



WEST VALLEY CITY

City Council Regular Meeting Minutes January 13, 2026

THE WEST VALLEY CITY COUNCIL MET IN ELECTRONIC REGULAR SESSION ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 13, 2026 AT 6:30 P.M. AT WEST VALLEY CITY HALL, COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 3600 CONSTITUTION BOULEVARD, WEST VALLEY CITY, UTAH.

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AND CONDUCTED BY MAYOR LANG.

THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS WERE PRESENT:

Karen Lang, Mayor
Lars Nordfelt, Councilmember At-Large
Don Christensen, Councilmember At-Large
Tom Huynh, Councilmember District 1
Scott Harmon, Councilmember District 2
William Whetstone, Councilmember District 3
Cindy Wood, Councilmember District 4

STAFF PRESENT:

Ifo Pili, City Manager
Nichole Camac, City Recorder
John Flores, Assistant City Manager
Eric Bunderson, City Attorney
Colleen Jacobs, Police Chief
John Evans, Fire Chief
Jim Welch, Finance Director
Steve Pastorik, CED Director
Dan Johnson, Public Works Director
Jamie Young, Parks and Recreation Director
Jonathan Springmeyer, RDA Director
Sam Johnson, Strategic Communications Director
Craig Thomas, Community and Culture Director
Paula Melgar, HR Director (*electronically*)
Tumi Young, Chief Code Enforcement Officer
Jake Arslanian, Facilities Director
Travis Crosby, IT

OPENING CEREMONY- COUNCILMEMBER SCOTT HARMON

Councilmember Scott Harmon asked members of the Council, staff, and audience to rise and recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING HELD DECEMBER 9, 2025

The Council considered the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held December 9, 2025. There were no changes, corrections or deletions.

Councilmember Nordfelt moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held December 9, 2025. Councilmember Huynh seconded the motion.

A voice vote was taken and all members voted in favor of the motion.

AWARDS, CEREMONIES, AND PROCLAMATIONS

A. ESSENTIAL PIECE AWARD RECOGNITIONS

Craig Thomas, Community and Culture Director, introduced and presented the Essential Piece Award recipients.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Jim Vesock commended the Essential Piece Award winners, noting his experience volunteering with many of them and praising the My Hometown project. Jim discussed development agreements, emphasizing that once an agreement has been established through the planning process, it should not be repeatedly reopened or renegotiated. He expressed support for the Council's approach of considering the city's benefit before making changes and cautioned against creating time limits or additional modifications that could set precedents for future cases. Finally, he shared his experience as an HOA president in Idaho, noting challenges with private road maintenance and enforcement. He suggested exploring ways for private communities to manage these issues more effectively without placing undue burden on HOA officers.

Karina McClellan from Ability Inclusion Services shared that their nonprofit supports adults with cognitive and developmental disabilities and operates a community day program in West Valley. She announced the completion of a new, fully ADA-compliant, 12-unit residential complex located just one mile from their center. She highlighted that the project was completed in under a year, praised the team effort, and thanked the City of West Valley—particularly the Economic Development staff—for their support. She invited the Council and community members to the ribbon-cutting ceremony to celebrate this milestone in accessible housing. She described the residential program, which provides support for daily living skills, grocery shopping, community engagement, and financial and medical case management, and noted that two units are available for new residents.

Additionally, she invited attendees to the Spring Fling Gala on April 16 at the Utah Cultural Celebration Center. The gala will raise funds for the Community Day program and a new summer youth program for students with disabilities ages 18–22. The summer program is designed to bridge the transition from school to adulthood through community-based learning, volunteering, career exploration, and life skills development, providing structured opportunities for students and stable support for families. Karina emphasized that these initiatives strengthen long-term planning and stability for participants and their families.

Rich Beaudoin, a West Valley City resident for 20 years, addressed the Council. He first discussed the city's affordable housing challenges, citing statistics that in 2023:

- 41% of households speak a language other than English at home
- 12% of households live below the poverty line
- 41% of households spend more than 35% of their income on rent

He noted there are approximately 39,000 single-family homes and 11,000 rental units for the city's 140,000 residents, emphasizing that simply building more homes will not solve the housing problem. He suggested that reducing demand, including through programs targeting criminal activity, could help increase housing availability. Rich also raised a safety concern regarding drainage and irrigation ditches along 6400 West. He observed children and adults walking and biking in the dark with limited space between the ditches and the road, highlighting the risk, especially during snow. He suggested installing piping and sidewalks to improve safety. Finally, he expressed support for the city's efforts to celebrate the nation's 250th birthday and mentioned a local dirt lot near Newton Farms Park as a concern.

