be completed before the school year begins. He expressed satisfaction with the commitment and noted that UDOT also plans to make improvements at Loveridge Street to prevent hazardous left-hand turns by raising the road segment for greater visibility. Council Member Trish Hull remarked that the Cordero project had been ongoing for approximately two and a half years. Mr. Brickey acknowledged community member Miss Burrell for her consistent attention to the matter. He also informed the council about an emergency tree removal incident that occurred earlier that day. A tree near a residence had developed a dangerous structural failure, with a significant split in the trunk approximately 10 to 12 feet off the ground. MSD Staff responded promptly, contracting Roth and Diamond to remove the tree down to the base. He noted that cleanup was still needed and requested council input on how to proceed. He indicated that the cost would be significant due to the urgency of the response, and an arborist had confirmed there was an imminent threat to nearby people and property.

Additionally, Mr. Brickey provided an update on the ongoing Utah Retirement Systems (URS) audit. He mentioned that a bill might be forthcoming to resolve reporting discrepancies and offered to provide more detail in a closed session later in the evening.

Regarding facility planning, Mr. Brickey informed the council that ACJ Architects requested to delay their final presentation to the subcommittee from Monday, July 14, to Tuesday, July 15. The meeting was proposed for 11:00 a.m., though Council Member Trish Hull requested it be moved to 10:00 a.m. if possible. Mr. Brickey agreed to confirm the time and communicate it to the subcommittee members via text or email. He concluded his report with two additional infrastructure updates. First, he confirmed that a rapid flashing beacon would be installed on 7200 West as part of a new safe walking path, with installation scheduled for the summer. The cost was reported to be \$3,800, and the council had previously approved this expenditure. Second, he discussed progress on a pedestrian crosswalk near the LDS Seminary. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints had agreed to install the crosswalk, while the city

would cover the additional costs for a raised crosswalk and pedestrian lights. Mr. Brickey confirmed that staff had been instructed to ensure the project, including elevated lights, would be completed before the school year begins.

## **10. COUNCIL REPORTS**

**Council Member Mick Sudbury** – No current report.

**Council Member Trish Hull** - provided an update regarding ongoing discussions with the county and Unified Fire Service Area (UFSA). She shared that the first meeting had taken place and described it as productive and educational, though she acknowledged the outcome was still uncertain. One significant topic under discussion is the potential shift to a weighted voting system similar to the MSD's model, which could change how the UFSA operates. She also reported on leadership changes within Magna United. Audrey Cooley has been elected as chair, with Wendy Waite serving as vice chair. Council Member Hull stated that Ms. Cooley and Ms. Waite would attend the next council meeting to request approval of a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the city. She expressed appreciation for the opportunity to finalize the transition, noting she had served as chair of Magna United for nine years and was ready to pass the role on. Finally, Council Member Hull recounted an incident she witnessed during the Fourth of July park celebrations involving a young child who appeared to lose consciousness while sitting on her father's shoulders. Unified Fire Authority (UFA) personnel responded quickly and effectively, providing care and successfully reviving the child. She praised their professionalism and compassion in managing the situation and acknowledged it as the only significant emergency they had to handle at the park that day.

**Council Member Steve Prokopis** - updated the council on recent developments related to House Bill 48, passed during the last Utah legislative session. The bill introduces new requirements for properties located within wildland-urban interface (WUI) areas, potentially affecting approximately 80,000 homes and structures statewide. Prokopis explained that he had inquired whether Magna had adopted the prior WUI ordinance from 2006 and learned that it had not. The city is currently waiting on draft language from the Unified Fire Authority (UFA), which will be reviewed by legal counsel Paul Ashton before a local ordinance can be adopted. Council Member Prokopis noted that UFA is preparing standardized ordinance language to be distributed to all UFA-member communities, so each can implement it individually. Council Member Trish Hull mentioned checking the timing of the next relevant meeting, and Council Member Prokopis confirmed he had been coordinating with Wade Watkins from UFA, who is helping lead the effort.

Council Member Hull questioned whether Magna even had areas that would qualify under the WUI designation. Prokopis responded that, based on a preliminary map he had seen, an estimated 80% of Magna could fall within the designated WUI zone. He expressed uncertainty about the map's origin—whether generated by the state or through artificial intelligence—but emphasized that the designation could significantly impact local homeowners. Potential consequences include increased costs for home assessments, mandated fire mitigation improvements, and difficulty obtaining insurance. He clarified that the map had not yet been

made public and that UFA was working closely with the state to manage its release.

