

MINUTES OF THE DRAPER CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2026, IN THE DRAPER CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 1020 EAST PIONEER ROAD, DRAPER, UTAH

PRESENT: Mayor Troy K. Walker, and Councilmembers Kathryn Dahlin, Bryn Heather Johnson, Tasha Lowery, and Fred Lowry

EXCUSED: Councilmember Mike Green

STAFF: Mike Barker, City Manager; Kellie Challburg, Assistant City Manager; Scott Cooley, City Engineer and Public Works Director; Rich Ferguson, Chief of Police; Traci Gundersen, City Attorney; Jennifer Jastremsky, Community Development Director; Rhett Ogden, Parks and Recreation Director; Derek Orth, Human Resource Director; Linda Peterson, Communications Director; Nicole Smedley, City Recorder; Jake Sorensen, Network Manager; and John Vuyk, Finance Director

Study Session

Discussion: Boundary Line Adjustment with Alpine

David Mortensen presented a parcel map and explained that a gap of property between Draper and Alpine originated from an annexation in 1855. He stated that the request was to adjust the common boundary to transfer the property from Draper to Alpine. City Manager Mike Barker stated that both cities would be required to adopt resolutions of intent to adjust the common boundary, followed by a public hearing. Mr. Mortensen stated that the triangular area would be incorporated into existing vacant lots and reported a desire to proceed with the boundary adjustment process.

Closed Meeting

Councilmember T. Lowery moved to recess to a closed meeting to discuss pending or reasonably imminent litigation. Councilmember Johnson seconded the motion.

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

The Council reconvened in open study session. Councilmember T. Lowery motioned to go into closed meeting to discuss the purchase, exchange, or lease of real property. Councilmember Dahlin seconded the motion.

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		

Council/Manager Reports

Moved to later in the Business Session.

Business Session

1. Call to Order by Mayor Troy K. Walker

2. Pledge of Allegiance led by John Vuyk

3. Presentation: 2026 Legislative Preview

House Representative Calvin Roberts reported on anticipated legislative priorities for 2026, including cost-of-living issues, housing affordability, and potential state partnerships with cities to support housing supply and infrastructure. Discussion addressed proposed property tax changes and potential fiscal impacts on Draper City, including effects on municipal services and revenue distribution. Councilmember T. Lowery raised infrastructure funding needs related to the station area plans.

4. Public Comments

Reed Gibby, a Draper resident, referenced a mortgage assistance program in Alaska during the 1970s that offered reduced interest rates to qualifying homebuyers and suggested a similar approach could be considered in Utah. He also commented on the relationship between carbon dioxide and atmospheric temperature and stated that he would provide additional information to the Council by email.

Kimber Tunbridge, a Draper resident, reported that sidewalk, curb, and gutter improvements had been completed for neighboring properties near 11853 South 700 East, but not for her property due to a utility pole. She stated that the utility pole had since been relocated and requested completion of the infrastructure to address safety and flooding concerns. Ms. Tunbridge provided additional documentation and noted that she had been informed that the State was responsible for that portion of the roadway.

5. **Consent Items**

5.a **January 6, 2026 City Council Meeting Minutes**

5.b **Resolution #26-05 reappointing Corina Pace as a member of the Draper City Historic Preservation Commission**

5.c **Resolution #26-06 disposing of property seized as evidence in accordance with Utah Code Section 77-1a-402**

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

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		

6. **Items for Council Consideration**

6.a **Public Hearing: Providing Local Consent for a Single Event Permit for C.R.U.E. Group LLC dba Utah Premier Events**

Business License Official Travis DeJong reported that a single event permit allows the storage, sale, and consumption of alcohol for a limited duration of up to 120 hours. He stated that the request was for an event at The Ballard on February 12, 13, and 14, totaling 18 hours, and noted that this was the applicant’s first permit application in 2026.

Mayor Walker opened a public hearing, and closed the public hearing seeing no one come forward.

Councilmember T. Lowery moved to approve local consent. Councilmember F. Lowry seconded the motion.

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		

6.b **Public Hearing: Providing Local Consent for a Full-Service Restaurant License for Star Group LLC dba Desi Kitchen**

Mr. DeJong stated that a full-service restaurant license permits the storage, sale, and service of alcoholic beverages in conjunction with food service. He reported that the application for local consent for Star Group LLC, doing business as Desi Kitchen, met all applicable distance requirements.

Mayor Walker opened a public hearing, and closed the public hearing seeing no one come forward.

Councilmember Johnson moved to approve local consent. Councilmember Dahlin seconded the motion.

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		

6.c **Action Item: 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 Ln. known as the Butler Zoning Map Amendment**

Paul Geilman said the subject property was currently designated Residential Medium Density on the Land Use Map, which supported zones RA2, R3, R4, and NPC. Mr. Geilman said Planning staff determined there were multiple potential configurations in which up to three Code-compliant lots could be

created, each with sufficient square footage and access off Tanager Lane. He said the applicants had indicated if the rezone to R3 was approved, they would work with engineers to design a configuration that would meet City Code. Councilmember F. Lowry said he appreciated staff providing additional information on the application following the previous review by the Council.

Councilmember F. Lowry motioned to approve Ordinance #1697. Councilmember Dahlin seconded the motion.

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		

Council/Manager Reports (Continued from Study Session)

Assistant City Manager Kellie Challburg reported that the City's Farmer's Market Vendor requested relocating the event from Smith Fields Park to Draper Park to increase attendance. Council and staff discussed parking capacity at Draper Park, potential conflicts with t-ball games, and traffic conditions along 1300 East. The Council also discussed the possibility of changing the market to Saturday mornings, and Ms. Challburg stated that staff would review available options.

7. Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:58 pm