

City of Washington Terrace

Minutes of a Regular City Council meeting

Held on January 20, 2026

City Hall, 5249 South 400 East, Washington Terrace City, Utah

MAYOR, COUNCIL, AND STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Mark C. Allen

Council Member Anna Davidson

Council Member Zunayid Z. Zishan

Council Member Cheryl Parkinson

Council Member Jeff West – excused

Council Member Michael Thomas

Fire Chief Clay Peterson

Public Works Director Jake Meibos

City Recorder Amy Rodriguez

City Manager Tom Hanson

OTHERS PRESENT:

None

1. WORK SESSION :

5:00 P.M.

Topics to include; but are not limited to:

- Capital Investment Plan review
- **Fire Department CIP**

Chief Peterson outline the capital equipment that will need to be placed in the Capital Improvement Projects list over the next 20 years. He stated that the Department received a Rosenbauer Timberwolf Fire Truck through a grant in 2024, however, he noted that the chassis is a 2021. He stated that this is on a 15-year replacement plan.

Chief Peterson stated that the city purchased a used 2002 100-foot ladder truck about 15 years ago from West Valley City. He stated that the electronics are over 20 years old, making them unreliable. He stated that replacement parts are scheduled for 2027. He stated that if we were to go new, it would cost 2.2 million. He stated that he would rather find used engines for a lower price, noting that the ladder trucks do not get used as much as the other engine. Chief stated that we need to have at least 2 vehicles in case one is out of service. Chief stated that we need to keep a ladder truck to keep our ISO rating. Chief Peterson stated that there are other ladder trucks in the area, however, if the trucks are on a medical call or on another call, it is out of service for anything that we may need. He stated that we shouldn't be reliant on other cities. Chief Peterson stated that if we lose our ISO rating, it would mean insurance rate increases for residents within the city.

Chief Peterson stated that the 2023 Ford F550 Chassis was purchased through the CDBG Funding Program. He stated that the replacement plan is set for 2033. He stated that this apparatus is mainly used for brush fires and is not used as much as other apparatus.

Chief Peterson stated that the Scott SCBA Fill Station purchased through grants are scheduled to be replaced in 2031. He stated that the tank replacement will cost around \$90,000.

Chief Peterson stated that the motorolla radios show as a high item because it includes all the radios in the department. He stated that replacement cost will be \$95,000. The radios have a 10-year shelf life to maintain up to date current equipment. He stated that it could be sooner if the state changes their radio requirements.

Chief Peterson stated that he does not have many items in his CIP, however, they are all high ticket items. He stated that the biggest consideration to think about now is the 2023 Ford F550 replacement.

He stated that he recommends finding a demo instead of a brand-new engine. He stated that if we were to build an apparatus, it would take four to five years to build and receive. Council Member Zishan noted that it seems like we are spending too much effort on fixing the ladder truck when there is one in South Ogden. Council Member Parkinson stated that there are concerns about having a ladder truck that isn't used much, but recognizes that a ladder truck could service those buildings in the city that could use a ladder truck. She also noted that having two vehicles with different functions may be better than having two of the same vehicle doing the same functions in the city.

Chief Peterson stated that there needs to be heavy consideration on replacing the truck in 2027.

- Public Works CIP

Jake Meibos explained how the Public Works Capital Projects fit within the Council Policy Priorities. Meibos stated that he will focus on the 0-5 CIP projects for the department.

Meibos highlighted the road reconstruction projects for 0-5 years (estimated FY 2028-2031). He stated that funding is in the current budget, however, nothing has been approved at this time. Meibos noted that much of the infrastructure due for replacement was installed in 1957.

Meibos stated that the culinary water projects coincide with each other and outlined the projects for FY 27-2030. Meibos explained that he looks at the estimated life of the pipe (50- 60 years), the maintenance history of the pipes, and the road projects that may coincide with the work when determining timeline for projects. Meibos stated that some grants are available for water structure, however, he noted that it is hard to find grants for water maintenance projects. Hanson stated that we strategize to use "pay as we go", and other times GO bonds may need to be considered. Hanson stated that he doesn't know what our capacity for future grants would be.

