

City Council Business Meeting Minutes

**Date:** February 4, 2026

**Time:** 7:00 p.m.

**Place:** Tooele City Hall Council Chambers  
90 North Main Street, Tooele City, Utah

**Council Members Present**

Justin Brady

Ed Hansen

Jon Gossett

Melodi Gochis

**Excused**

Dave McCall

**Staff Present:**

Maresa Manzione, Mayor

Matthew Johnson, City Attorney

Nathan Farrer, Assistant Public Works Director

Jamie Grandpre, Public Works Director

Chris Sloan, Planning Commissioner

Kelley Anderson, Planning Commissioner

John Perez, Economic Development Director

Adrian Day, Police Chief

Paul Hansen, City Engineer

Shannon Wimmer, Finance Director

Shilo Baker, City Recorder

Loretta Herron, Deputy City Recorder

Tiffany Day, Executive Assistant to the Mayor

Minutes Prepared by Teresa Young

1. **Pledge of Allegiance**

Chairman Brady called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. **Roll Call**

Jon Gossett, Present

Melodi Gochis, Present

Ed Hansen, Present

Justin Brady, Present

Dave McCall, Excused

3. **Mayor's Youth Recognition Awards**

Mayor Manzione honored two outstanding students from Sterling Elementary. Mayor Manzione recognized Chloe Sullivan who was nominated by Mrs. Fernandez and Mr. Orton. She was recognized for her responsibility, dedication to academics, and leadership in her classroom and Portuguese class, as well as her contributions to school assemblies through the CIA group.

Mayor Manzione also recognized Gloria Walrath who was nominated by Christine Tucker. She was acknowledged for her kindness, thoughtfulness, and willingness to assist classmates and teachers, including helping special needs students.

The Mayor praised both students for setting positive examples for their peers and the community, noting the importance of supportive families and the inspiration these young leaders provide, especially following a challenging day in the city. She advised the public that the presentation of the awards would be available on the city's YouTube channel.

Mayor Manzione then invited the award recipients, their families and the City Council to take a group photo which would be shared on social media and in the local newspaper. There was a brief pause in the meeting for a photo.

4. **Utah Chief's Association Presentation**

*Presented by Val Shupe, Executive Director of the Utah Chief of Police Association*

Mr. Shupe presented the accreditation award to the Tooele City Police Department. The presentation highlighted that accreditation is a rigorous process, with 177 standards covering federal and state law as well as city ordinances, and requires proof that policies are actively implemented, such as firearms training and record-keeping. Assessors visited the department, reviewed divisions including patrol, detectives, and the evidence room, and interviewed officers. The department was praised for its professionalism, thorough records, and top-notch evidence management. Accreditation requires annual reporting to maintain standards, with full re-accreditation every four years. The award recognizes Tooele City Police Department's successful completion of all standards set by the Utah Chiefs of Police Association and the Utah Accreditation Alliance, marking a significant achievement for the department and the community.

5. **Public Comment Period**

Chairman Brady opened the public hearing at 7:12 p.m.

Jamie Grandpre, Public Works Director, reflected on his time with the city and expressed gratitude for the opportunity to serve the community. He acknowledged the dedication of city staff and leadership, shared appreciation for colleagues and council members, and highlighted the sense of pride in contributing to city projects and initiatives. His remarks emphasized the importance of teamwork, community service, and the positive impact that city employees can have, while also expressing well-wishes for the continued success of the city after his retirement.

Karen Jentzsh, a Tooele resident for seven years, spoke about a long-standing concern regarding pets being brought into grocery stores, particularly Walmart and Lucky's. She explained that customers often place pets in shopping carts, even on blankets, which she considers a health risk. Despite speaking with multiple store managers and visiting the health department, she has seen little enforcement of store policies that prohibit pets in carts. She emphasized that this issue has persisted for three to four years and

expressed frustration that current rules are not being followed, suggesting that alternatives like online ordering and curbside pickup could mitigate the problem. She asked the City Council for guidance or assistance in helping enforce these policies. Chairman Brady invited her to stay after the meeting to discuss with Council.

Seeing no other members of the public coming forward, Chairman Brady closed the public hearing at 7:21 p.m.

6. **Resolution 2026-04 A Resolution of the Tooele City Council Consenting to Mayor Manzione's Appointment of Nathan L. Farrer to the Position of Director of the Public Works Department**

*Presented by Maresa Manzione, Mayor*

Mayor Manzione announced with the retirement of the Public Works Director Jamie Grandpre, who has served the city for five years and is relocating to Florida, there was a competitive applicant process. Nathan Farrer, the current Assistant Public Works Director with six months in the role, was selected as his successor. Mr. Farrer brings 19 years of public works experience, a master's degree in professional communications, and recently obtained water and wastewater certifications. With City Council approval, Mr. Farrer will be sworn in tonight, with his official start date as Public Works Director on February 8th.

**Motion: Councilman Hansen made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-04 A Resolution of the Tooele City Council Consenting to Mayor Manzione's Appointment of Nathan L. Farrer to the Position of Director of the Public Works Department.** Councilman Gossett seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows: Councilman Gossett, "Aye"; Councilwoman Gochis, "Aye"; Councilman Hansen, "Aye"; and Chairman Brady, "Aye". Motion passes 4-0.