Council Member Prokopis acknowledged that much of Magna's current development, such as its subdivisions, likely does not pose a high wildfire risk. However, he cited older neighborhoods with narrow streets and dense tree canopies as areas of potential concern, suggesting that under the right conditions, a fire event similar to the Palisades Fire could occur. He concluded by reiterating that the situation is still evolving and that the city is actively monitoring developments.

**Council Member Audrey Pierce** - provided a brief update on the Magna Mosquito Abatement District, stating that operations are currently proceeding as usual. Crews are actively spraying and fogging in the area. The district has recently acquired new equipment designed to improve the testing process and enhance safety for personnel involved in mosquito collection and disease monitoring. She noted that the team continues to capture mosquitoes and test them for various diseases, but beyond these routine activities, there were no major developments to report.

**Mayor Eric Barney** - reported that the most recent Municipal Services District (MSD) Board meeting was notably brief, with its primary action being the formal adoption of a new weighted voting policy, effective July 1. The policy, which Mayor Barney had presented previously, changes how voting power is distributed among member entities.

Council Member Steve Prokopis inquired about the factors used in determining the new vote weighting. Mayor Barney explained that the formula is based on three components: population (10% of the total weighting), sales tax revenue including county, highway, and public transit taxes (60%), and total road miles (30%). The intention behind this weighting is to ensure that voting power more accurately reflects financial contributions and infrastructure responsibilities, rather than solely population.

Mayor Barney shared the updated vote allocations under the new system: Brighton holds 1.7%, Copperton 0.8%, Emigration Canyon 2.4%, Kearns 31.3%, Magna 28.1%, White City 5%, and unincorporated Salt Lake County 30.8%. He noted that Magna's influence remained fairly strong, while Kearns experienced a significant reduction—from the high 40% range down to 31.3%. The unincorporated county's influence increased significantly, nearly matching Kearns, due in part to their large share of B and C road funds.

Paul Ashton clarified that this new structure was created through legislation, largely influenced by lobbying efforts from Salt Lake County. The county's financial contributions to the MSD are based on the extensive B and C road funding it receives. Mr. Ashton explained that these contributions are determined by mileage and classification—rural roads yield more funding than urban ones. Although Salt Lake County is largely urban, it benefits from rural road classifications in many areas due to how state designations are structured. This classification increases the per-mile funding the county receives, thereby increasing its weight under the new voting formula.



Council Member Trish Hull noted that roads like U-111 had only recently been reclassified from rural despite urban development in the area. Mayor Barney emphasized that these classifications have a significant impact on funding and voting power, and that the county's roads are not only extensive but classified in ways that increase their value within the formula.

The council discussed the legislative and political motivations behind the change, with Mr. Ashton confirming that the county had lobbied the state legislature to adopt this new model. This was in response to a previously proposed bill that would have required unincorporated areas to either incorporate or be annexed, a measure that could have significantly reduced the county's control in regional governance. As a result, this new weighted voting structure increased the county's influence within the MSD without necessitating structural changes to its jurisdiction.

Mayor Barney concluded by noting how the prior imbalance allowed certain members, including himself, to serve as pivotal votes. Under the old structure, if both the county and Kearns were present, the board could not take action without Magna's vote. Conversely, if neither was present, the board lacked a quorum. The new system aims to remedy those limitations by more evenly distributing voting authority in line with financial input and infrastructure responsibility.

Council Member Trish Hull shared that according to a recent housing report released by Kem C. Gardner Policy Institute, Magna City ranked fifth among the top ten places with the largest population growth in the Wasatch Front counties. She highlighted the significance of this data point, which reflects ongoing and rapid growth in the city.

Mayor Barney indicated there was reason for a closed session tonight and asked for a motion from the council to recess the current council meeting and move to a closed session.

**Council Member Hull moved to recess the City Council Meeting and move to Closed Session for the reasons indicated below. Council Member Sudbury seconded the motion; vote was 5-0, unanimous in favor.**

**11. CLOSED SESSIONS IF NEEDED AS ALLOWED PURSUANT TO UTAH CODE §52-4-205**

- A. Discussion of the character, professional competence or physical or mental health of an individual.**
- B. Strategy sessions to discuss pending or reasonably imminent litigation.**
- C. Strategy sessions to discuss the purchase, exchange, or lease of real property.**
- D. Discussion regarding deployment of security personnel, devices, or systems; and**
- E. Other lawful purposes as listed in Utah Code §52-4-205**

**Council Member Hull moved to adjourn the Closed Session and return to the Council Meeting. Council Member Sudbury seconded the motion; vote was 5-0, unanimous in favor.**

