



MINUTES OF THE SOUTH OGDEN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2025 – 6 PM
LOCATED IN THE COUNCIL ROOM

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Russell Porter, Council Members Susan Stewart, Mike Howard, Jeanette Smyth, Doug Stephens, and Jeremy Howe

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

Assistant City Manager Summer Palmer, Finance Director Peter Anjewierden, Fire Chief Cameron West, Communications and Events Manager Danielle Bendinelli, Public Works Director Jon Andersen, Code Compliance Officer Guillermo Garcia, and Recorder Leesa Kapetanov

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT

Clayton Peterson, Joyce & Doug Hardman, Shane Campbell, Thatcher, Sallee Orr, Daniel Stewart

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I. OPENING CEREMONY

A. Call To Order

- Mayor Porter called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. and entertained a motion to begin.
00:00:00

Council Member Howard so moved. The motion was seconded by Council Member Smyth. In a voice vote Council Members Stewart, Howard, Smyth, Stephens, and Howe all voted aye.

B. Prayer/Moment of Silence

- The mayor led those present in a moment of silence

C. Pledge Of Allegiance

- Council Member Smyth led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance

III. **RECOGNITION**

Recognition of Susan Stewart for Her Many Years of Service to South Ogden City

- Mayor Porter thanked Ms. Stewart for her years of service and presented her with a plaque and flowers

00:01:00

IV. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Shane Campbell

00:02:24

Was concerned about the crosswalk on Chimes View Drive

Thatcher

00:03:59

Boy Scout

Sallee Orr

00:04:55

Was concerned about parking on 45th Street and asked what was happening by the water tanks

Daniel Stewart

00:05:52

Thanked his mom (Susan Stewart) for her service and example

V. **RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COMMENT**

- Mayor Porter responded to the comments made

00:07:57

VI. **REPORT**

Annual Mosquito Abatement District Report – Former Council Member Sallee Orr

00:09:25

VII. **CONSENT AGENDA**

Approval of November 18, 2025 Council Minutes and December 2, 2025 Work Session Minutes

- The mayor asked if there were any corrections to the minutes. Recorder Leesa Kapetanov pointed out an error she had made in the November 18 minutes which she would correct.

00:17:48

- Mayor Porter called for a motion to approve the consent agenda with the correction

00:18:29

Council Member Stephens so moved. The motion was seconded by Council Member Howard. All present voted aye.

VIII. PUBLIC HEARING

To Receive and Consider Comments on Proposed Amendments to the FY2026 Budget, Including a 4% Increase to Water Utility Rates and an Increase to Garbage Rates

- Finance Director Peter Anjewierden gave an overview of the amendments, including the increase in water and garbage rates 00:18:53
- Mayor Porter called for a motion to open the public hearing for the proposed amendments to the FY2026 budget 00:26:29

Council Member Stewart so moved, followed by a second from Council Member Howard. The voice vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

- The mayor asked if anyone wanted to comment about the budget amendments. 00:26:40

Salle Orr

00:26:52

Ms. Orr asked where she could find the budget amendments online. Staff and council directed her.

- Mayor Porter called for a motion to close the public hearing 00:28:42

Council Member Howard so moved. The motion was seconded by Council Member Howe. All present voted aye.

IX. DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS

A. Consideration of Ordinance 25-12 – Amending Title 9 of the South Ogden City Code, Adding Chapter 11 Concerning the Wildland-Urban Interface (WUI), Including Adopting the WUI Sensitive Lands/Hazard Area Map

- Fire Chief Cameron West gave an overview of this item 00:29:14
- Council questions/discussion 00:31:11
- Mayor Porter called for a motion to approve Ordinance 25-12 00:34:56

Council Member Stephens so moved, followed by a second from Council Member Howard. There was no further discussion. The mayor called the vote:

Council Member Stephens -	Yes
Council Member Smyth -	Yes
Council Member Stewart -	Yes
Council Member Howard -	Yes

Council Member Howe - Yes

Ordinance 25-12 was adopted.