7. **Swearing in of Nathan L. Farrer as the Public Works Director**

*Presented by Shilo Baker, City Recorder*

Ms. Baker administered the Oath of Office to Nathan L. Farrer following his appointment as Public Works Director.

Following his swearing-in, Mr. Farrer thanked outgoing Director Jamie Grandpre for his mentorship over the past six months, acknowledging the guidance and support that helped him gain confidence and learn the responsibilities of the position. He expressed appreciation for the lessons learned, including the value of learning from his own mistakes.

8. **Resolution 2026-02 A Resolution of the Tooele City Council Approving an Agreement with Nelson Brothers Construction Company for Construction of a New Salt Shed Building**

*Presented by Jamie Grandpre, Public Works Director*

Mr. Grandpre presented a resolution for the construction of a new salt shed on the north side of town, to be built through a CMGC contract with Nelson Brothers. The facility will store road salt for winter operations and reduce travel and wait times at the existing south-end facility shared with UDOT. The total project cost is approximately \$1,587,688 which includes site improvements and preparation for the Rogers Road well. Funding will require a future budget adjustment, with approximately \$900,000 drawn

from fund balance and additional funds from the Rogers Road well budget. The project aims to have the salt shed ready for next winter, improving operational efficiency and response times for snow events.

**Motion: Councilwoman Gochis moved to approve Resolution 2026-02 A Resolution of the Tooele City Council Approving an Agreement with Nelson Brothers Construction Company for Construction of a New Salt Shed Building Contingent on the Budget Adjustment.** Councilman Hansen seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows: Councilman Hansen, "Aye"; Councilwoman Gochis, "Aye"; Councilman Gossett, "Aye", and Chairman Brady, "Aye". The motion passes 4-0.

9. **Resolution 2026-03 A Resolution of the Tooele City Council Amending the Tooele City Fee Schedule, Adding an Annual Fee for Use of the Tooele City Police Department Gun Range**  
*Presented by Adrian Day, Police Chief*

Chief Day advised the Council that the resolution was updated by the city attorney as per discussion in the work meeting to include the police academy with police agencies. It establishes a \$1,000 annual fee for users of the city firearm range to cover maintenance, weed suppression, and equipment costs.

**Motion: Council Hansen moved to approve Resolution 2026-03 A Resolution of the Tooele City Council Amending the Tooele City Fee Schedule, Adding an Annual Fee for Use of the Tooele City Police Department Gun Range.** Councilman Gossett seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows: Councilman Gossett, "Aye"; Councilwoman Gochis, "Aye"; Councilman Hansen, "Aye"; and Chairman Brady, "Aye". The motion passes 4-0.

10. **Resolution 2026-05 A Resolution of the Tooele City Council Authorizing Payment of a Fee in Lieu of Water Rights Conveyance for Holiday Oil on Franks Drive**  
*Presented by John Perez, Economic Development Director*

Mr. Perez reported that Holiday Oil has requested 2.27 acre-feet of water for their site at the northeast corner of Frank's Drive and 1000 North. The proposal aligns with city policy and includes an estimated capital investment of \$7.5-\$8 million, with the creation of 10-15 jobs. Wages are projected at \$14-\$18 per hour for cashiers, \$35,000-\$55,000 annually for assistant managers, and approximately \$80,000 for the store manager. Projected new sales include \$3.5 million from convenience store operations, with estimated city sales tax revenue between \$20,000-\$30,000 annually. The water fee for the 2.27 acre-feet was calculated at \$79,450 and confirmed by City Engineer Paul Hansen. Usage data from similarly sized stores was also provided to support the request.

**Motion: Councilman Gossett moved approve Resolution 2026-05 A Resolution of the Tooele City Council Authorizing Payment of a Fee in Lieu of Water Rights Conveyance for Holiday Oil on Franks Drive.** Councilwoman Gochis seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows: Councilman Hansen, "Aye"; Councilwoman Gochis, "Aye"; Councilman Hansen, "Aye"; and Chairman Brady, "Aye". The motion passes 4-0.

11. **Invoices & Purchase Orders**

*Presented by Shilo Baker, City Recorder*

Ms. Baker reported one invoice for the City's annual subscription to RingCentral which is the City's phone system, totaling \$34,397.98.

**Motion: Councilman Hansen moved to approve the invoice.** Councilwoman Gochis seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows: Councilman Gossett, "Aye"; Councilwoman Gochis, "Aye"; Councilman Hansen, "Aye"; and Chairman Brady, "Aye". The motion passes 4-0.

12. **Minutes**

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**Motion: Councilwoman Gochis moved to approve the January 21, 2026 Business Meeting Minutes.** Councilman Gossett seconded the motion.

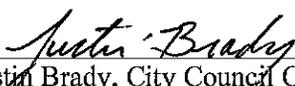
The vote was as follows: Councilman Hansen, "Aye"; Councilwoman Gochis, "Aye"; Councilman Gossett, "Aye"; and Chairman Brady, "Aye". The motion passes 4-0.

13. **Adjourn**

Chairman Brady adjourned the meeting at 7:36 p.m.

*The content of the minutes is not intended, nor are they submitted, as a verbatim transcription of the meeting. These minutes are a brief overview of what occurred at the meeting.*

Approved this 18<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2026

  
Justin Brady, City Council Chair