Mike Markham expressed support for maintaining strict adherence to development rules and agreements. He emphasized that builders should honor their commitments and follow city standards, such as the requirement for three-car garages. Mike voiced disappointment that the city had previously allowed deviations from these rules and stressed the importance of upholding them to maintain the city's image and property values. He noted that rules exist to help and protect residents, and builders unwilling to comply should develop elsewhere. He concluded by affirming that enforcing rules is more important than making exceptions.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. ACCEPT PUBLIC INPUT REGARDING RE-OPENING THE FY 2025-2026 BUDGET

Mayor Lang informed a public hearing had been advertised for the Regular Council Meeting scheduled January 13, 2026 in order for the City Council to hear and consider public comments regarding Re-Opening the FY 2025-2026 Budget.

Written documentation previously provided to the City Council included information as follows:

State Statute Title 10, Chapter 6, Utah Code Annotated 1953, as amended, allows the City of West Valley to amend its budget during the year. The West Valley City holds public hearings on budget amendments on a quarterly basis each fiscal year.

Mayor Lang opened the Public Hearing.

Jim Vesock commended the Finance Department.

Mayor Lang closed the Public Hearing.

ACTION: ORDINANCE 25-40, AMEND THE BUDGET OF WEST VALLEY CITY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2025 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2026 TO REFLECT CHANGES IN THE BUDGET FROM INCREASED REVENUES AND AUTHORIZE THE DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS

The City Council previously held a public hearing regarding proposed Ordinance 25-40 that would amend the Budget of West Valley City for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2025 and Ending June 30, 2026 to Reflect Changes in the Budget from Increased Revenues and Authorize the Disbursement of Funds.

Upon inquiry by Mayor Lang there were no further questions from members of the City Council, and she called for a motion.

Councilmember Harmon moved to approve Ordinance 25-40.

Councilmember Wood seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken:

Councilmember Wood	Yes
Councilmember Whetstone	Yes
Councilmember Harmon	Yes
Councilmember Huynh	Yes
Councilmember Christensen	Yes
Councilmember Nordfelt	Yes
Mayor Lang	Yes

Unanimous.

RESOLUTION 25-189: AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF TWO FIRE ENGINES FROM SIDDONS-MARTIN EMERGENCY GROUP

Mayor Lang presented proposed resolution 25-189 that would authorize the Purchase of Two Fire Engines from Siddons-Martin Emergency Group.

Written documentation previously provided to the City Council included information as follows:

West Valley City Department seeks to purchase two Pierce fire engines to replace two of our current engines in our frontline fleet.

The two engines we are looking to replace are both 2019 Rosenbauer engines with approximately 82,000 miles on them. The build time for a new fire engine is approximately 26-28 months. We anticipate that our current Rosenbauer engines will be well over 110,000 miles by the time the new Pierce engines arrive.

Our replacement or rotation plan would put the 2019 Rosenbauer engines into reserve status. In turn, we would put two of our current reserve engines that were built in 2005 into a training designation status. The two 2005 engines that will be designated for training are not reliable for reserve status any longer.

Siddons-Martin Emergency Group is a participant in the Houston-Galveston Area Council, an interlocal entity offering purchasing and procurement services to municipalities around the nation. West Valley City is a member of HGAC and is entitled to purchase services at HGAC prices and from HGAC affiliates and members. Since this purchase is in accordance with HGAC procedures, procurement requirements have been satisfied pursuant to Section 5-3-108 of the West Valley City Municipal Code. The price indicated below is a competitive price and the product meets the City's needs.

Number of Apparatus	Type of Apparatus	Cost Per Apparatus
2	Type 1 Pierce Saber Pumper	\$1,052,739

Upon inquiry by Mayor Lang there were no further questions from members of the City Council, and she called for a motion.

Councilmember Huynh moved to approve Resolution 25-189.

