

**ST. GEORGE CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
SPECIAL REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 22, 2026, 4:00 P.M.
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

PRESENT:

**Mayor Jimmie Hughes
Councilmember Dannielle Larkin
Councilmember Natalie Larsen
Councilmember Michelle Tanner
Councilmember Steve Kemp**

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

**City Manager John Willis
City Attorney Ryan Dooley
City Recorder Christina Fernandez**

OTHERS PRESENT:

Applicants for Vacant City Council Seat

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Hughes called the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance. An invocation was offered by Paston Daniel Solis with Iglesia Monte Zion and The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Councilmember Larsen.

Link to call to order, invocation, and flag salute: [00:00:00](#)

Link to comments from Mayor Hughes; including the question being asked of each applicant – Please tell us why you have applied for the City Council seat and why you think you should be appointed?: [00:02:40](#)

INTERVIEW APPLICANTS FOR VACANT CITY COUNCIL SEAT:

Link to the following applicants answering the interview question posed by Mayor Hughes:

Applicant Brad Bennett: [00:06:10](#)

Applicant Rafael Capitan: [00:09:31](#)

Applicant Gregory Whitehead: [00:12:46](#)

Applicant Christian El-Bakri: [00:16:08](#)

Applicant Austin F Anderson: [00:19:17](#)

Applicant Gregory Aldred: [00:21:54](#)

Applicant Brandon Lee Yost: [00:25:08](#)

Applicant Matthew Metcalf: [00:28:33](#)

Applicant Bryan S Smethurst: [00:31:49](#)

Applicant Paula Smith: [00:35:10](#)

Applicant Zac Stucki: [00:37:31](#)

Applicant Jami Leavitt: [00:40:50](#)

Applicant Brett Tolly: [00:44:10](#)

Applicant Bryan D Thiriot: [00:47:40](#)

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APPOINT NEW CITY COUNCILMEMBER:

Link to comments from Mayor Hughes and the City Council: [00:50:52](#)

Link to City Recorder Christina Fernandez reading the ballots: [01:02:23](#)

SWEARING IN OF NEW CITY COUNCILMEMBER:

Link to City Recorder Christina Fernandez swearing in of Austin Anderson: [01:03:00](#)

Link to comments from Councilmember Anderson: [01:04:08](#)

APPOINT REPRESENTATIVES TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE CONTROL BOARD OF WASHINGTON COUNTY SPECIAL SERVICE DISTRICT 1/RESOLUTION:

Consider approval of Resolution No. 2026-002R to approve the designation and appointment of representatives to the Administrative Control Board of Washington County Special Service District No. 1 (Solid Waste District Administrative Control Board).

BACKGROUND and RECOMMENDATION: This resolution will approve the designation and appointment of Mayor Jimmie Hughes, Councilmember Natalie Larsen, Councilmember Michelle Tanner, and the new City Councilmember being appointed at tonight's meeting to the Administrative Control Board of Washington County Special Service District No. 1 (Solid Waste District Administrative Control Board).

Link to presentation from City Manager John Willis: [01:05:59](#)

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Link to motion: [01:06:35](#)

MOTION:

A motion was made by Councilmember Anderson to approve Resolution No. 2026-002R.

SECOND:

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Kemp.

VOTE:

Mayor Hughes called for a roll call vote, as follows:

Councilmember Larkin – aye
Councilmember Larsen – aye
Councilmember Tanner – aye

Councilmember Kemp – aye
Councilmember Anderson – aye

The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

REPORTS FROM MAYOR, COUNCILMEMBERS, AND CITY MANAGER:

Link to reports from Mayor, Councilmembers, and City Manager: [01:07:25](#)

ADJOURN TO A CLOSED MEETING:

Request a closed session to discuss litigation, property acquisition or sale or the character and professional competence or physical or mental health of an individual.

A closed meeting was not held.

ADJOURN:

Link to motion: [01:08:09](#)

MOTION:

A motion was made by Councilmember Lasen to adjourn.

SECOND:

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Larkin.

VOTE:

Mayor Hughes called for a vote, as follows:

Councilmember Larkin – aye
Councilmember Larsen – aye
Councilmember Tanner – aye
Councilmember Kemp – aye
Councilmember Anderson – aye

The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

/s/Christina Fernandez

Christina Fernandez, City Recorder