B. Consideration of Ordinance 25-13 – Setting the 2026 Council Meeting Schedule

- City Recorder Kapetanov explained the reason for this item
00:35:13
- There was no discussion by the Council
- Mayor Porter called for a motion to approve Ordinance 25-13
00:36:00

Council Member Smyth so moved. Council Member Howe seconded the motion. The mayor made a roll call vote:

Council Member Howe -	Yes
Council Member Howard -	Yes
Council Member Stewart -	Yes
Council Member Smyth -	Yes
Council Member Stephens-	Yes

The motion stood. Ordinance 25-13 was adopted.

C. Consideration of Resolution 25-35 – Approving Amendments to the FY2026 Budget

- Finance Director Peter Anjewierden reviewed several other budget amendments
00:36:16
- Questions/Discussion by the Council
00:42:26
- During discussion, an error on line item 51-30-890 of the budget amendments was pointed out
- Mayor Porter called for a motion to approve Resolution 25-35 with the correction to the water line item
00:47:08

Council Member Smyth so moved. Council Member Howard seconded the motion. The mayor made a roll call vote:

Council Member Stewart -	Yes
Council Member Howard -	Yes
Council Member Smyth -	Yes
Council Member Stephens -	Yes
Council Member Howe-	Yes

Resolution 25-35 was approved.

D. Consideration of Resolution 25-36 – Approving an Agreement with Wasatch Front Regional Council for the City Center Small Area Plan

- Planner Alike Murphy explained the background for this item
00:47:39
- There was no discussion by the council
- Mayor Porter called for a motion to approve Resolution 25-36
00:50:28

Council Member Howe so moved. Council Member Stephens seconded the motion. The mayor made a roll call vote:

Council Member Howe -	Yes
Council Member Stephens-	Yes
Council Member Smyth -	Yes
Council Member Howard -	Yes
Council Member Stewart -	No

The motion stood. Resolution 25-36 was adopted.

E. Consideration of Resolution 25-37 – Declaring as Surplus and Approving a Lease Agreement for City Property Along the Burch Creek

- City Recorder Leesa Kapetanov 00:50:46
- Discussion by the Council 00:53:00
- Mayor Porter called for a motion to approve Resolution 25-37 with the changes discussed
01:02:00

Council Member Howard so moved. Council Member Howe seconded the motion. The mayor made a roll call vote:

Council Member Howe -	Yes
Council Member Stephens -	Yes
Council Member Smyth -	Yes
Council Member Howard -	Yes
Council Member Stewart -	Yes

The resolution was passed.

F. Consideration of Resolution 25-38 – Approving a Memorandum of Understanding and Licensing Agreement with America250

- Communications and Events Specialist Danielle Bendinelli reviewed this item
01:02:31
- Discussion by the Council 01:03:28
- Mayor Porter called for a motion to approve Resolution 25-38

01:04:05

Council Member Smyth so moved. Council Member Stephens seconded the motion. The mayor made a roll call vote:

Council Member Stewart -	Yes
Council Member Howard -	Yes
Council Member Howe -	Yes
Council Member Smyth -	Yes
Council Member Stephens-	Yes

Resolution 25-35 was adopted.

G. Council Member Assignments to Outside Boards and Committees

- Mayor Porter facilitated this item

01:04:44

- During this conversation, Council Member Howe and Council Elect Peterson volunteered to be on the Legislative Policy Committee

X. REPORTS/DIRECTION TO CITY MANAGER

A. City Council Members

Council Member Howe -	01:07:58
Council Member Stephens -	01:10:26
Council Member Smyth -	01:13:34
Council Member Howard -	01:14:24
Council Member Stewart -	01:15:38

B. Assistant City Manager 01:16:42

C. Mayor 01:19:40

XI. ADJOURN

- At 7:21 pm, Mayor Porter called for a motion to adjourn

01:21:13

Council Member Stewart so moved. Council Member Smyth seconded the motion. The voice vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true, accurate and complete record of the South Ogden City Work Session and Council Meeting held Tuesday, December 16, 2025.


Leesa Kapetanov, City Recorder

January 6, 2026
Date Approved by the City Council