



## MAGNA CITY COUNCIL MEETING

SEPTEMBER 23, 2025 @ 6:00 PM  
WEBSTER COMMUNITY CENTER  
8952 West Magna Main Street  
Magna, Utah 84044

**\*\*DRAFT MINUTES\*\***

### MAGNA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES September 23, 2025

#### **Council Members Present:**

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

#### **Council Member(s) Excused:**

#### **Staff Present:**

David Brickey, City Manager  
Paul Ashton, Legal Counsel  
Daniel Torres, Economic Development Manager

#### **Others Present:**

#### **6:00 PM – PUBLIC MEETING**

##### **1. Call to Order**

Mayor Barney, presiding, called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. He noted there was a full council present for tonight's meeting.

##### **2. Determine Quorum**

A quorum was present, allowing the meeting to proceed.

##### **3. Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

#### **MAGNA COUNCIL MEMBERS**

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

**Becky Colonna** stated that she had been unable to be added to the agenda for a two-way discussion and therefore provided council members with packets concerning the cemetery sign. She explained that there had been 85 public comments regarding the sign and none were positive, and she said the community wanted the original arch restored. She also expressed concern that the three-minute speaking limit and the QR-code process reduced public engagement. She asked the council to consider moving public comment to follow the council's agenda so residents could respond to items discussed and receive answers.

**Melinda Burrell** reported safety concerns at Cloud Peak Drive and Cordero Drive, describing the area as dark and increasingly dangerous for pedestrians as traffic failed to stop, leading to children nearly being hit. She said shoulder driving was occurring when traffic backed up and noted poor visibility for southbound travelers due to a curve on Cordero. She also described parents and children using Loveridge and Beckville Drive to make prohibited left turns after school and urged continued pressure on the Utah Department of Transportation to extend the median. She added that she had alerted the Unified Police Department for enforcement.

**Terry George** asked who was responsible for answering citizen questions during meetings and responding to emails. After being told city staff held that responsibility, Terry George asked who counted as staff and questioned why residents could not receive email responses. Mr. George asserted that the city funded both the full-time staff member and the Municipal Services District and said it was unreasonable that constituents had to seek answers outside the city.

**Alicia Cartier** explained that she represented the Magna Area Communication Council Members for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and clarified that the group's goal was to establish an Interfaith Council, separate from the My Hometown Initiative. She said their only request was access to a neutral meeting location for faith leaders. She stated that the My Hometown Initiative had different goals and leadership and that its involvement at an earlier meeting had caused confusion. She described upcoming community activities already being organized, including a Halloween event, and expressed a desire for both a city council member and the city manager to serve on the proposed Interfaith Council. She said the group intended to host a dinner for local faith leaders and needed a neutral venue for that event.

**Sarah Sanchez** stated that she had emailed questions without receiving responses. She expressed concern about limited options for evacuation during emergencies, noting that 9000 West access was closed and that remaining routes could become dangerously congested. She said falling elm trees along 2700 South created roadway hazards and required attention. She also described experiencing inappropriate electioneering at a polling location and said it was improper for anyone to tell voters whom to support. She questioned why campaign signs for some candidates were left in place while others disappeared and said she viewed that as interference. She expressed frustration with deteriorating road conditions and asked who oversaw the quality of repaving work. She opposed funding a skate park if it would increase taxes and said funds should instead improve streets and support community safety.

**Patricia Welch** asked what the council would do to enforce noise ordinances, reduce

speeding, address individuals entering private yards, and respond to disorderly conduct in neighborhoods. When told the meeting was not a venue for back-and-forth discussion, she said these issues required answers.

**Roberta Nicholes** said she was unaware public comment did not allow dialogue and questioned why citizens could not receive responses. She said she was upset by the new cemetery signs, describing them as disrespectful, and asked how residents could obtain answers to their questions. After the mayor noted they had spoken by phone earlier, she said she had not been satisfied with that conversation. She said she had spoken with several council members who expressed concern about the signs and insisted that decisions affecting the cemetery should involve public input. She also said she lived on 7700 West and had heard that the city was considering purchasing a church across the street. She said she wanted advance notice of any plans for that property and stated that she would oppose changes similar to those made at the cemetery.

**Megan Olsen** said she shared concerns about the cemetery signage and found the columns appropriate because they were masonry. She said previous statements suggesting the columns rusted were incorrect. She asked why the city had not accepted an offer from a community member who had volunteered fabrication services for approximately \$1,900. She questioned whether an \$8,000 bid had been refunded and asked why the project had taken more than four years. She asked how much the new signs cost and said she wanted the issue resolved.

