



MAGNA CITY COUNCIL MEETING

JANUARY 27, 2026 @ 6:00 PM
WEBSTER COMMUNITY CENTER
8952 West Magna Main Street
Magna, Utah 84044

****DRAFT MINUTES – UNAPPROVED****
MAGNA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
January 27, 2026

Council Members Present:

Mayor Mick Sudbury
Council Member Audrey Pierce
Council Member Terry George
Council Member Steve Prokopis
Council Member Megan Olsen
Council Member Mike Jensen

Council Member(s) Excused:

Staff Present:

David Brickey, City Manager
Paul Ashton, Legal Counsel
Diana Baun, City Recorder
Daniel Torres, Economic Development Manager
Chief Del Craig, Unified Police Department
Lt. Chris Benedict, Unified Police Department
Steven Kuhlmeier, Salt Lake City Public Works

Others Present:

6:00 PM – PUBLIC MEETING

1. Call to Order

Mayor Mick Sudbury, presiding, called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

2. Determine Quorum

A quorum was present, allowing the meeting to proceed.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

MAGNA COUNCIL MEMBERS

MAYOR MICK SUDBURY, COUNCIL MEMBER STEVE PROKOPIS,
COUNCIL MEMBER MEGAN OLSEN, COUNCIL MEMBER MICHAEL JENSEN,
COUNCIL MEMBER TERRY GEORGE, COUNCIL MEMBER AUDREY PIERCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Roberta Nichols stated that they had lived in Magna for over 70 years and expressed concerns regarding recent and potential City decisions. They questioned whether City officials worked for the people of Magna and asserted that residents had the right to know about decisions affecting the community. Ms. Nichols referenced information she had heard about the possible purchase of a church property on Broadway and stated that they lived directly across the street and wanted to know the City's plans. She also asked whether selling the cemetery was under consideration and emphasized the historical and emotional significance of the cemetery, noting that many longtime Magna residents were buried there. She stated that if the City could not afford to purchase the church, then improvements should be made to the cemetery entrance. Ms. Nichols criticized the expenditure on "black boxes," describing them as cheap and inappropriate, and said the cemetery deserved more dignity. She concluded by affirming her pride in Magna and thanking the Council for their time.

Elayne Kovalik raised multiple safety concerns. She stated she lives across from Elk Run Elementary and requested consideration of a lit speed sign to address drivers exceeding the 30-mile-per-hour limit. Ms. Kovalik described witnessing a recent accident from their home and characterized the area as a safety concern. She also identified a sidewalk gap near 8900 West, east of the Magna Water building, where bushes obstructed pedestrian access and forced individuals to step into traffic to pass a parked bus. She suggested installing a sidewalk or trimming the bushes to improve safety. Additionally, Ms. Kovalik commended Officer Norcross for assistance in locating her vehicle and expressed appreciation for the officer's efforts.

Kami Frazier stated that she had lived in the Little Valley Gateway neighborhood for over three years and voiced support for recent parking changes. Ms. Frazier explained that as a parent commuting daily with a young child, the restrictions had improved road visibility and overall safety. She described prior overcrowding from street parking, which made it difficult to see oncoming traffic, pedestrians, and cyclists, and noted that there had been multiple accidents in their area. She stated that emergency vehicle access had improved and that the area near the high school felt safer for students. While acknowledging that the restrictions created challenges for some residents, Ms. Frazier emphasized that safety for children, neighbors, and first responders should remain the priority and thanked the Council and staff for addressing community concerns.

Mayor Mick Sudbury responded briefly, stating that corrections to red-painted areas related to parking changes were forthcoming and that payment had not yet been issued for that work until it was completed properly. Mayor Sudbury also informed Roberta Nichols that payment had not yet been made for the cemetery sign.

Kayla Pixton addressed safety issues at the crosswalk in front of Cyprus High School at

Cordero Drive and Cloud Peak Drive. Ms. Pixton stated that she had witnessed multiple near-misses involving children, particularly during winter, with vehicles braking suddenly at the crosswalk. She requested installation of lights or additional safety measures and emphasized the urgency of addressing the issue before someone was injured. They also described ongoing concerns at the Cordero traffic light, where drivers continued making U-turns despite cones placed to restrict the maneuver, resulting in additional near-miss incidents involving children. She urged proactive action to prevent potential tragedy. Mayor Mick Sudbury stated that the City Manager would reach out to her regarding the matter.