Meibos explained the CIP projects associated with storm drains. Hanson stated that the Regional Detention Basin at TH Bell Jr High is of high importance.

Meibos explained the 2020-2025 CIP projects that are completed, noting that the total cost was \$7.8 million, with \$ 2.5 million received through grant funding.

Meibos explained his asset management planning philosophy, noting that the planning is to ensure that we get the most value from our assets and have the financial resources in place when they need replacement. He noted that infrastructure projects are typically high value projects that are critical to communities.

Meibos explained the proposed lighting plan for the parks. He stated that they may be part of phase four of the Pickelball Plaza.

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Lt. Sean Endsley, Weber County Sheriff

OTHERS PRESENT:

None

6:00 P.M.

2. ROLL CALL

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. WELCOME

Mayor Allen expressed his condolences to the West family.

5. CONSENT ITEMS

5.1 APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND JANUARY 6, 2026, COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Allen stated that the closed session will be postponed until the next meeting. It will be taken off of the agenda. Corrections to two attendee's information will be made to the final minutes. Item 5.1 approved by general consent

6. CITIZEN COMMENTS

There were no citizen comments.

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1 DISCUSSION/ACTION: CONSIDERATION TO RECOGNIZE INDIGENOUS PEOPLE'S DAY IN LIEU OF THE COLUMBUS DAY HOLIDAY

Council Member Zishan stated that Columbus did not really discover Americans and stated that there is a lot of misconceptions about Christopher Columbus and stated that many states and hundreds of cities are appropriately recognizing Indigenous People's Day instead of honoring a "genocidal maniac". He stated that he feels that it is about time that we recognize that day as Indigenous People's Day. He stated that it is a national holiday, but not everyone observes it like a federal holiday.

Council Member Parkinson stated that she taught U.S. history and worked through the ideas of expansion and exploration of the new world, stating that Christopher Columbus was recognized as one of the first great leaders for exploration and expansion of the new world. Council Member Parkinson stated that he had a lot of things going on at that time that were good and also noted that there were a lot of things that happened that were horrible. She stated that we need to recognize that his exploration did open up the

expansion of more exploration to our country.

Council Member Parkinson stated that indigenous people were very impacted by all exploration that came here, not just Columbus. Council Member Parkinson stated that their experiences were tragic. She stated that they were impacted by diseases, slavery, war, fighting and pushing them out of the territory.

Council Member Parkinson stated that she looked in the pros and cons of why it is called Columbus Day and why so many people are looking at it as Indigenous People's Day.

She stated that she found that the issue was taken to President Biden in 2019, that the president chose to accept and recognize both holidays on that day. She stated that it recognizes the discovery of exploration of our nation and the impact of indigenous people and how important their role is in our country history. She stated that she would like to follow that example and recognize both and not turn away from Columbus day because of the impact of exploration on the country's development.

Council Member Zishan stated that when it comes to whom we are celebrating, keep in mind that Columbus did not come to explore, he was looking for India to trade spices. Council Member Zishan stated that the indigenous people's population was 250,000 and within a decade it was down to 220. Council Member Zishan read a passage from the diary of Columbus and how he explained the Taino people who first greeted him. The passage described his thoughts on the people and how they would easily be made into servants. Council Member Zishan stated that the abuses of women and children are unspeakable and asked why we would celebrate someone like that.

Council Member Parkinson stated that the enslavement that happened during that time frame was part of the creation of the idea for Columbus to work in the slave trade. She stated that the slave trade expanded into the Americas with some of the indigenous people putting other tribes into enslavement by selling them to Europeans. She stated that Columbus was not the only person in the slave trade noting that it was an acceptable thing in that area and in that time. She stated that we have different eyesight when we are in a situation rather than when we are looking back upon it. Council Member Parkinson stated that hopefully we learn from these things. She stated that her view is not to look upon Columbus as a hero, but rather that his expansion and exploration really lead into what we have as the United States.

