

MINUTES OF THE DRAPER CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 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; Spencer DuShane, Assistant City Attorney; 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; Clint Smith, Fire Chief; Jake Sorensen, Network Manager; and John Vuyk, Finance Director

Study Session

Closed Session

Councilmember F. Lowry moved to recess to a closed session to discuss land acquisition and real estate. 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		

Discussion: Scooter Text Amendment

Lee Chaplin, Crime Analyst for the Draper Police Department, presented statistical data regarding electric scooter accidents in Draper City between 2023 and 2025. He reported that 25 of the 29 accidents involving electric non-automobile vehicles involved electric scooters. He stated that the accidents were distributed evenly

throughout the City and that the age of operators ranged from 9 to 58 years old, with the majority operated by juveniles.

Mr. Chaplin stated that at least 12 of the accidents were caused by operators driving recklessly at excessive speeds and that 16 of the accidents occurred in crosswalks. He reported that 14 of the accidents resulted in injury and confirmed that there were no fatalities.

City Attorney Traci Gundersen reviewed applicable Utah law governing the operation of electric scooters. She stated that operation of electric scooters by children under eight years old was prohibited and that electric scooters were prohibited on public highways. She reported that scooters could not exceed 15 miles per hour and could not carry more than three passengers. She further stated that electric scooters were not permitted in public parking structures or in areas where bicycles were prohibited. She clarified that electric scooters were allowed in crosswalks under State law if operated safely.

City Prosecutor Jenny Jonsson stated that there were enforcement challenges and legal distinctions related to electric scooters that could complicate prosecution, including questions regarding whether a vehicle had been operated with pedals. She emphasized the importance of including objective and clearly identifiable criteria in the municipal code.

Ms. Gundersen stated that electric scooter use on sidewalks was only permitted if authorized by municipal code and reported that the City did not currently have a code provision allowing operation on sidewalks.

Ms. Gundersen asked the Council to consider where they would want electric scooters to be permitted to operate within the City. She also reported that the Utah Legislature was currently considering proposed legislation related to electric scooters.

Councilmember F. Lowry expressed concern that if electric scooters were prohibited on sidewalks and trails, they would effectively be unable to operate within the City and requested clarification regarding where operation would be permitted. Chief Ferguson indicated that electric scooters could be used in off-road environments, as intended, and emphasized the need for clear, enforceable regulations addressing issues such as permitted locations of operation, age and helmet requirements, and

speed limits. He noted that electric scooters were contributing to accidents and were not insured.

Ms. Gundersen stated that staff would continue to monitor related legislation under consideration by the Legislature.

Councilmember F. Lowry stated that he would support consideration of increasing the minimum age of operation above the current eight years old. Councilmember T. Lowery indicated support for raising the age limit to 14 or 15 years old. Mayor Walker emphasized the importance of requiring helmet use.

The Council discussed sidewalk speed limits implemented by other jurisdictions. Councilmember T. Lowery suggested requiring operators to walk electric scooters through crosswalks. Councilmember F. Lowry stated that he would be comfortable establishing a minimum operating age of 14 and noted that the matter involved reliance on parents to provide instruction and supervision.

The Council expressed appreciation to staff for the presentation.

Discussion: Legislative Update

Discussion on this item did not occur.

Discussion: City Branding and Communication Policy

Communications Director Linda Peterson presented a draft communication policy and stated that adoption of a comprehensive policy would help ensure that City communications were clear, consistent, lawful, and trustworthy. She explained that the policy would define who was authorized to speak on behalf of the City, establish approval processes for information, and set applicable standards. She cautioned that uncoordinated communication during emergencies, particularly through social media, could result in the rapid spread of inaccurate information and public confusion. She reported that the draft included a crisis communication plan.

Councilmember T. Lowery expressed discomfort with portions of the draft addressing elected officials and indicated opposition to including that section in the adopted policy. Councilmember F. Lowry stated that the section provided guidelines for Council consideration. Councilmember Dahlin suggested the language could be revised to be less prescriptive. Councilmember T. Lowery suggested that the concepts could instead be incorporated into elected official training rather than formal policy. Ms. Peterson responded that the section could be removed from the

draft policy and retained separately as recommendations for the Council. Councilmember Dahlin stated that such training would be helpful.

Ms. Peterson also asked the Council to consider issues related to signage, City branding, and placement of the City logo. She stated that electronic signage could serve as an effective method for delivering information to the community.