**Pam Roberts**, speaking as she concluded her service as the General Manager and CEO of Wasatch Front Waste and Recycling District, introduced her successor, Evan Tyrell. She said the organization had implemented a significant fee increase for 2025 but had taken steps to avoid additional increases recommended for 2026 and 2027. She explained that staff vacancies had not been filled, which had reduced costs by \$320,000, and that switching from compressed natural gas trucks to diesel trucks had saved \$400,000 on replacement costs. She detailed further reductions, including light-duty truck adjustments, and said her goal was to ensure long-term organizational stability.

**Elaine Kovalek** said she compared the Magna Cemetery to the Manila Cemetery and believed Magna's was poorly maintained, with weeds overtaking the grounds. She said she had instructed her family not to inter her in Magna because of the cemetery's condition. She also criticized the new cemetery sign and said she believed it would become a target for vandalism. She asked who installed the barriers on SR-201, which had removed an important access route for west-side residents, and she requested information about whether the change was permanent. She additionally questioned why a police officer frequently monitored 9200 West near 3500 South when, due to road closures, she believed traffic enforcement was needed elsewhere.

## **5. STAKEHOLDER REPORTS**

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

Lt. Chris Benedict reported that the new parking ordinance that went into effect on August 11 had been actively enforced, with officers issuing 221 civil parking citations since implementation and 180 citations during August, noting that some of those overlapped within the total count. He stated that the enforcement effort had been effective and expressed appreciation for the city's engineering work and public education on the ordinance. He said officers answered 1,680 calls during August, including 607 short-form reports and 569 long-form reports, averaging 76 calls per officer for the month. He also noted that officers handled 73 domestic-related calls, which continued to trend higher than usual, and responded to 31 theft calls, emphasizing that officers had remained busy throughout the month.

#### **B. Pleasant Green Cemetery**

David Brickey, on behalf of Sharon Nicholes, reported that during the past month the cemetery had one plot sale, one headstone installation, two full-body burials, and one green burial.

Mayor Eric Barney clarified that a green burial involved no embalming. Council Member Mick Sudbury added that the green burials occurred on the west side of the cemetery, where remains were placed directly into the ground without concrete, vaults, or mantles. Council Member Trish Hull stated that these practices related to the cemetery's status as a pioneer cemetery rather than a perpetual care cemetery, which limited the ability to maintain grass or follow different regulatory standards.

#### **C. Financial Reports**

Dave Sanderson reported that although the financial report in the council's packet reflected figures through July 31, he had processed updated information through August 31 and provided those numbers. He explained that the first three revenue figures were estimates from the Municipal Services District and would be updated after the sales tax distribution posted that night or the following night. He stated that revenue below the estimated figures represented actual receipts into the Administration Fund, noting that building permits had generated \$40,000 in the first two months of the fiscal period. He said expenses appeared normal and highlighted that the Magna Fourth of July Celebration had cost approximately \$70,000 and generated about \$7,000 in sponsorships, resulting in a net expense of \$62,000 reflected in the report.

Mr. Sanderson then reviewed the Designated Fund, which included Municipal Energy Tax revenues. He explained that most figures were still estimates, with the exception of the power and natural gas amounts, and noted that grants and American Rescue Plan Act expenses were listed in the fund. Moving to the Cemetery Fund, he acknowledged the earlier report regarding burials and plot sales and noted the associated revenues and expenses.

Council Member Mick Sudbury asked where cemetery sign expenditures had been recorded. Dave Sanderson stated that no payment had yet been made. When Council Member Sudbury asked if the cost was known, Mr. Sanderson continued with his report, noting that the Communities That Care fund had received \$1,000 for substance use disorder programming

and that normal expenses continued. He also referenced earlier discussion of the Community Reinvestment Area Investment Fund and said the county had transferred the prior year's increments, totaling roughly \$2.5 million, to that fund, with typical distributions occurring between December and February.

Council Member Steve Prokopis requested that future financial presentations be provided electronically so the public could view them, and he said he would share his copy with attendees. Council Member Mick Sudbury noted the materials were included in the meeting packet, and Council Member Audrey Pierce added that packets were posted online alongside meeting agendas on the state's public meeting transparency website.

