

City Council and Redevelopment Agency Work Meeting Minutes

Date: October 15, 2025

Time: 5:30 p.m.

Place: Tooele City Hall Council Chambers
90 North Main Street, Tooele City, Utah

Council Members Present

Justin Brady
Dave McCall
Ed Hansen
Maresa Manzione
Melodi Gochis

Staff Present

Mayor Debbie Winn
Matt Johnson, City Attorney
Darwin Cook, Parks and Recreation Director
John Perez, Economic Development Director
Police Chief Adrian Day
Paul Hansen, City Engineer
Loretta Herron, Deputy Recorder
Shilo Baker, City Recorder
Jamie Grandpre, Public Works Director
Kami Perkins, HR Director
Chase Randell, Library Director

Minutes prepared by Alicia Fairbourne

1. Open City Council Meeting

Chairman Brady called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm

2. Roll Call

Councilwoman Manzione, Present
Councilwoman Gochis, Present
Councilman Hansen, Present
Councilman McCall, Present
Chairman Brady, Present

3. Mayor's Report

Mayor Winn reported that she had received an email from Glen Stevens of the Tooele Pioneer Museum, who shared data regarding museum visitors. Over the past year, the museum had hosted visitors from four foreign countries, 27 states, and 90 cities across the United States, as well as from

60 different Utah zip codes outside of Tooele, totaling 154 unique zip codes. She expressed excitement about the museum's success in drawing both local and out-of-state visitors.

Mayor Winn also reviewed several community events held the previous weekend. She attended the ribbon cutting for Ross, which provided a \$5,000 donation to the local Boys and Girls Club. She described the "Witches and Waffles" event hosted by the Community Engagement Division as well attended and family-friendly. She visited Fire Station No. 3 during its open house for Fire Prevention Week and commended the volunteer firefighters for their efforts in educating children about fire safety.

She noted that the Special Needs Carnival, organized by Chris and Berna Sloan, was a volunteer-run event providing a Halloween experience for children with special needs. Mayor Winn then highlighted the one-year anniversary celebration at Leitner-Poma, a ski lift manufacturer in Tooele, recognizing the company's contribution to local job creation and community engagement through its "Pumpkins to Powder" event. She concluded by describing the "Kicking Cancer's Can" fundraiser, organized by resident Andrea Rawlings, which has been running for about 15 years and supports community members affected by cancer. Mayor Winn expressed gratitude to all who volunteered their time and resources to strengthen the community and encouraged residents to participate in local events.

Chairman Brady thanked Mayor Winn for her report.

4. Council Members' Report

Councilman McCall reported that he had attended the Utah League of Cities and Towns convention in Salt Lake City, as well as several "Meet the Candidates" events and ribbon cuttings, including those for Ross and Jack in the Box. He also visited Leitner-Poma and expressed interest in seeing their snowmaking equipment.

Councilman Hansen stated that the Local Homeless Coordinating Committee had resumed meetings after a hiatus, with twelve participants in attendance, and that efforts were underway to continue securing state funding. He relayed resident concerns about fiber installation contractors leaving behind damaged or unfinished areas, including broken sprinkler systems. Mayor Winn advised residents to contact the City's Public Works Department with specific addresses so staff could coordinate with the responsible contractors. Councilman Hansen thanked Public Works staff for quickly addressing flooding at Left Hand Fork Campground and expressed appreciation to the department, noting the repair was completed in time for the upcoming deer hunting season. He also commented on the ongoing election season and commended those running for office for their efforts.

Councilwoman Gochis shared that she attended several community and business events, including a chamber luncheon presented by Josh Romney, ribbon cuttings for Central States, Summit Healthcare, Bath & Body Works, and Oquirrh Aesthetics Medical Office, and an open house for the new Ensign Engineering building. She attended a library board meeting, participated in the Deseret Peak High School and Tooele High School homecoming parades, and attended an emergency preparedness fireside led by County Emergency Management Director Bucky Whitehouse. She noted that she participated in the League of Cities and Towns convention and gathered new ideas to benefit the city. She also attended the Children's Justice Center "Black Tie and Blue Jeans" fundraiser and hosted a Meet the Candidates Night for the Women's Civic League. Councilwoman Gochis concluded by congratulating all candidates running for public office and encouraged residents to become informed voters.

