

City of Washington Terrace

Minutes of a Regular City Council meeting

Held on August 19, 2025

City Hall, 5249 South 400 East, Washington Terrace City, Utah

MAYOR, COUNCIL, AND STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Mark C. Allen

Council Member Jill Christiansen

Council Member Zunayid Z. Zishan – arrived at 5:34 p.m.

Council Member Cheryl Parkinson

Council Member Jeff West

Council Member Michael Thomas

Parks and Recreation Director Carlos Grava

City Recorder Amy Rodriguez

City Manager Tom Hanson

OTHERS PRESENT:

None

1. WORK SESSION

5:00 P.M.

Topics to include; but are not limited to:

- Terrace Days 2025 debrief and future planning

Grava shared some of the feedback from the Terrace Days debrief meeting that was held with staff and the Sheriff Office.

He stated that more signage will be added to the event. He stated that he will research a way for vendors to sign up online and reserve their spot before the event to make set up easier on staff and the vendors.

Grava stated that there were 30 vendors in attendance this year, along with 2 sponsors.

Grava stated that we received \$15,000 in sponsorships this year, in addition to RAMP funding (two separate grant awards).

Grava stated that the FY 2025 budget was \$29,400. He outlined how some of the levels in service decreased this past year, noting that the number of minutes were lessened for the fire works. He stated that the increase in level in services this year included the foam cannon, extra inflatables, and stated that the level of service increases the funding amount for the event. He stated that increases in services and level of service increases the budget. Grava stated that we could decrease the amount of inflatables to cut back on costs if all services are to remain. Grava stated that drone fireworks will cost around \$1500 a minute.

Grava explained the services that make up the main part of the event, with their costs attached. He noted that every service had an increase in price from last year and the costs keep rising. He noted that the price of candy has increased dramatically since last year. He stated that he even cut back on the amount of candy to be handed out, and the price was still increased over budget.

Grava stated that we were over budget this year, with the final cost coming in at \$32,788. He stated that there will need to be a budget adjustment.

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47 Grava showed the projected increases from the vendors for FY 2026. Grava stated that the projected cost
48 for next year's event is \$39,000. He stated that the band will be at least \$2000 more than it was this past
49 year. Grava stated that we are still under contract with our fireworks vendor, however, he noted that 98
50 percent of fireworks come from China. He stated that we will be paying the tariff cost on the fireworks,
51 increasing the amount of the cost if we want to keep the same show (length) as this past year.
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53 Grava stated that there were not as many participants in the foam pit as anticipated. He stated that there
54 were more kids in attendance this year, however, he noted that they seemed older and went to the bull
55 riding area and the climbing walls. Mayor Allen stated that he does not want to charge for the activities for
56 the kids. He suggested cutting out the foam pit and save around \$1,000. Mayor Allen stated that he did not
57 hear one complaint about the shorter fireworks show, noting it was one of the best shows. Council
58 Member Thomas stated that gigsalad.com offers local bands who perform covers for a lower cost. Council
59 Member West stated that he feels that live music is a draw to the event.
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61 Carlos explained that the city has to have a mass gathering permit from the county. He stated that they
62 come to the event and check on our restrooms, vendors, and water stations. He noted that the permit price
63 has increased.
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65 Grava stated that it has been estimated that there were between 2500-3000 people in attendance.
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67 Council Member Parkinson noted that our options to cut costs are to choose a different band option and
68 possibly cut down on fireworks or other options. She asked if the watermelon derby is worth continuing.
69 The Mayor and Grava stated that it is a very popular event. Grava stated that there are prizes bought for
70 this event. Council Member Christiansen stated that she feels that we could cut back on the candy amount.
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72 Grava stated that if our consistent vendors donate next year, we should receive around \$7,000. He noted
73 that there are other vendors who have done work for the city who donated this year. He stated that we
74 cannot count on those vendors in future years. Mayor Allen stated that our RAMP grants were very
75 helpful.
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77 Grava stated that we only sold 10 shirts online, however, people came to him during the event asking
78 about the t-shirts. He stated that the vendor had people asking him as well.
79 There was a discussion on having some on hand at the event.
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81 Council Member West asked if we were able to hold some of our events (like Movie in the Park, or the
82 Easter Egg hunt) in smaller parks in the city. Grava stated that there may be traffic issues at some of the
83 smaller parks.
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85 Council Member Parkinson asked if local vendors received a discount. Grava stated that there were only
86 three vendors from the city. He stated that there were 30 vendors this year. He stated that due to space
87 issues, this number cannot realistically be expanded.
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89 Council Member Zishan suggested asking a Terrace Days feedback question on the next citizen survey. He
90 suggested questions like how important is it to have live music at the event? etc.
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101 City Recorder Amy Rodriguez
102 City Manager Tom Hanson
103 Lt. Sean Endsley, Weber County Sheriff Office
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105 **OTHERS PRESENT:**
106 Jeremy Krause
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109 **2. ROLL CALL** **6:00 P.M.**
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111 **3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
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113 **4. WELCOME**
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115 **5. CONSENT ITEMS**