## **12. ADJOURN**

**Council Member Hull moved to adjourn the July 8, 2025 Magna City Council Meeting. Council Member Prokopis seconded the motion; vote was 5-0, unanimous in favor.**

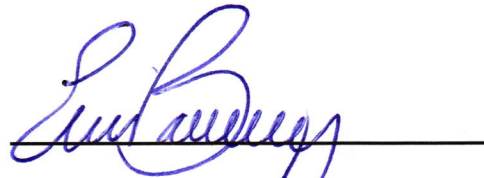
**The July 8, 2025 Magna City Council Meeting adjourned at 8:34 PM**

**This is a true and correct copy of the July 8, 2025 City Council Meeting Minutes, which were approved on July 22, 2025.**

**Attest:**



**Diana Baun, Magna City Recorder**

  
Eric Barney, Magna City Mayor

July 8, 2025

Good evening,

My name is Alexander Adriano. I'm a resident of Magna and a candidate for mayor—but tonight, I'm speaking simply as a member of this community who cares deeply about fairness and transparency.

Recently, I experienced something that I believe warrants the Council's attention.

On the morning of July 4th, several of my campaign signs were removed by Unified Police. Afterwards, the City Manager sent an email clarifying and citing city code that prohibits signs on public property—something I fully respect, will follow moving forward, and hope other candidates do as well. However, the officer who removed my signs was driving a **personal, unmarked vehicle—a red Toyota RAV4**. That struck me as unusual and raised a fair question: Was this truly an official enforcement action, or was it handled informally, without clear direction or accountability?

Within an hour before my signs were removed, I had already spoken directly with Unified Police Captain Holt and Municipal Services District Clerk Diana Baun. Both confirmed that campaign sign enforcement falls under code enforcement—not police. The next day, Unified Police **Chief Del Craig affirmed** this and said **he had “pushed back” on the City’s request**, since this enforcement is not typically within UPD’s role.

While the City Manager explained that Unified Police were used because code enforcement was unavailable on July 4th, that still doesn't explain why my signs were treated with such urgency—removed immediately—while signs from other candidates, placed in similarly visible public areas, remain untouched to this day. I understand there may be concerns related to the July 4th parade, but my signs were no more of a hazard than the dozens of lawn chairs, coolers, and other items lining the streets for the event. Enforcement should have applied equally to all of the candidates. Instead, only my signs were removed. That's not a safety response – that's a selective response.

In addition, I received a response from the City Manager earlier today (July 8, 2025). One of my questions was whether the City could provide a map showing what property is publicly owned, so candidates can comply with the sign code. He said the City does not have such a map, and instead referred me to the Salt Lake County Assessor Parcel Viewer.

So I went to the Parcel Viewer to check the buffer zones where I had placed my signs, to try and determine whether they were on public or private property. And in **every single case**, when you click on the areas where I had my signs, the system says: **“No information available.”** So even if I had known about this tool beforehand, there would have been no way to verify the property boundaries.

It's not just candidates who need clear information on property ownership—the City itself must have reliable data to fairly enforce the rules. If the Parcel Viewer is the only tool available, yet it shows “No information available” for both the locations where I placed my signs and where other candidates have placed theirs, then how did the City conclude that I was uniquely in violation while allowing others to remain? This lack of accessible information undermines confidence in consistent and fair enforcement.

I'm here tonight to hold the city accountable. To ask for clarity. For fairness. And for consistent enforcement of campaign rules—regardless of who's running or who they know.

To the council, and audience, please refer to my exhibits on the following pages.