## **6. CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Approve Council Meeting Minutes**
  - 1. September 9, 2025

Due to a last minute change in the minutes the approval the council agreed to move approval to the October 14, 2025 Council Meeting

## **7. PRESENTATION ITEMS**

- A. Introduction of New General Manager/CEO of Wasatch Front Waste and Recycling District (WFWRD)**

Pam Roberts explained that she had mistakenly signed up under the wrong list and reiterated that her earlier comments represented her report from the Wasatch Front Waste and Recycling District. She then yielded the remainder of the presentation to Evan Tyrell.

Evan Tyrell introduced himself as the incoming general manager of Wasatch Front Waste and Recycling District. He explained that the district served more than 86,000 homes throughout Salt Lake County with weekly garbage and recycling collection, as well as seasonal services including the SCRAP program. He thanked the council for their public service and expressed appreciation for Pam Roberts' 28 years of service. He said he was honored to assume the role and intended to continue providing efficient, cost-effective services. He described his background, noting that he previously served as the solid waste and fleet services director for the City of Flagstaff, Arizona, where he oversaw landfill operations, recycling processing, and residential and commercial waste collection. He added that he had also served as the executive director of a solid waste special service district in Moab, Utah, and was familiar with Utah's waste management needs. He said his work had consistently focused on operational improvements and efficiencies, and he expressed his commitment to applying that experience in leading the district and supporting the community.

- B. Ordinance 2025-O-15, Amending Chapter 11.44 Penalties, Parties and Procedure on Arrest**

Dan Torres stated that he was presenting updates to the previously adopted parking ordinance due to additional revisions provided by Chief Del Craig. He noted that printed copies were in

black and white as a cost-saving measure but that clearer versions would be distributed. He explained that sections 11.44.010 through 11.44.040 reflected the material presented at the prior meeting, with several key changes displayed on the screen for the council's review. He said that on the third page, section 11.20.050 contained updates from Chief Craig to ensure full availability of enforcement tools. He also pointed out revisions to section 11.21.030, explaining that after discussion with the chief, the language would be amended to clarify when vehicles or trailers could be removed during snow events. He said he could review the details upon request and stated that the goal was to finalize the cleanup of the ordinance so it could be presented in adoptable form at the council's October 14 meeting.

## **8. COUNCIL BUSINESS**

### **A. Formation of a Traffic and Safety Committee**

David Brickey reported that the revisions requested at the previous meeting had been incorporated into the proposed bylaws for the Traffic and Safety Committee. He stated that line 34 in Section 3.31 now specified that city council members would appoint the committee chair. He said that additional changes appeared on page two, including language at line three limiting members to a maximum of two consecutive terms, language at line 27 requiring the committee to meet quarterly, and language at line 30 clarifying that the committee must meet at least once annually. He said that upon approval, staff would prepare an application form for prospective members and would seek to select one member from each district so meetings could begin once appointments were made.

Mayor Eric Barney asked whether the action before the council was adoption of the bylaws. David Brickey confirmed and added that the bylaws included a code of conduct requiring members to recognize their representative role and refrain from posting information on social media in ways that could imply they spoke on behalf of the city.

**Council Member Sudbury moved to approve the Traffic and Safety Committee Bylaws as presented today. Council Member Hull seconded the motion; vote was 5-0, unanimous in favor.**

### **B. Resolution R2025-10, A Resolution of the Magna City Council Approving and Authorizing Delegation of Authority to Further Reduce Parking Violation Penalties in Limited Circumstances**

Dan Torres explained that the item before the council had appeared at the previous meeting and had since been converted into a resolution with assistance from the city attorney. He reiterated that the Municipal Services District administered citation fee collection and the administrative law judge process for the city, and that the city itself could not independently reduce fines. He said the resolution established a framework allowing staff limited discretion to reduce fees: up to 50% for a first violation, 25% for a second violation, and no reductions after a third violation.

Mayor Eric Barney asked whether the structure mirrored the format used in the Town of Brighton. Dan Torres confirmed that it did and added that he believed the same system either had been or would be adopted by the Salt Lake County Council for citations issued in unincorporated areas served by the Municipal Services District.