116 **5.1 APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND AUGUST 5, 2025, COUNCIL MEETING**
117 Item 5.1 was approved by general consent.
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119 **6. CITIZEN COMMENTS**
120 There were no citizen comments.
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122 **7. COUNCIL COMMUNICATION WITH STAFF**

123 Council Member West gave condolences to our Sheriff Office for loss of fellow officers.
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125 Council Member Parkinson agreed, stating that we appreciate all that law enforcement does.
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127 Council Member Parkinson stated that there are still some corners in the city that need ADA ramps.

128 Hanson stated that he will check into how we can fund the projects. He stated that he will determine if
129 grants can be used.
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131 Mayor Allen stated that the ribbon cutting at the new elementary school went very well. He stated that it is
132 a beautiful school and will be an incentive for many kids to want to go to school.

133 Council Member Parkinson stated that she was impressed with Larry Hadley, who gave a shout out to Jake
134 Meibos, stating that he was great to work with.
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136 Mayor Allen stated that the city received a letter from the North View Fire District thanking our Fire
137 Department for their help and support during the Willard Peak fire. Mayor Allen stated that we are glad to

do it and noted that we do help other departments when we can just as other fire departments help us with our fire events. Mayor Allen stated that he appreciates our fire department for going up there to help and is glad everyone is safe up there.

8. ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

Hanson stated that the cooperative nature of this area is tremendous and was proud that our team was able to go up there and help them. He stated that he appreciates the support that our department receives for our fire events.

Hanson stated that the water line on 5350 South has been installed, and the lines are being tested.

Hanson stated that the water valve repair and replacement project is wrapping up for the season.

Hanson recommended that the fall cleaning collection should be open every day of the week from 7:00 am -3:30 pm and each Saturday from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. He noted that the late day option was only used 3 times. Council Member West stated that he likes the idea of the extended Saturday hours.

Hanson stated that the Emergency Preparedness Open House will be held on October 2nd at the Fire Station at 6:00-8:00 p.m. Hanson stated that the United Methodist Church has agreed to be the primary evacuation location once approved by the Red Cross. Hanson stated that he will be working with the LDS church as well.

9. UPCOMING EVENTS

August 28th: Planning Commission Meeting (cancelled)

September 1st: City Offices Closed for Labor Day

September 2nd: City Council Meeting 6:00 p.m.

September 16th: City Council Meeting 6:00 p.m.

September 25th Planning Commission meeting (tentative)

October 1-2: ULCT Conference

10. ADJOURN MEETING

Motion by Council Member Thomas

Seconded by Council Member West

To adjourn the meeting

Approved unanimously (5-0)

Time: 6:20 p.m.

11. ADJOURN INTO REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY MEETING

Council Adjourned into RDA meeting immediately after the regular meeting.

Date approved

City Recorder