Councilmember Christensen seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken:

Councilmember Wood	Yes
Councilmember Whetstone	Yes
Councilmember Harmon	Yes
Councilmember Huynh	Yes
Councilmember Christensen	Yes
Councilmember Nordfelt	Yes
Mayor Lang	Yes

Unanimous.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. RESOLUTION 25-190: AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTION OF AN AMENDMENT TO AN INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT WITH SALT LAKE COUNTY FOR LIBRARY SECURITY SERVICES

Mayor Lang presented proposed resolution 25-190 that would authorize the Execution of an Amendment to an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with Salt Lake County for Library Security Services.

Written documentation previously provided to the City Council included information as follows:

Salt Lake County wishes to continue hiring off-duty West Valley City Police Officers to provide security and law enforcement services on an as needed basis at the West Valley branch of the Salt Lake County library ecosystem. The county wishes to extend the interlocal agreement previously entered on or about March 13, 2023, governing the conditions under which they hire off-duty police officers. The interlocal agreement is consistent with the Police Department's secondary employment hiring procedures. Officers claim the hours and rate on their timecards and the city is reimbursed the hours/rate on a quarterly basis via invoice and check sent to treasury.

B. RESOLUTION 25-191: APPROVE A SUBRECIPIENT AGREEMENT TO PARTICIPATE IN

A CONSORTIUM TO RECEIVE HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP FUNDS

Mayor Lang presented proposed resolution 25-191 that would approve a Subrecipient Agreement to Participate in a Consortium to Receive HOME Investment Partnership Funds.

Written documentation previously provided to the City Council included information as follows:

The County has entered into a grant agreement with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for financial assistance to conduct a HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME Program) pursuant to the HOME Investment Partnerships Act, Title II of the Cranston-Gonzales National Affordable Housing Act, 42 U.S.C. 12701-12839, as amended, and subject to the Rules and Regulations, promulgated by HUD governing the conduct of HOME Investment Partnership Programs including, but not limited to , Title 24, Part 92 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) (the Rules and Regulations); and the applicable Circulars published by the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB Circulars).

Salt Lake County has created a consortium involving six Utah cities. West Valley City is a member of the Salt Lake County HOME Consortium, as per the multi-year HUD HOME Interlocal Agreement signed in September 2023. Each year West Valley City has been allocated HOME funds through this partnership. The funding is restrictive allowing only certain residential construction and home rehabilitation.

C. RESOLUTION 25-192: AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTION OF AN INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT WITH TAYLORSVILLE CITY FOR THE 2026 OVERLAY PROJECT

Mayor Lang presented proposed resolution 25-192 that would authorize the Execution of an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with Taylorsville City for the 2026 Overlay Project.

Written documentation previously provided to the City Council included information as follows:

West Valley City and Taylorsville acknowledge the need for an asphalt mill and fill on both 4100 South between 2200 West and Redwood Road, and 2700 West between 4700 South and 4100 South. The cities have agreed to work together on these shared corridors so that the needed pavement rehabilitation work can be accomplished at the same time resulting in a higher-quality final product.

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This Interlocal Cooperation Agreement outlines the cost-sharing arrangement between West Valley City and Taylorsville. West Valley City will serve as the lead agency for both design and construction management and will collaborate closely with Taylorsville throughout all phases of the project.

Upon inquiry by Mayor Lang there were no further questions from members of the City Council, and she called for a motion.

Councilmember Nordfelt moved to approve all items on the consent agenda.

Councilmember Christensen seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken:

Councilmember Wood	Yes
Councilmember Whetstone	Yes
Councilmember Harmon	Yes
Councilmember Huynh	Yes
Councilmember Christensen	Yes
Councilmember Nordfelt	Yes
Mayor Lang	Yes

Unanimous.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

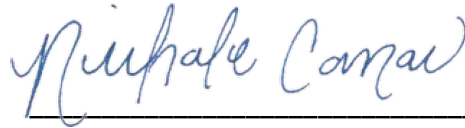
Upon motion by Councilmember Harmon all voted in favor to adjourn.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS OF THE WEST VALLEY COUNCIL, THE REGULAR MEETING ON TUESDAY JANUARY 13, 2026 WAS ADJOURNED AT 7:02 PM BY MAYOR LANG.

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true, accurate and complete record of the proceedings of the Regular Meeting of the West Valley City Council held Tuesday, January 13, 2026.

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Nichole Camac, MMC
City Recorder