Malinda Burrell, also from the Little Valley Gateway neighborhood, thanked the Mayor and Council for efforts related to parking enforcement, stating that even partial installation of signage had made a significant difference and that many residents were satisfied. Ms. Burrell reiterated concerns about the intersection at Cordero Drive and Cloud Peak Drive, noting ongoing visibility issues for both pedestrians and vehicles and expressing doubt that current no-parking measures would fully resolve the problem. She requested further attention to crosswalk safety and lighting.

Mike Brown requested additional speaking time and made a formal request for the City to purchase a new flag for the annual Fourth of July veterans flag-raising ceremony at the Veterans Triangle on 8400 West. Mayor Mick Sudbury asked Mike Brown to provide the flag size and indicated approval upon receipt of that information. Mr. Brown then addressed fellow residents, stating that the City had responded to parking concerns and that vehicle ownership levels were the responsibility of individual residents. He asserted that the roadway in front of homes belonged to the City and that residents were subject to parking regulations. He noted that the Council had allowed additional driveway parking under certain material requirements and encouraged residents to make arrangements accordingly rather than criticize enforcement efforts.

An audience member asked about the significance of the white line along roadways and whether parking was permitted between that line and the curb. Chief Del Craig explained that the white line marked the roadway edge and that vehicles must park between the line and the curb while maintaining a five-foot distance from private driveways and 30 feet from controlled intersections to preserve line-of-sight safety. Chief Craig stated that the City and Municipal Services District would distribute additional informational materials regarding parking ordinances and noted that enforcement had generated more positive feedback than complaints, though some residents were adjusting to changes. He emphasized that safety considerations and engineering review guided the ordinance standards.

In response to another audience member question regarding cul-de-sac parking, Chief Del Craig stated that vehicles could not park perpendicular in cul-de-sacs and must be parallel and within 12 inches of the curb, though space constraints and driveway setbacks often made compliance difficult.

Kelly Pope described ongoing challenges with parking regulations on an S-curve street in his

neighborhood. Mr. Pope stated that parking five feet from their driveway resulted in blocking a neighbor's mailbox, creating unavoidable violations. He reported repeated citations, vandalism, and harassment related to the situation and said he had met with City staff, including prior Council members, without resolution. He expressed frustration that the narrow roadway created bottlenecks and safety issues, and stated that he was considering moving due to continued conflict. Mayor Mick Sudbury responded that he and Council Member Terry George had visited the site and would consult with the City Manager and Council to explore potential remedies. Mr. Pope asked who he could contact for further follow-up.

5. STAKEHOLDER REPORTS

A. Unified Police Department

Chief Del Craig provided an update regarding recent national events and their local impact. Chief Craig reported that a national social media movement had encouraged protests related to immigration enforcement issues stemming from shootings in Minneapolis. Flyers had circulated indicating that students would be protesting at the local police station and at the Capitol. He stated that a small number of students from Brockbank had come to the Magna police station and engaged in a brief protest, and he reported that the department interacted in a friendly manner with the protesters. He went on to clarify the department's position, stating that they would support any lawful and peaceful protest conducted within individuals' rights. He added that if a situation escalated into an unlawful assembly, the department would take appropriate action. He emphasized that immigration enforcement was not the responsibility or assignment of the local police department and that they were not the federal government. He stated that the department would assist in the criminal apprehension of violent individuals regardless of citizenship status. Chief Craig acknowledged that there was fear in the community and stated that the department did not want anyone to be afraid to approach law enforcement. He emphasized that all individuals, including those who were victimized or exploited, should feel comfortable working with police to solve crimes and receive appropriate services. He stated clearly that anyone needing police services would receive them, regardless of citizenship status. He also addressed questions about whether Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) would be invited to local social gatherings, stating that the department did not extend such invitations. He concluded by informing the Council that contingencies were in place to address any incidents that might become violent and invited questions from Council Members.