Council Member Thomas stated that he is open to combining them both. He stated that both expanded in different ways. He stated that the indigenous people found with one another and did different things. He stated that the Europeans are known to explore, expand and grow and lose colonies in different areas. He stated that he does not want to totally exclude Columbus Day.

Council Member Davidson stated that there are two perspectives, one glorifies an explorer in colonial beginning and one confronts suffering and celebrates the survival of indigenous people. She stated that it is best not to erase history and believes it is a good compromise to not erase how it began and also celebrate the people who suffered the most. She stated that that we perpetuate the cycle if we don't learn from it.

Council Member Parkinson stated that she wants to make sure we are looking forward and respectfully from where we are today.

Motion by Council Member Thomas
Seconded by Council Member Parkinson
To approve to combine the Columbus Day and Indigenous People's Day Holidays
Approved (3-1)

Aye- Council Member Parkinson
Aye-Council member Thomas
Aye- Council Davidson
Nay- Council Member Zishan

Council Member Zishan stated that he opposes, noting that he understands that one this is remembering what happened, and the other thing is celebrating. He stated that when you make a day out of a genocidal maniac, you are celebrating him still and stated that he will not vote for that.

7.2 DISCUSSION/MOTION: APPROVAL OF THE CITY CONTRIBUTION AMOUNT FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT 2026 APPLICATION

Rodriguez stated that the Council approved the CIP priorities list for CDBG project applications. The 500 West Trenchless Sewer Main Rehabilitation Project was chosen due to the high priority nature of the project. The project will include rehabilitation of failing and blocked sewer main lines on 500 West between 4400 and 4800 South. Rodriguez stated that the CDBG application is due at the end of the month and is near completion. Rodriguez stated that to maximize as many points as possible in the rating and ranking system, the City will commit to funding 38.5 percent of the project as our matching contribution. Rodriguez stated that the engineer's estimate for the project is \$350,886. The application will ask for \$215,795 in CDBG funding, with the remaining \$135,091 commitment from the city. Rodriguez stated that formal bidding will be held in April or May before the final application is due. Staff is asking for approval for the contribution match of 38.5 of the project as outlined in the staff report. Rodriguez stated that the project has been budgeted and partially funding in the Sanitary Sewer Fund.

**Motion by Council Member Parkinson
Seconded by Council Member Thomas
To approve the 2026 CDBG application and
Contribution match of 38.5 as outlined in the staff report
Approved unanimously (4-0)**

8. COUNCIL COMMUNICATION WITH STAFF

Council Member Thomas thanked the Public Works crew for their hard work on the recent water leaks and pipes.

Parkinson stated that she spoke with Hanson on how they handle the situations when the crew is working all evening through the morning. She stated that it is amazing that the Public Works Crew is basically on call 24/7. She stated that she is not sure if residents realize that and stated that she appreciates them very much.

Mayor Allen stated that there are some new Mayors on the subcommittee concerning the Weber County Transfer Station issue. He stated that it is looking optimistic moving forward.

Council Member Zishan stated that the ISO rating is made out of 50% percent fire, 40% percent water, and 10% emergency communications. He stated that he would like to learn more on the ISO rating and how it would affect our residents moving forward.

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9. ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

Hanson stated that Meibos is working with the contractor on the pricing on the Rohmer North End Project.
Hanson stated that Grava is working on the Victory Park Project request for Proposal.

10. UPCOMING EVENTS

- January 29th : Planning Commission (Tentative)
- February 3rd : Work Session (5:00 p.m.) and Council Meeting (6:00 p.m.)
- February 16th City Offices closed for President’s Day
- February 17th: Work Session (5:00 p.m.) and Council Meeting (6:00p.m.)
- February 26th : Planning Commission (Tentative)

11. MOTION: ADJOURN INTO CLOSED SESSION

This Item has been stricken from the agenda.

12. ADJOURN THE MEETING

Motion by Council Member Davidson to adjourn the meeting
Mayor Allen adjourned the meeting at 6:42 p.m.

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Date Approved	City Recorder