Councilwoman Manzione said she attended most of the same events but emphasized a few highlights. At the Jack in the Box ribbon cutting, she was pleased to hear the company describe Tooele as a business-friendly city. She noted that Central States employees volunteered at the Ritz Theater to remove old seating, Leitner-Poma's open house strengthened community relations, and Smith's had

commissioned a local artist to paint a mural at its new store. As a board member of New Reflection House, she reported that awards were recently given to the Cummings family, the Children's Justice Center, and the ambulance service for their contributions to the community. She praised local volunteers, including those from the Fire Department and the Community Engagement Division, for their continued service and dedication outside of normal working hours.

Chairman Brady stated that he attended many of the same events, including the League of Cities and Towns convention, where he observed that Tooele compared favorably with other cities of similar size. He attended the "Kicking Cancer's Can" event, which he described as a favorite community tradition, and participated in the local homecoming parades. He encouraged residents to contact candidates directly for accurate election information, noting that misinformation was circulating online.

5. Discussion Items

a. **Public Works Update**

Presented by Jamie Grandpre, Public Works Director

Public Works Director Jamie Grandpre presented an extensive update highlighting major departmental accomplishments over the past five years. He reviewed improvements across several divisions, including significant roadway reconstruction, chip seal and overlay projects, stormwater drainage upgrades, and the installation of new traffic signals and solar streetlights. He also noted upgrades to the water system, including new wells, well houses, generators, and water line replacements.

Mr. Grandpre detailed major wastewater treatment improvements, such as new disk membrane filters, clarifier rehabilitation, oxidation ditch repairs, and the construction of the \$8.6 million Headworks Building, which modernized the city's water reclamation facility. He mentioned the ongoing design of a new greenhouse to improve biosolid production and future ultraviolet disinfection upgrades. He also reported on fleet maintenance efforts, facility repairs, and the development of the Public Works campus to better support staff and operations. He concluded by expressing gratitude to Mayor Winn, the Council, and his team for their support and dedication.

Chairman Brady thanked Mr. Grandpre and his team for their expertise and commitment, noting that much of their work went unseen but was essential to residents' quality of life. Mayor Winn praised Mr. Grandpre's leadership, crediting him for transforming the department and recognizing staff members Troy, Jeff, Chris, and Nathan for their responsiveness and professionalism. Councilman Hansen remarked on the need for additional funding to maintain city infrastructure. Councilman McCall acknowledged the high cost of public works projects but emphasized the importance of helping residents understand those costs. Councilwoman Manzione commended the department's maintenance of roads and storm drains, while Councilwoman Gochis added that her tour of the reclamation facility reinforced her appreciation for the department's work and dedication.

6. Closed Meeting

~ **Litigation, Property Acquisition, and/or Personnel**

Chairman Brady stated there was a need for a Closed Meeting due to pending litigation and/or property acquisition.

Motion: Councilwoman Manzione moved to proceed into a Closed Meeting. Councilman McCall seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Councilman McCall, "Aye"; Councilman Hansen, "Aye"; Councilwoman Gochis, "Aye"; Councilwoman Manzione, "Aye"; Chairman Brady, "Aye". There were none opposed. The motion carried.

The public meeting recessed at 6:34 p.m. The Council reconvened for the Closed Meeting in the conference room.

Chairman Brady called the Closed Meeting to order at 6:38 p.m.

Roll Call: Councilman Ed Hansen; Councilwoman Melodi Gochis; Councilwoman Maresa Manzione; Councilman Justin Brady; Councilman Dave McCall

Also in attendance: Mayor Debbie Winn; Matt Johnson, City Attorney; ~~Mayor Debbie Winn~~; Shilo Baker, City Recorder; Police Chief Adrian Day; Paul Hansen, Contract City Engineer; Jamie Grandpre, Public Works Director; Darwin Cook, Parks & Recreation Director

7. **Adjourn**

Upon conclusion of the Closed Meeting, Chairman Brady adjourned the meeting at 7:01 p.m.

The content of the minutes is not intended, nor are they submitted, as a verbatim transcription of the meeting. These minutes are a brief overview of what occurred at the meeting.

Approved this 5th day of ^{November} ~~October~~, 2025



Justin Brady, City Council Chair