B. Pleasant Green Cemetery

Sharon Nicholes reported that for the month of January, the 2025 burial records had been submitted to the state and were accepted. She stated that the state returned a list of items from previous years that required corrections due to reporting inaccuracies. She had been working to resolve those issues and had visited the state offices multiple times during the week. Ms. Nicholes said that two of the identified discrepancies involved individuals the state indicated were buried in the cemetery, but for whom she initially found no record. After researching family members and reviewing cemetery records, she located two of those

individuals. She further reported that there were four burials in January, one plot was sold, and two headstones were set during the month. She also stated that there were 27 burials in total for the previous year. She concluded by asking if there were any questions from the Council.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approve City Council Minutes

1. January 13, 2026 City Council Meeting

Council Member Jensen moved to approved the January 13, 2026 City Council Meeting Minutes as published and discussed. Council Member George seconded the motion; vote was 5-0, unanimous in favor.

7. PRESENTATION ITEMS

A. Communities that Care (CTC) and Granite Communities Youth Court Update Presentation

Mayor Mick Sudbury asked whether, following the transition and partnership with Granite School District, Youth Court would continue to be held in Magna and whether space was still needed, referencing that the City had previously provided space.

Jordan Peterson responded yes, then began a formal presentation to the City Council, reviewing Attachment A, and introducing herself as the Coordinator for the Magna United Communities That Care Coalition. Ms. Peterson explained that the coalition was committed to fostering emotional, social, and educational growth by connecting youth, parents, and families with resources and services to promote stability, safety, and security within Magna City. She described Communities That Care as a community-led framework designed to support youth development and reduce risky behaviors such as substance use and crime. She explained that the process involved building community partnerships, reviewing local data to guide strategic planning, and implementing evidence-based programming. She outlined the five phases of the model, including building community readiness, reviewing local data, developing an action plan, implementing evidence-based strategies, and monitoring progress. She stated that the coalition was primarily in the implementation and monitoring phase while continuing to revisit earlier phases. Ms. Peterson reported that the coalition had recently improved its key leader board, filled missing leadership roles, restructured work groups, and begun updating its bylaws. She emphasized that the coalition focused on prevention to reduce risky behaviors before they began, stating that prevention saved lives and reduced future costs associated with treatment and emergency services. They explained that the Communities That Care model was developed at the University of Washington and had demonstrated measurable reductions in youth substance use and crime. She stated that for every \$1 spent on prevention, there was a \$5.69 return. She also referenced that Tooele had been one of the first communities to pilot the model and continued to see long-term success. Ms. Peterson noted that most coalitions in Utah were supported through local substance abuse authorities, such as the health department, which ensured compliance with required training and best practices.

She reported that the coalition hosted approximately six community events per year to promote community pride, family bonding, and connection to services. She described additional initiatives, including support for youth leadership opportunities, distribution of UTA bus passes to reduce transportation barriers, and collaboration with gun safety organizations to promote safe firearm storage in homes with children. Ms. Peterson clarified that funding for these initiatives originated from state and federal sources and did not come directly from Magna City. She then addressed changes to Youth Court, explaining that it functioned as a youth-led diversion program designed to turn mistakes into teachable moments while building skills and leadership. She stated that Magna Youth Court had been formed in collaboration with Kearns and had recently transitioned into Granite Communities Youth Court to expand its reach and sustainability. The program was funded and facilitated through Utah State University. She explained that the expansion increased coverage from Magna and Kearns to 87 schools across 18 zip codes, allowing more Magna youth to be served. Youth Court reduced repeat offenses, built leadership skills, and reduced burdens on courts and law enforcement while keeping youth from acquiring permanent records. Ms. Peterson reported that the coalition was working to improve transparency and accountability by strengthening financial processes, updating bylaws, and preparing to publicly share updated annual reports and action plans. She referenced 2023 survey summary data included in the meeting's supporting documents, and stated that 2025 data had recently been received and would be reviewed by the data and evaluation work group in the coming weeks. Ms. Peterson invited City Council members to participate in interpreting the data and developing action plans and informed them of an upcoming key leader meeting to review and edit the annual report. She expressed appreciation for the City's support through beer sales tax allocations and prevention funding, including plans to apply for a Drug-Free Communities grant.

