



MINUTES – City Council Workshop Meeting

January 9 – 10, 2026

City of Saratoga Springs City Offices

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Friday January 9, 2026 – 8:17 a.m.

Present:

Mayor Chris Carn, Council: Audrey Barton, Edon Davenport, Robert Taylor, Lance Wadman, Emma Wilson. Staff: City Manager Mark Christensen, City Attorney Kevin Thurman, Assistant City Manager Owen Jackson, City Recorder Nicolette Fike, Public Works Director Jeremy Lapin, Planning Director Sarah Carroll, Admin Asst. Tina Fairbourn, Building Official Caleb Fishnick, Fire Chief Kenny Johnson, Police Chief Andy Burton, PR Manager AnnElise Harrison, Finance Director Chelese Rawlings, Librarian Melissa Grygla, HR Director Laura Gamon, Treasurer Brock Cleverly, Budget Administrator Spencer Quain, HR Holly Neibaur, Recreation Director Heston Williamson, Long Range Planner Tippe Morlan. Economic Development Director Doug Meldrum.

1. Welcome by Mayor Chris Carn.

2. Department & Administrative Reports.

Each department gave a brief update of key risks and performances. Departments included Finance, Library, Community Development, Police, Fire, Recreation, Engineering, Public Works, HR, Courts, Communications, and Planning.

3. City Council Training: OPMA, GRAMA, Land Use, City Code.

City Attorney Kevin Thurman provided training for the council.

4. Budget Review – Moved to the following day.

5. Capital Project Updates

Public Works Director Lapin joined the meeting and gave an extensive review of current and future capital projects. Projects of note included: Pony Express Parkway, Eagle Mountain roads coordination, water and utility capacity, Patriot Park expansion, South Sanitary Sewer capacity, and new fire station.

6. Discussion of 2026 Mayor and Council Board Assignments, and Policy Discussion – Moved to the following day.

7. Legislative Updates – Moved to the following day.

Meeting ended for the day at 4:56 p.m.

No actions were taken during this day.

Saturday January 10, 2026 – 8:00 a.m.

Present:

Mayor Chris Carn, Council: Audrey Barton, Edon Davenport, Robert Taylor, Lance Wadman, Emma Wilson.

Staff: City Manager Mark Christensen, City Attorney Kevin Thurman, Assistant City Manager Owen Jackson, PR Manager AnnElise Harrison, City Recorder Nicolette Fike, Public Works Director Jeremy Lapin, Admin Asst. Tina Fairbourn.

1. Unfinished Business: Legislative Updates, Budget Review, Council Assignments.

Admin reviewed Council assignments for the year and liaison assignments were made.

City Manager Mark Christensen spent time going over the budget review for this fiscal year and how municipal taxes work. He briefly noted what was happening up on the state hill.

2. Administrative Updates

Administration reviewed council rules and bylaws and discussion was held about decorum and meetings. There was discussion on policies regarding council travel and future *Meet the Candidate* events.

3. Review of Council Goals

Assistant City Manager Owen Jackson led Council in discussing and prioritizing upcoming projects for the City, and what they would like to see modified or added. There was discussion on the future of the Strategic Plan and the need for an update of the document.

4. Topics for Future Discussions.

City Manager Mark Christensen took note of topics the Council would like to review in future workshop meetings.

5. Closed Session

Motion by Councilmember Taylor to enter into closed session for the purchase, exchange, or lease of property, discussion regarding deployment of security personnel, devices, or systems; pending or reasonably imminent litigation, the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual. Seconded by Councilmember Barton.

Vote:

<u>Councilmember Barton</u>	<u>Yes</u>
<u>Councilmember Davenport</u>	<u>Yes</u>
<u>Councilmember Taylor</u>	<u>Yes</u>
<u>Councilmember Wadman</u>	<u>Yes</u>
<u>Councilmember Wilson</u>	<u>Yes</u>

No: None.

Absent: None.

Motion passed 5-0

Meeting commenced at 3:08 p.m.

Present:

Mayor Chris Carn, Council: Audrey Barton, Edon Davenport, Robert Taylor, Lance Wadman, Emma Wilson. Staff: City Manager Mark Christensen, Assistant City Manager Owen Jackson, City Attorney Kevin Thurman, City Recorder Nicolette Fike.

Closed Session ended at 3:57 p.m. after a motion from Councilmember Taylor and second by Councilmember Davenport. All members were in favor.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, Mayor Chris Carn adjourned the meeting at 3:57 p.m.



Mayor Chris Carn



Date
Jan. 20, 2026