EXHIBIT A - Location of Adriano's Campaign Signs Removed by UPD

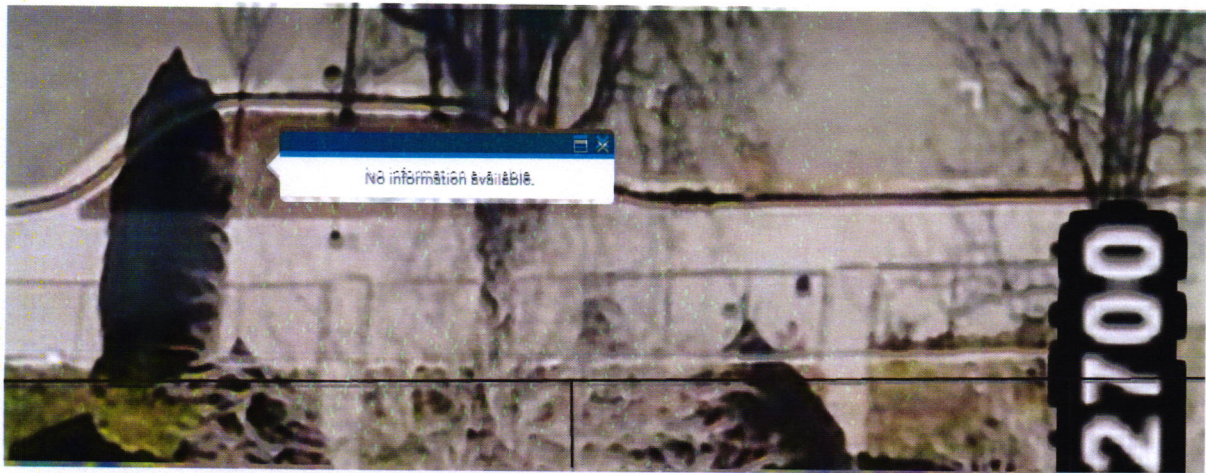


EXHIBIT B - Location Adriano's Campaign Signs Removed by UPD







EXHIBIT C

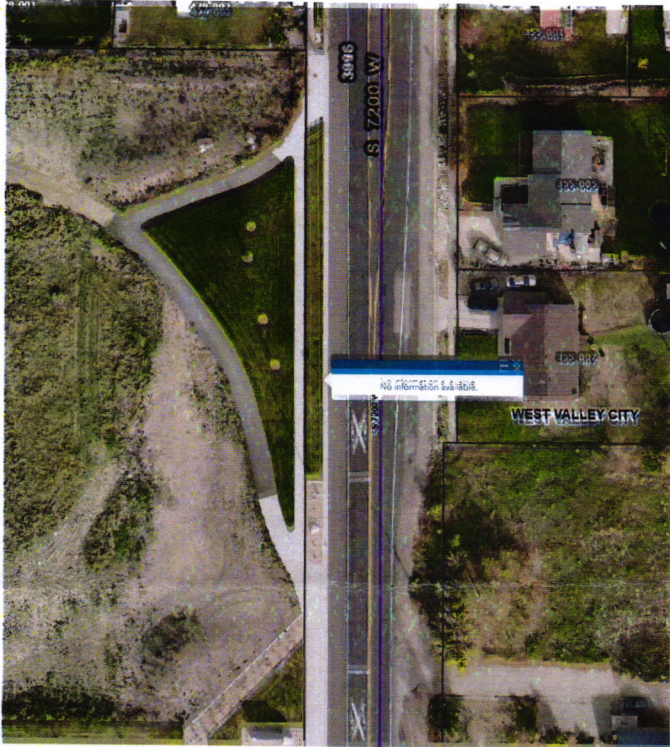


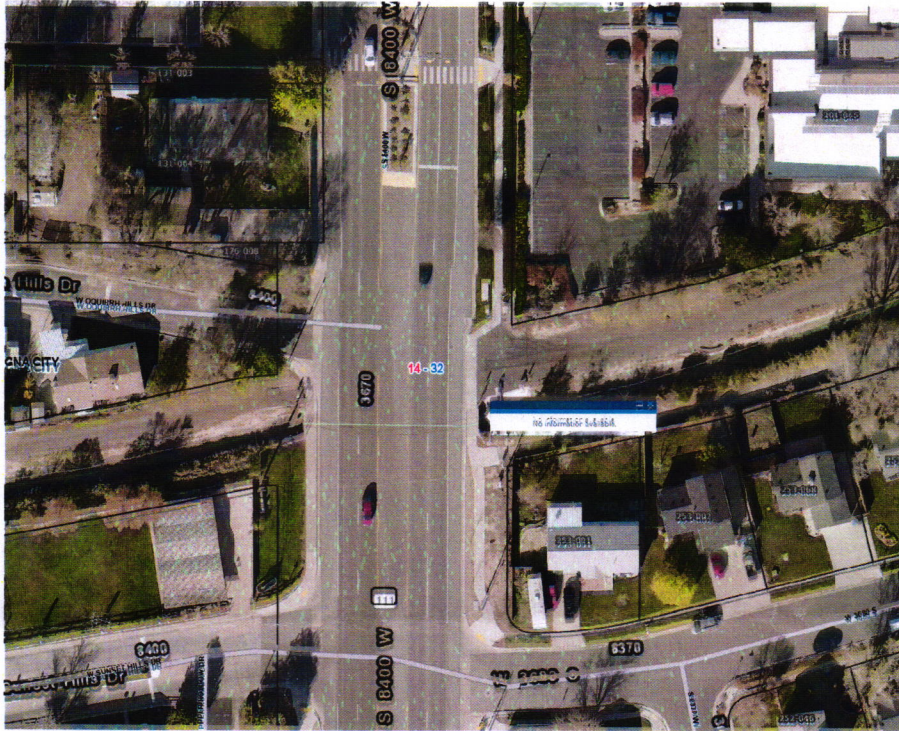


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EXHIBIT E







## REPORT TO MAGNA CITY COUNCIL REGARDING A PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX RATE INCREASE FOR 2025

July 2025

Jordan Valley Water Conservancy District is proposing a property tax increase for its fiscal year 2025/2026 budget.