Amber Leeds then introduced herself as the individual who helped develop Youth Court and oversaw its expansion. Ms. Leeds confirmed that with the expansion into Granite School District, Youth Court sessions were being held in four different locations, including a Magna location serving Magna and nearby border areas. She explained that expanding beyond Magna helped serve youth who associated across community boundaries.

A member of the city council asked whether there remained a board position previously held by Trish Hull that required reappointment. Ms. Peterson responded that a new chair, Audrey Cooley, had filled the leadership role, but that the coalition welcomed government representation on its key leader board and invited City Council members to participate.

Audrey Cooley, serving as Chair, addressed the Council and encouraged members to attend meetings to gain a fuller understanding of the coalition's activities beyond what was presented

Council Member Terry George asked about the number of volunteers involved. Ms. Peterson reported that the coalition regularly communicated with over 100 individuals, with approximately 35 actively attending community board meetings. She stated that typically six volunteers assisted at events and that approximately 10 youth participated in the youth

coalition group. She added that additional youth were served through after-school programs and Youth Court.

Ms. Leeds reported that through the Safety and Success Project, which funded the Granite Check and Connect Program, Salt Lake County Choose Gang Free Program, Matheson after-school program, and Youth Court, over 500 unique youth had been served. She explained that some youth participated in multiple programs and that additional youth were discussed in Magna juvenile intelligence meetings where community partners coordinated services for families.

Council Member Terry George asked whether Trish Hull remained involved. Ms. Peterson stated that Trish Hull continued to participate on the community board but no longer held a leadership position.

Council Member Megan Olsen asked whether the Youth Court collaborated with Salt Lake County Youth Courts. Ms. Leeds stated that there was a Salt Lake County collaboration group in which all youth courts met to establish best practices and ensure evidence-based foundations, while still operating according to individual community needs. Council Member Olsen asked whether attorneys were involved. Ms. Leeds responded that they worked with attorneys when needed and partnered with the courts, which referred infractions and Class C misdemeanors to Youth Court to prevent low-risk youth from entering inappropriate systems. She stated that legal paperwork was reviewed by attorneys to ensure compliance.

Council Member Steve Prokopis asked for clarification on how a student became involved in Youth Court. Ms. Leeds explained that there were three referral pathways: law enforcement referrals, school administration referrals for rule violations, and court referrals requiring approval from both a judge and probation officer. She stated that referrals could be submitted through a simple online form on the Granite School District website. Upon referral, youth were contacted promptly to avoid delays. Participation required a parent or legal guardian to attend and required the youth to accept accountability for the incident. She stated that the process focused on making amends and correcting behavior.

Mayor Mick Sudbury referenced previously attending a Youth Court session and sought confirmation that the program described was the same as the one he attended. Ms. Leeds confirmed that it was.

B. Snow and Ice Management Presentation

Steven Kuhlmeier, Division Director of Salt Lake County Public Works Operations, addressed the Council and explained that his division provided contracted Public Works services to Magna through the Greater Salt Lake Municipal Services District. He presented an overview of the County's snow and ice management program (Attachment C). Mr. Kuhlmeier stated that snow removal services for Magna were performed by a team of approximately 81 department employees, including personnel from the County's Flood Control division who assisted with

night operations. The department operated 60 plow trucks, as well as smaller vehicles for parking lots, sidewalks, and other areas such as the Webster Center. He explained that during the snow season, generally from November through the end of March, staff were placed on standby. Snow supervisors monitored weather forecasts, road cameras, and field conditions. When snow or ice was anticipated, crews were deployed with the goal of clearing snow within 48 hours after a storm ended, acknowledging that recurring storms could extend that timeframe. He outlined the priority system for snow removal. First priority was given to major arterials, with the immediate goal of creating at least one passable lane for emergency vehicles before fully clearing the roadway. Second priority included collector roads, minor arterials, roads serving schools, and known hazard locations. Third priority extended to residential collector roads within neighborhoods, followed by residential streets and finally cul-de-sacs and dead ends, which were more difficult to service and served fewer residents. He described operational logistics, noting that supervisors were assigned to oversee operators on both day and night shifts. Crews monitored weather conditions, law enforcement reports, and roadway cameras, and sometimes applied brine solutions proactively when ice formation was anticipated. Mr. Kuhlmeier displayed route maps showing how plow drivers were assigned and how nighttime efforts focused primarily on arterial routes until day shifts expanded operations.

