

MINUTES OF THE DRAPER CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 6, 2026, IN THE DRAPER CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 1020 EAST PIONEER ROAD, DRAPER, UTAH

PRESENT: Councilmembers Kathryn Dahlin, Bryn Heather Johnson (as Mayor Pro Tempore), Tasha Lowery, and Fred Lowry (via Zoom)

EXCUSED: Mayor Troy K. Walker, Councilmember Mike Green

STAFF: Mike Barker, City Manager; Kellie Challburg, Assistant City Manager; Scott Cooley, City Engineer and Public Works Director; Spencer DuShane, Assistant City Attorney; Rich Ferguson, Chief of Police; Traci Gundersen, City Attorney; Jennifer Jastremsky, Community Development Director; Robert Markle, Deputy Public Works Director; Linda Peterson, Communications Director; Nicole Smedley, City Recorder; Steve Pearson, Deputy Fire Chief; Jake Sorensen, Network Manager; and John Vuyk, Finance Director

Study Session

Closed Meeting

The Council did not convene in a closed meeting.

Boundary Line Adjustments with Bluffdale

City Manager Mike Barker stated that, in the coming months, the Council would be presented with two proposed boundary line adjustments involving Bluffdale. One proposed adjustment related to an access road to serve a new FrontRunner station in Bluffdale, and the other proposed adjustment would place the full length of Porter Rockwell Boulevard, from Bangerter Highway to 14600 South, within Draper City.

Designation of Emergency Succession of City Officers

Mr. Barker stated that state statute required municipalities to designate interim successors for department directors in the event of an emergency. He explained that there were three options for doing so: successors could be designated by the Council by July 1 of each year; if not designated by July 1, succession would be determined by a plan established by the Legislature; or succession could be adopted by ordinance. Mr. Barker reported that a list of proposed successors would be presented at a future

meeting for review and discussion, with a recommendation that the Council adopt the succession plan by ordinance.

Discussion: Traverse Ridge Special Service District (TRSSD) Street Lights

Deputy Public Works Director Robert Markle said the TRSSD Board had requested that Draper City take over all maintenance of TRSSD street lights, as explained at a previous meeting. Mr. Markle said some concern had been expressed by the Council about the cost of replacing and maintaining street lights that differed from standard City lighting. He reported that the City already had some TRSSD street lights on hand, and could easily order more. Mr. Markle said most residents did not understand that Draper City did not currently maintain the TRSSD street lights, and the City often received complaints about the frequently long period of time for TRSSD street light repairs to be done.

Mr. Markle reported there were approximately 150 street lights in the TRSSD. He said he met with the TRSSD Board. Mr. Markle proposed that, if the City took over responsibility of the street lights, the City would track the work and charge the cost to an account to be paid by the TRSSD. He said the Board asked that the City take a proactive approach to determine replacement needs. Mr. Markle said he told the Board if the City did not have space to store necessary materials, some type of storage would need to be built in Suncrest, funded by the TRSSD.

Mr. Markle proposed the City take over TRSSD street light maintenance, with TRSSD funds transferred to a separate account to fund the requested proactive approach and ongoing costs. He said street lights were tracked in the City's asset management software. Mr. Barker explained the portion of TRSSD tax collected for street light maintenance would be passed to the City. Councilmember F. Lowry asked if enough tax was currently collected to defer needed expenses. Mr. Markle said the amount currently collected covered street light maintenance and snow plowing services, and said he believed the amount would be sufficient in most years. Mr. Barker said it was the TRSSD Board's responsibility to manage the books and collect enough tax to meet obligations. Mr. Markle said budget shortfalls, insurance claims, light replacement, and increasing costs would be addressed in an agreement drafted by staff.

Mr. Markle asked if the Council was interested in pursuing an agreement. Councilmember Dahlin expressed support, and said her only concern would be the TRSSD having enough money to pay for street light maintenance and snow plow services. A majority of the Council expressed support for the City taking over maintenance of the TRSSD street lights.

Discussion: Scooter Text Amendments

Continued to a future meeting.

Discussion: 300 East & Pioneer Encroachment

Community Development Director Jennifer Jastremsky said the owner of property at 300 East and Pioneer had installed landscaping and improvements (decorative wall) that encroached on easements and City property without City permission. She said she contacted utility companies, and was told the companies were generally fine with the landscaping, although removal of a tree may eventually be necessary for an Enbridge line. Ms. Jastremsky said the City could: require all improvements to be removed; allow improvements to remain subject to the property owner entering into a maintenance and liability agreement with the City; or allow landscaping and irrigation to remain, but require the decorative wall to be removed, with a maintenance and liability agreement. She said staff had concerns with potential enforcement issues related to temporary or permanent signage on the decorative wall on City property.

Responding to a question from Councilmember Johnson, Ms. Jastremsky said the approved landscaping plan included a couple shrubs adjacent to the building. Councilmember F. Lowry asked how the property owner got approval to put the building so close to the property line. Ms. Jastremsky said the zoning had a zero setback. She said the property owner was aware the landscaping and improvements were over the property line at the time of installation. She said the property owner indicated he would not place a sign on the decorative wall, but said she was concerned that the question could become an enforcement issue in the future.

Councilmember Johnson asked how similar issues had been resolved in the past. Ms. Jastremsky said there had been situations in which property owners had purchased additional property, and situations in which the City had required property owners to remove improvements. A majority of the Council expressed a desire for the property owner to remove the decorative wall, and enter into an agreement with the City to maintain the landscaping and prohibit signage on City property.

Council/Manager Reports

- Communication Director Linda Peterson said the City and Salt Lake County Health would provide suicide prevention training and gun safety training on January 28, 2026.

