

**SANTA CLARA CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27, 2025  
MEETING MIUNTES**

THE CITY COUNCIL FOR SANTA CLARA CITY, WASHINGTON, UTAH, met for a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, August 27, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers located at 2603 Santa Clara Drive, Santa Clara, Utah. The meeting will be broadcasted on our city website at <https://santaclarautah.gov>.

Present: Mayor Rosenberg  
Councilman Jarett Waite  
Councilman Dave Pond  
Councilwoman Christa Hinton  
Councilman Ben Shakespeare

Excused: Councilwoman Janene Burton

Staff Present: Brock Jacobsen, City Manager  
Selena Nez, City Recorder  
Jim McNulty, Planning Director  
Dan Cazier, Fire Chief  
Dustin Mouritsen, Public Works Director  
Gary Hall, Power Director  
Ryan VonCannon, Parks Director  
Lance Haynie, Government Affairs Director  
Jaron Studly, Police Chief

**1. Call to Order**

Mayor Rick Rosenberg called the regular scheduled meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. Present were City Council members Ben Shakespeare, Christa Hinton, Dave Pond, and Jarett Waite.

**2. Opening Ceremony**

Pledge of Allegiance: Councilman Pond

Opening Comments: Pastor Daniel Solis, Iglesia Monte Zion

**3. General Citizen Public Comments**

Mayor Rosenberg opened the floor for public comments on items not on the agenda. No citizens came forward to speak.

**4. Conflicts and Disclosures**

Mayor Rosenberg disclosed that the firm they are involved with had submitted a proposal on the Western Corridor Alignment Study. No other conflicts were disclosed by council members.

**5. Working Agenda**

**A. Public Hearing(s) 6:00 pm**

1. None

**B. Consent Agenda**

1. Approval of Minutes and Claims:
  - August 13, 2025, City Council Work Meeting
  - August 13, 2025, City Council Regular Meeting
  - Claims through August 27, 2025
2. Calendar of Events:
  - September 1, 2025, Labor Day (Offices Closed)

- September 10, 2025, City Council Work Meeting
- September 10, 2025, City Council Regular Meeting
- September 24, 2025, City Council Work Meeting
- September 24, 2025, City Council Regular Meeting
- September 25-27, 2025, Swiss Days

***Motion: Councilwoman Hinton moved to APPROVE the consent agenda as presented. Councilman Waite seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Waite - Aye, Pond - Aye, Hinton - Aye, Burton - Aye, Shakespeare - Aye. Motion passed unanimously.***

### **C. General Business**

#### **1. Discussion and action to approve a Proclamation declaring September 17 through September 23, 2025, as Constitution Week. Presented by Karen Shuman, Daughters of American Revolution.**

Karen Shuman, representing the Daughters of the American Revolution, presented alongside Debbie Jacobs and Laura Miller. Shuman explained that 237 years ago, after 100 days of intense deliberation, the Constitution was signed by 39 men at approximately 4:00 PM at the Pennsylvania State House. She noted that this document established fundamental laws and principles governing the nation, outlining individual liberties and limiting government power through checks and balances.

Shuman detailed how the Daughters of the American Revolution had petitioned Congress to set aside September 17-23 to commemorate the Constitution's adoption, resulting in Public Law 915 signed by President Eisenhower on August 2, 1956. She emphasized that the DAR's mission includes reminding everyone of their responsibility to protect and defend the Constitution, encouraging citizens to study the historical events leading to its framing, and recognizing it as America's most precious governing document.

Mayor Rosenberg read the proclamation in full, declaring September 17-23, 2025, as Constitution Week and asking citizens to reaffirm the ideals of the Constitution's framers by protecting the freedoms it guarantees.

***Motion: Councilman Pond moved to APPROVE the proclamation declaring September 17 through September 23, 2025, as Constitution Week. Councilwoman Hinton seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Waite - Aye, Pond - Aye, Hinton - Aye, Burton - Aye, Shakespeare - Aye. Motion passed unanimously.***

#### **2. Discussion and action to consider an Amended Site Plan for Indigo Fields Home and Antiques, located at 3003 Santa Clara Drive. Presented by Jim McNulty, Planning Director.**

Jim McNulty presented the amended site plan for a property at 3003 Santa Clara Drive, owned by Stephen Hafen. He noted this was one of eight homes in Santa Clara on the National Register of Historic Places. The home appears in the city's historic design guidelines adopted in 2024.