**Council Member Prokopis moved to approve Resolution R2025-10, Approving and Authorizing Delegation of Authority to Further Reduce Parking Violation Penalties in Limited Circumstances, as presented tonight. Council Member Hull seconded the motion; vote was 5-0, unanimous in favor.**

**C. Lumen Franchise Agreement**

**Council Member Pierce moved to approve and authorize the signing of the Lumen Franchise Agreement as presented tonight. Council Member Hull seconded the motion; vote was 5-0, unanimous in favor.**

**9. MANAGER/CITY ATTORNEY UPDATES**

David Brickey invited Dan Torres forward to share some updates on current issues/projects within Magna. Dan Torres continued to update everyone with financial and funding information related to several capital projects. He said the Municipal Services District staff had reviewed projects including the 2820 South and 8000 West realignment and widening, a potential property acquisition, the 7200 West improvements shared with West Valley City, and the remodel of the Webster Center. He said the budget sheet before the council outlined available funding sources such as ARPA, CARES, unrestricted fund balances, downtown CRA increment, corridor preservation funds, and MSD road maintenance money. He noted that the sheet was prepared with the cooperation of Brian Hartsell, Tamaran Woodland, and Stewart Okobia. He reiterated that ARPA funds had to be allocated by December 2024 and fully spent by December 31, 2026 or risk being reclaimed by the federal government. He also explained that staff recommended conservative use of ARPA due to audit requirements and that CARES funds had no federal restrictions.

David Brickey added that ARPA funds needed to be spent down quickly and noted that Brian Hartsell had encouraged the city to expend those funds well before the federal deadline. He said one option was to use ARPA funds on eligible ongoing street projects and then move the dollars normally used for those projects back into the city's restricted road fund, effectively preserving the money while complying with federal spending requirements. He emphasized that staff had coordinated with auditors to ensure that no approach violated federal rules.

Dan Torres then walked through each major project. For the 2820 South realignment, he explained that federal funds covered land acquisition but might not cover structure costs, leaving a remaining cost of \$639,615. He recommended allocating \$189,615 from ARPA and \$450,000 from corridor preservation funds. He said the proposed property acquisition totaled \$925,000 and recommended using CARES 2 funds for that purchase. For the 7200 West

improvements, he explained that the project cost was about \$15.9 million and largely grant-funded, but required a match. He said West Valley City had agreed to cover 60% of the local match, leaving Magna responsible for \$451,000, which staff recommended requesting from the MSD Board through road maintenance funds. He then addressed the Webster Center remodel, stating that the project was estimated at \$3.3 million and required upgrades for code compliance and ADA access, along with improvements to HVAC, bathrooms, and the parking lot. He said staff anticipated offsetting costs with grants and recommended using \$485,811 in CARES 2 funds, \$1.7 million from the city's unrestricted carryover, and \$1.1 million from the downtown CRA. He noted that CRA allocations required approval from the CRA Board.

Council Member Mick Sudbury asked for the available CRA balance, and David Brickey stated it was approximately \$2.4 million. Mayor Eric Barney referenced a projection of \$2.5 million. Council Member Steve Prokopis asked why the city did not use more of that funding, and Dan Torres responded that keeping reserves available for emergencies was advisable. Mayor Eric Barney said he was concerned that too much ARPA funding remained unspent and emphasized that it must be used before the end of the year. Dan Torres confirmed that ARPA had specific deadlines and explained the option of swapping street funding to ensure ARPA dollars were timely spent. Council Member Steve Prokopis asked whether the swapped funds would have more flexible uses, and David Brickey said auditors were reviewing the process to ensure it was compliant. Dan Torres reiterated that using ARPA precisely within eligible categories was the safest approach to avoid audit issues. The council discussed timing, and Mayor Eric Barney said he preferred additional time to consider the proposal. Council Member Trish Hull stated she would be absent on October 14, and staff encouraged council members to submit questions soon because only a few meetings remained in the year.

David Brickey then addressed traffic concerns related to DR Horton's development. He said staff had just received a new traffic study from the developer, who continued to argue that 4100 West buildout was unnecessary and that traffic could be routed through Cordero with added lanes. He noted that UDOT had already stated it would not approve additional lanes. He said he wished the report had been provided earlier and planned to review it in detail with engineers the following week. He said DR Horton's report was inconsistent, noting that it simultaneously stated they would begin designing 4100 West while also claiming they did not need to build it. He emphasized that impacts would fall primarily on Magna, even though parts of 4100 West were in West Valley City. He said school buses were already using the 4100 West access point extensively, demonstrating its necessity. Council Member Mick Sudbury said the traffic study should have blocked the dirt road to force all vehicles onto Cordero for accurate results and commented that winter conditions would further complicate access if the dirt road was not plowed. Mr. Brickey agreed and said requesting a new study was likely.