- Deputy Public Works Director Robert Markle said work on Pump Station 3 would begin the following week, and said public messaging would be provided.
- Mr. Vuyk stated that a remodel project in the finance department had begun that week and was expected to be completed within six to eight weeks. He reported that the area would remain secure during construction.

Business Session

1. Call to Order by Mayor Pro Tempore Bryn Heather Johnson
2. Flag Ceremony and Pledge of Allegiance led by Cub Scout Troop #4444
3. Proclamation
Mayor Pro Tempore Johnson read a proclamation recognizing January 16, 2026 as Religious Freedom Day.
4. Public Comments
None
5. Consent Items
 - 5.a December 16, 2025 City Council Meeting Minutes
 - 5.b Resolution #26-01 authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement to realign a flood control access easement with Salt Lake County Flood Control
 - 5.c Resolution #26-02 adopting a Tree Retention, Indemnity, and Assumption of Risk Agreement for residents who elected to retain a street tree after notice that the tree was causing damage to the right-of-way
 - 5.d Resolution #26-04 approving franchise agreements with Summit IG, LLC and First Digital Telecom
 - 5.e Ordinance #1698 amending Title 3, Chapter 5 of the Draper City Municipal Code to consolidate the Community Engagement Committee and the Special Event Arena Committee into the Community Engagement and Events Committee

Councilmember T. Lowery moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Dahlin seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken. The motion passed unanimously.

	Yes	No	Absent
	Excused		
Councilmember Green			
Councilmember Johnson	X		
Councilmember T. Lowery	X		
Councilmember F. Lowry	X		
Councilmember Dahlin	X		

6. Items for Council Consideration

6.a Public Hearing: Ordinance #1697 amending the Official Zoning Map of Draper City for approximately 1.04 acres of property from RA1 (Residential Agricultural) to R3 (Single-family Residential), located at approximately 283 E. Tanager Lane, known as the Butler Zoning Map Amendment

Planner Paul Geilman showed the subject property on an aerial map, Land Use Map, and Zoning Map. He said the proposed zone change to R3 was compatible with the current land use designation of Residential Medium Density. The subject property was currently surrounded by R3 to the east, RA2 to the south, RA1 and R3 to the north, and RA1 to the west. The current zoning of RA1 included a 40,000 square foot minimum lot size, and the proposed zoning of R3 included a 13,000 square foot minimum lot size. Mr. Geilman said the 1.04-acre property would potentially be able to be subdivided into three lots with the R3 Zone, but access would not be granted from 300 East, so developing three lots would be tricky. He said the Planning Commission reviewed the item and forwarded a positive recommendation.

Mayor Pro Tempore Johnson opened a public hearing.

Jacob Goodrich, Draper resident, said the Butlers were great neighbors, and expressed support for the requested rezone.

Responding to a question from Council, applicant Linda Butler said she was presently looking to subdivide the property into two lots.

Mr. Geilman explained 300 East was a classified road, and the Engineering Department would not allow access to come off 300 East. He said the property currently had a curb cut on 300 East, but the curb cut would be removed if subdivision occurred.

Mayor Pro Tempore Johnson closed the public hearing.

Councilmember T. Lowery inquired as to why the applicant had requested the R3 Zone if the intent was to subdivide the property into two lots. Ms. Butler stated that the property would eventually be inherited by two siblings, with each inheriting one-third interest, and that the R3 Zone was requested for estate planning purposes. She stated that she intended to build on the northwest lot in the nearer term in order to be closer to parents as they aged, while the siblings would not pursue development of their portions at the same time.

In response to a question regarding future access from 300 East, Ms. Jastremsky stated that individual driveways were not permitted along classified roads under City Code. She stated that a property with frontage only on 300 East could instead be served by a private road accessed from 300 East. She reported that a neighboring property owner along 300 East intended to develop in the future with access from that road and had indicated a willingness to provide access to the Butler property through the planned private drive.

Mr. Geilman stated that the potential private drive access described had not been reviewed or mapped by staff and said he could not confirm whether access from the neighboring property would be feasible in the future.

Councilmember T. Lowery stated that there was insufficient information for the Council to make a decision and expressed the view that the property might be more appropriately zoned RA2. Councilmember T. Lowery suggested continuing the matter to the next Council meeting to allow additional information to be provided.

Ms. Butler stated that the current plan was to take access from Tanager Lane and that, if access from Tanager Lane was not approved, an alternative access option would be available.

Councilmember T. Lowery moved to continue the item to the January 20, 2026 City Council Meeting. Councilmember F. Lowry seconded the motion. Councilmember T. Lowery said she wanted more information about access points for three lots.

A roll call vote was taken. The motion passed unanimously.

	Yes	No	Absent	
Councilmember Green				Excused
Councilmember Johnson		X		
Councilmember T. Lowery		X		
Councilmember F. Lowry		X		

Councilmember Dahlin X

7. Action Items

7.a Resolution #26-03 adopting the Draper City 2026 Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan and Logistics Annex

Emergency Services Coordinator Nick Roble presented an overview of the Draper City Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan and Logistics Annex. Councilmember T. Lowery thanked Mr. Roble for his work on the Plan.

Mayor Pro Tempore Johnson asked how the information would be distributed to the public. Mr. Roble said workshops and training would be held.

Councilmember Dahlin motioned to approve Resolution 26-03. Councilmember T. Lowery seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken. The motion passed unanimously.

	Yes	No	Absent
			Excused
Councilmember Green			
Councilmember Johnson	X		
Councilmember T. Lowery	X		
Councilmember F. Lowry	X		
Councilmember Dahlin	X		

8. Adjournment

Councilmember T. Lowery moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Dahlin seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous vote.

The meeting adjourned at 7:27 pm.