



**2026 City Council Retreat  
Zermatt Utah  
784 W Resort Drive, Midway, UT  
January 9-10, 2026**

**DAY 1**

**January 9, 2026**

- 12:00 PM     Arrival and Lunch (Geneve Room)
- 12:30 PM     Welcome/Agenda Review – by Mayor McCandless (Neuchatel Room)
- 12:45 PM     **City Council Leadership Quotes/Videos** – every council member may share a motivational quote or video that is meaningful to them
- 1:15 PM     **City Council Roundtable** - every council member may share thoughts and ideas
- Campaign Finance Reform (Mayor McCandless)
  - Boards and Commission Term Limits (Mayor McCandless)
  - Upcoming Legislative Session (Mayor McCandless)
  - Resident advisory council (Quinn Mecham)
  - Sister cities and cross-city collaboration (Quinn Mecham)
  - City employee speakers bureau (Quinn Mecham)
  - Tree planting initiative (Quinn Mecham)
  - Artists/writers in residence (Quinn Mecham)
- 2:15 PM     Review of Team Orem's Major Accomplishments (Then & Now) – Facilitated by Exec Staff
- 3:15 PM     Break
- 3:30 PM     Presentations by Brandon Nelson and Laura Lewis:  
Overview of Orem City's Financial Picture: Now and Into the Future
- 4:30 PM     **City Boards/Commission Assignments** - by Mayor McCandless
- 5:30 PM     Adjourn
- 6:30 PM     Dinner – Catered by Zermatt (Geneve Room)

After dinner – activities on your own, if desired.



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**DAY 2**

**January 10, 2026**

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| 8:30 AM  | Breakfast (Geneve Room)   |
| 9:00 AM  | Presentation by Quinn Mecham (Neuchatel Room):<br><i>Why Do People Love Where They Live? Lessons from the Midwest</i>               |
| 9:45 AM  | Presentation of Potential Major Projects for Fire, Police, Parks,<br>Recreation, Library, and Utilities – Facilitated by Exec Staff |
| 10:45 AM | Break   |
| 11:00 PM | <b>2026 City Goals and Areas of Focus</b> – Facilitated by Mayor McCandless<br>and Brenn Bybee                                      |
| 12:30 PM | Lunch (Geneve Room)   |
| 1:00 PM  | <b>City Council Roundtable</b> – every council member may share thoughts<br>and ideas   |
| 2:30 PM  | Closing remarks - Mayor McCandless  |
| 3:00 PM  | Adjourn   |