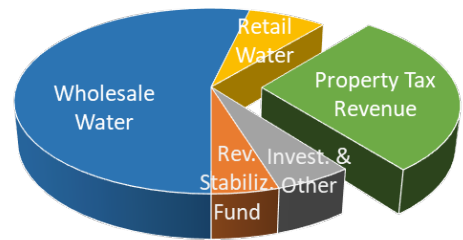
A public hearing is scheduled for August 11, 2025, at 6:00 p.m., where citizens will be able to attend and ask questions or make comments.

A growing service area and increasing water demands require additional water supplies and infrastructure, costing millions of dollars.

Summary information regarding Jordan Valley's proposed property tax increase:

### FROM JORDAN VALLEY'S 2025/2026 TENTATIVE BUDGET:

Total budgeted revenue	\$111.3 million
Property tax revenue as a percentage of total budgeted revenue	30%
Amount of additional revenue from the proposed property tax increase	\$3.1 million
Percent increase in property tax revenue	11.1%
Percent increase in property tax revenue to the total annual cost of water (avg. residence)	2.4%



### PROPERTY TAX INCREASE AMOUNT FOR A HOME OR BUSINESS:

	\$480,000		\$630,000*		\$780,000	
	Home	Business	Home	Business	Home	Business
Current annual property tax	\$80.78	\$146.88	\$106.03	\$192.78	\$131.27	\$238.68
New annual property tax	\$89.76	\$163.20	\$117.81	\$214.20	\$145.86	\$265.20
Annual property tax increase	\$8.98	\$16.32	\$11.78	\$21.42	\$14.59	\$26.52

\* Average home value in Jordan Valley's service area

### PURPOSE FOR ADDITIONAL PROPERTY TAX REVENUE:

Major capital projects over the next five years, which property tax helps support.

Treatment plant upgrades and expansion	\$123.3 million
New storage reservoirs	\$34.5 million
New Southwest Aqueduct segment	\$36.8 million
New wells and groundwater development	\$15.9 million
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$210.5 million</b>

# Greater Salt Lake Municipal Services District: Parks Master Plan

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July 8, 2025



# Cost & Funding

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- MSD was awarded a State Outdoor Recreation Planning Assistance (ORPA) grant for a MSD-wide Parks Plan
  - Award amount: \$50,000
- Extend an opportunity for interested Cities or Towns to participate in Parks Master Plans for their individual parks



# Plan Structure and Purpose

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- Establish a MSD (System-Level) Parks Plan,
  - Individual sections for each community that have a park(s)
- Include individual Park Master Plans for:
  - Copperton
  - Kearns\*
  - Magna
  - White City



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- Review existing general plans and parks/recreation documents
  - Use Placer AI for current/future user trends
  - Conduct Recreational Sports Trend Analysis
  - Identify local/regional/national trends in amenities & community wellness

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- Define a classification for parks:
    - Neighborhood
    - Community
    - Regional
  - Determine LOS for:
    - Individual park types
    - Community-wide systems (parks, rec, trails)
  - Develop LOS-based standards for new development

# Development Policy & Standards

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- Define park standards and land dedication for new development
- Align park planning with growth and demographics
- Establish open space size standards by classification
- Set preferred development guidelines for parks/trails
  - Coordinate with Active Transportation Plans
- Propose implementation policy framework

# Activity & Facility Assessment

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- Inventory recreation activities provided by the public and private sectors
    - Identify surpluses, redundancies, deficiencies
  - Determine needed facilities to support these activities



# Capital Planning & Financial Analysis

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- Analyze current/projected parks-related finances
    - Capital and Operational Costs
  - Update or create Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)
  - Identify funding sources:
    - Local funds
    - District Funds
    - State/federal grants
    - Private contributions

# Community Specific Park Designs

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- Prepare Park Master Plans for major parks:
    - Copperton Park (Copperton)
    - Copper Park (Magna)
    - Magna Neighborhood Park (Magna)
    - Big Bear Park (White City)
    - Others?

# Thank You

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