The applicant, Cynthia Derrick, plans to convert the existing single-family home into retail space called Indigo Fields Home and Antiques. The property is just under three-quarters of an acre with a 1,500-square-foot home, of which 1,000 square feet on the main floor would be used for business purposes.

McNulty reported that the Heritage Commission reviewed and supported the project on July 17, 2025. He discussed several site plan elements including the preservation of the home's original color palette (with any touch-ups requiring Heritage Commission review), landscaping featuring pioneer-era ornamentals like roses, lilacs, and hollyhocks, and retention of the two existing sycamore trees along Santa Clara Drive.

Regarding parking, McNulty explained they had worked with the applicant to create a functional site plan with four parking spaces - two along the eastern property line and two adjacent to the building, with the space closest to the entry designated as ADA-compliant. He noted an ADA ramp was not required due to the property's National Register status. The applicant tested the parking configuration with family members and found it functional, addressing previous issues where parking had blocked driveway access.

McNulty mentioned the applicant would utilize the existing hanging structure for tasteful signage, painting it white and having it reviewed by Heritage Commission. The Planning Commission had recommended approval on August 14, 2025, and staff recommended City Council grant the amended site plan approval subject to conditions in the staff report.

*Motion: Councilwoman Hinton moved to APPROVE the amended site plan for Indigo Fields Home and Antiques located at 3003 Santa Clara Drive as presented, subject to the eight conditions in the staff report. Councilman Shakespeare seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Waite - Aye, Pond - Aye, Hinton - Aye, Burton - Aye, Shakespeare - Aye. Motion passed unanimously.*

### **3. Discussion and action to consider Western Corridor Alignment Study. Presented by Dustin Mouritsen, Public Works Director.**

Dustin Mouritsen presented the Western Corridor Alignment Study, noting he had received statements of qualifications from four firms for the study, which is fully funded by Washington County COG with \$156,000. He emphasized the urgency, as funding for environmental design would be available in October.

Mouritsen reviewed the proposals, eliminating Alpha Engineering for being over budget and expressing concerns about Civil Science's partnership with Horrocks (who said they didn't have time). He noted Rosenberg Engineering didn't provide the required timeline. He strongly recommended Sunrise Engineering, As they had done all previous work including mapping and cost estimates for MPO funding applications. He noted his 28-year working relationship with Sunrise and their daily responsiveness.

Council discussion focused on the timeline (completion by October when environmental and design funding becomes available) and the study's scope. Mouritsen and Mayor Rosenberg explained the study would examine constraints including slopes, cuts, walls, bridges, archaeological sites, floodplains, right-of-way constraints, existing utilities, and the city power line alignment. The study would identify the corridor location for future right-of-way acquisition and inform environmental studies.

The alignment runs from Highway 91 to Gap Canyon (Phase 1) with an estimated cost of \$60 million. Discussion touched on the relationship to the power line corridor (which parallels but doesn't follow the road exactly), multiple bridge crossings over Cove Wash and Santa Clara River, and coordination with existing development and St. George's portion of the project south of Gap Canyon.

*Motion: Councilman Waite moved to the Western Corridor Alignment Study, awarding the bid to Sunrise Engineering. Councilman Pond seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Shakespeare - Aye, Burton - Aye, Hinton - Aye, Pond - Aye, Waite - Aye. Motion passed unanimously.*

### **4. Discussion and action to approve a 5-year Slurry Seal Contract with American Pavement Preservation LLC. Presented by Dustin Mouritsen, Public Works Director.**

Dustin Mouritsen requested approval for a five-year slurry seal contract with American Pavement Preservation LLC from Las Vegas. He explained this company hadn't bid recently because they were booked a year out, indicating high demand for their quality work.

Mouritsen detailed his poor experiences with other companies over his 28 years in the position, citing deteriorating products, poor public relations, and messes including slurry covering gutters, backing trucks into driveways, filling waterways, and requiring one company to redo a third of their project. He contrasted this with American Pavement Preservation, whose roads look better after 3-5 years than others' after 2 years, and who sometimes exceed specifications.