David Brickey then addressed comments from earlier in the meeting about unreturned emails. He said he was unaware of any failures in staff responsiveness and asked residents to provide names and examples so he could investigate. He offered that his phone number and email were available on the website and encouraged residents to contact him directly. Council Member Mick Sudbury asked whether residents could call or leave messages instead of using a QR code system, and David Brickey said they could. Council Member Steve Prokopis asked

about the process for handling constituent concerns, and Mr. Brickey said he typically responded within 24 to 48 hours to explain what information was being gathered and from whom. Dan Torres then explained that the MSD's IT Director had recently discovered a system error that caused citizen report form submissions to disappear since the summer. He said the issue had been fixed within minutes once identified. Mr. Brickey added that the same problem caused multiple duplicate records in the public records request system, and he said all records requests were still being answered as required by law.

## **10. COUNCIL REPORTS**

Council Member Mick Sudbury had nothing to report.

Council Member Steve Prokopis reported on matters involving the Unified Police Department and the Unified Fire Authority. He said UPD continued to navigate the separation between the agency and the Salt Lake County Sheriff's Office, and he noted that budget work was underway, with the sheriff's budget expected the following month. He said efforts were ongoing to improve relations following the organizational separation. Turning to UFA, he acknowledged the presence of Assistant Chief Wade Russell, who oversaw administration and planning services, and recognized his long service. He reviewed House Bill 48, explaining that it addressed wildfire risk in wildland–urban interface areas and shifted more responsibility to property owners during the off-season. He said Magna would soon be asked to adopt an ordinance reflecting that legislation, and that draft language and a map would be provided. He noted that UFA had 20 firefighters in training who were halfway through a 16-week academy, with graduation expected on November 13. He said UFA had launched a community risk reduction program through its Fire Prevention Bureau and that flyers about lithium-ion battery safety had been distributed, including QR codes linking to further information and proper disposal instructions. He added that UFA offered monthly CPR courses for a fee and directed residents to the UFA website for details.

Council Member Trish Hull added that lithium-ion battery fires were dangerous and should not be handled by residents, urging callers to contact 911 immediately. She said Assistant Chief Russell served as Magna's direct UFA representative. She described UFA's social-media-based public education programs as nationally recognized and noted that other jurisdictions had begun using materials developed in Magna. She announced that Community Connections Night would occur at Magna Copper Park on Saturday from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., with UPD, UFA, and service providers present to share information. She said the event would feature performers but no vendors.

Council Member Audrey Pierce reported that she had not attended any board meetings since her last update. She said she had a scheduled meeting on emergency management with Madison on October 6. She explained that Madison had been scheduled to brief the council that evening on adopting the mitigation plan but had canceled due to illness; the item was expected on the next agenda. She added that UFA emergency management personnel and EMS agencies from around the valley had assembled two shelter-supply trailers at the UFA parking lot earlier in the week, and those assets would be deployable when needed.

Mayor Eric Barney reported that the most recent MSD meeting had been brief and that the next meeting had been canceled due to a lack of business. He said the MSD had recently appointed a member and alternate to represent the district at the Utah Association of Special Districts and had approved an interlocal agreement with Salt Lake County and West Jordan regarding West Jordan's annexation of the Oquirrh Highlands subdivision, which transferred certain MSD service contracts while allowing others to conclude. He said the MSD had also received a communications update from Maridene Alexander, who oversaw MSD communications for all participating municipalities. He said he was impressed by the volume and quality of outreach work, including mailers about parking and landscaping codes, as well as social-media communications regarding the opening of Cyrus High School and the issues that arose at the start of the school year.

Council Member Steve Prokopis added one final item, reporting that firefighters from Magna's local stations had recently visited the council and shared their plans for a station-branded T-shirt design. He said the crews had produced personalized shirts for each council member, the mayor, and the city manager at no cost, and he distributed them during the meeting. If you have the remainder of the transcript to summarize, feel free to provide it.

**Council Member Hull moved to recess the City Council Meeting and move to Closed Session. Council Member Pierce 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

**12. ADJOURN**

**This is a true and correct copy of the September 23, 2025 City Council Meeting Minutes, which were approved on November 18, 2025.**

**Attest:**

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**Eric Barney, Magna City Mayor**

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**Diana Baun, Magna City Recorder**