Discussion: Draper Days

Staff provided an update on plans for Draper Days in 2026. The Council and staff discussed desirable locations for different elements of the celebration. On advice from the City's insurance, a majority of the Council indicated support for prohibiting the throwing of candy from vehicles during the parade.

Discussion: June Bike Race

Discussion on this item did not occur.

Council/Manager Reports

This item was moved to the end of the Business Session.

Business Session

1. **Call to Order by Mayor Troy K. Walker**

2. **Pledge of Allegiance led by Kellie Challburg**

3. **Public Comments**

Sarah Brinkerhoff, Draper Library Manager, provided an update on the winter reading program. She introduced Linda Gee, Draper Branch Librarian, who invited members of the community to participate in monthly activities commemorating America250.

4. **Consent Items**

4.a **Approve the January 20, 2026 City Council Meeting Minutes**

4.b **Approve Resolution #26-07 appointing members to the Draper City Community Engagement and Events Committee**

4.c **Approve Resolution #26-08 disposing of surplus personal property in accordance with Draper City Municipal Code Section 3-3-150**

Councilmember T. Lowery moved to approve the Consent Agenda.
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		

5. Items for Council Consideration

5.a Public Hearing: Providing Local Consent for a Full-Service Restaurant License for Futoi Roll Sushi LLC

Business License Official Travis Dejong explained that a full-service restaurant license permitted a restaurant to store, sell, and serve alcoholic beverages in conjunction with a food purchase. He reported that the application submitted by Futoi Roll Sushi LLC met all applicable distance requirements and clarified that there was no cap on the number of full-service restaurant licenses issued in Draper.

Mayor Walker opened a public hearing and, with no members of the public coming forward to comment, closed the public hearing.

Councilmember T. Lowery motioned 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		

5.b Public Hearing: Ordinances #1699 and #1700 amending the Official Land Use Map and an ordinance amending the Official Zoning Map of Draper City for approximately 1.87 acres of property located at 693 E. 13800 South, 703 E.

13800 South and 13777 S. Shadow Mountain Lane known as the Bell, Peterson and Gustin Land Use and Zoning Map Amendments

Maryann Pickering explained that the application to amend the Zoning Map involved three adjacent properties. She stated that one property was currently designated Residential Medium Density (RA2) and two were designated Residential Low-Medium Density (RA1). She presented a proposed zoning map reflecting lot line adjustments, resulting in two lots within the RA2 Zone and one lot within the R3 Zone.

David Gustin, the applicant, stated that the proposal involved acquiring a portion of a neighboring backyard to incorporate into his own property. He reported that the amendment would maintain three separate lots with three existing homes.

Mayor Walker opened a public hearing and, with no members of the public coming forward to comment, closed the public hearing.

Councilmember F. Lowry motioned to approve Ordinances #1699 and #1700. 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		

5.c **Action Item: Resolution #26-09 expressing Draper City's intent to adjust its common municipal boundaries with Alpine City, authorizing, and scheduling a public hearing, and providing for notice thereof**

Assistant City Manager Kellie Challburg stated that the Council had previously discussed a proposed adjustment to the common boundary with Alpine City during a Study Session. She reported that the proposed resolution would set a public hearing for April 7, 2026.

Mayor Walker opened a public hearing and, with no members of the public coming forward to comment, closed the public hearing.

Councilmember Johnson moved to approve Resolution #26-09. 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)

- Mayor Walker gave a brief update on the Legislative Session.
- City Manager Mike Barker spoke of Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) legislation passed last Legislative Session. He proposed the City host an open house with a printed map to engage with residents regarding House Bill 48. A majority of the Council indicated support for scheduling an open house.
- Referring to the Michel “shoebox” property, Mr. Barker reported that approximately 70 equivalent residential units (ERUs) remained available within the zone and stated that there was no current development application for the area. He further indicated that, even if an application were submitted, there were insufficient water shares to support development.
- Mr. Barker reported that the City received \$2 million in community project funding for the installation of a redundant water line.
- Assistant City Attorney Spencer DuShane reported two cell companies leasing space on City property had requested long-term lease extensions with amended provisions. A majority of the Council directed Mr. Dushane to negotiate lease terms for more favorable rates for the City.
- Fire Chief Clint Smith reported that the City had been awarded a WUI Prevention, Preparation, and Mitigation Grant in the amount of \$200,000.

6. Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.