The five-year contract would lock in pricing (with oil prices varying only about a penny per square foot annually) and wouldn't require consecutive years of work, allowing flexibility to skip years for chip seal or other projects. Mouritsen emphasized the need for early approval to secure a spot on their schedule for the upcoming large project of approximately 2 million square feet. He noted this year's budget was \$400,000, with the current year's cost at \$390,000.

City Attorney Matt Ence confirmed this qualified as sole source procurement under the city's bidding policy. When asked about pricing comparison, Mouritsen said companies typically bid within a penny of each other, ranging from \$0.17-0.19 per square foot.

***Motion: Councilman Shakespeare moved to APPROVE a 5-year slurry seal contract with American Pavement Preservation LLC. Councilwoman Hinton seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Waite - Aye, Pond - Aye, Hinton - Aye, Burton - Aye, Shakespeare - Aye. Motion passed unanimously.***

## **6. Reports**

### **A. Mayor / Council Reports**

Councilman Ben Shakespeare reported attending COG and MPO meetings on behalf of the mayor. He mentioned there was one conflict at the meeting related to easement purchases and disclosures, noting that training would be needed on these processes. Despite trying to downplay it when asked about "fights," he acknowledged it was "exciting."

Councilwoman Hinton provided an extensive report covering multiple meetings and events:

- UAMPS meeting with Congresswoman Celeste Maloy discussing power, energy, permitting process reform, and public lands disposal
- League Board meeting on August 18, where they planned a letter of support for LEA programs benefiting rural cities, with newly elected official trainings scheduled for December 6 and 13
- LPC meeting discussing state housing plan and a proposed water system fee due to federal budget cuts causing a \$5.6 million shortfall (64% reduction in base SRF funding), with Santa Clara's potential fee being approximately \$18,000 annually
- Discussion of potential annexation legislation allowing denied areas to create adjacent municipalities without the quarter-mile buffer
- General Plan Committee updates: September 9 community forum from 5:30-7:30 PM featuring a presentation and stations for public comment; October 8 final draft presentation at a combined work meeting with Planning and Heritage Commissions; plans for completion by year-end

Councilman Dave Pond briefly confirmed attendance at the LPC meeting, adding that ADU (Accessory Dwelling Unit) issues discussed had largely been addressed in Santa Clara's existing codes, though some minor adjustments regarding setbacks might be needed.

Councilman Jarett Waite reported on:

- Attending the UAMPS conference, where the main takeaway regarding the energy day-ahead market was to "buck up" as it would be challenging.
- Attending a league webinar on the beer tax, noting that Santa Clara didn't use all of its allocated funds last year. He suggested the police department or court system could use these funds for substance abuse prevention programs.
- Attending the candidate meeting organized by Brock and department directors, which he found very helpful.
- Concerns from residents about the crosswalk by Lava Ridge that connects to Gubler Park, where drivers often don't stop for pedestrians despite the blinking lights. Chief Studley mentioned upcoming state funding for crosswalk enforcement, and Public Works Director Mouritsen suggested installing collapsible bollards in the center of the road to improve visibility.

Mayor Rosenberg provided an extensive report on multiple topics:

- UAMPS conference with excellent keynote speakers, particularly Steve Wright's presentation on the power of public service
- Meeting with Congresswoman Maloy, wishing nuclear power support had come earlier during their investment period

- Water District Administrative Advisory Committee meeting highlighting successful turf buyback programs (31% increase in residential lawn conversions this year, following 90% increase the previous year)
- Regional conservation plan requiring city adoption by October 31, 2025
- Discussion of rate schedules showing Santa Clara grouped with Washington and St. George, with rates in "a good place"
- Concerns about water shortage plan enforcement for perpetual over-users who ignore conservation
- Flood Control TAC meeting discussing emergency repair policies and Corps permitting related to conservation easements

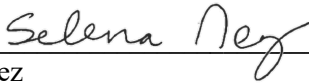
## 7. Closed Meeting Session

Mayor Rosenberg confirmed there was no need for a closed meeting session.

## 8. Adjournment

*Motion: Councilman Shakespeare moved to adjourn. Councilwoman Hinton seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.*

The City Council meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

  
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 Selena Nez  
 City Recorder

Approved: September 10, 2025