Mr. Kuhlmeier identified several operational challenges, including vehicles parked on streets that prevented plows from safely clearing roadways. He stated that if parked cars created unsafe conditions, crews would not plow those streets. Other challenges included residents pushing snow back into cleared streets, traffic congestion during storms, overhanging tree branches, garbage collection days, and limited storage space for snow in cul-de-sacs. He emphasized that snow storage in cul-de-sacs was particularly difficult due to space constraints and access concerns for mailboxes, driveways, and pedestrian movement. He encouraged residents to be patient, provide space for plow operators, and avoid unnecessary travel during storms. He informed the Council that residents could access a public plow tracker tool on the Salt Lake County website, which displayed plow activity when blades were engaged over approximately the past 48 hours. He noted that salting activity without the plow blade down might not appear on the tracker. He also provided information about a dispatch phone number, email address, and online portal for reporting snow removal or road maintenance concerns. He concluded with current season data, reporting that December temperatures were 12 degrees above normal, with an average temperature of 43 degrees in Salt Lake City. As of January 26, basin precipitation was 52% of median. He reported that 17 tons of salt had been used in Magna in December, significantly lower than prior years, including approximately 1,300 tons used during the winter of 2022–2023. He noted that current conditions reflected a below-average snow season.

Council Member Megan Olsen asked whether Cordero Drive had been elevated in priority following the relocation of the high school, noting that Buccaneer Drive remained listed as a priority route. Mr. Kuhlmeier responded that Cordero Drive should have been elevated in priority. Council Member Olsen stated that Cordero Drive did not appear on the priority list in the presentation and emphasized the importance of ensuring it was prioritized in the event of a storm. Council Member Steve Prokopis noted that Little Valley Gateway appeared on the plow

tracker map but not on the printed priority map. Mr. Kuhlmeier acknowledged that the map in the presentation might be outdated and stated that he would verify and update the priority routes accordingly.

C. Introduction of Smith Hartvigsen Legal Team

David Brickey addressed the Council and stated that change was inevitable and that he was introducing Nathan Bracken as a potential City Attorney candidate. He explained that pursuant to City policy, he had contacted four attorneys regarding the position and had only received a response from Nathan Bracken and his team. Mr. Brickey informed the Council that he had previously distributed Nathan Bracken's proposal and team biographies and invited the Council to ask questions directly.

Nathan Bracken introduced himself as a partner at the law firm Smith Hartvigsen and explained that the firm specialized in full-service local government representation. He stated that the firm served as general or special counsel for municipalities, special districts, and other government entities throughout Utah, including acting as city attorney for approximately a dozen towns. Mr. Bracken explained that the firm utilized a team-based approach, assigning at least two attorneys—a city attorney and a deputy city attorney—to avoid bottlenecks and ensure continuity of service. He stated that he would serve as lead attorney for Magna, drawing on nearly 20 years of experience representing government entities, and that Claire Gilmore would serve as Deputy City Attorney. He noted that Claire Gilmore had previously worked in the West Valley City Attorney's Office and had experience working with growing west-side communities. Mr. Bracken informed the Council that the firm already served as land use counsel for the Greater Salt Lake Municipal Services District and was currently providing land use services to Magna. He stated that Claire Gilmore was already working with David Brickey on issues including 4100 South and that the firm's existing contract with the Municipal Services District would remain unchanged. He also noted that Adam Long would continue serving as redevelopment attorney and that Clayton Preece would continue handling code enforcement matters and occasional litigation. Mr. Bracken emphasized that the firm was already familiar with Magna through its representation of several local entities.

Council Member Steve Prokopis asked how the firm would handle a potential conflict of interest if Magna were at odds with the Municipal Services District. Mr. Bracken acknowledged the concern and stated that the firm currently represented the Municipal Services District, Kearns, Copperton, Magna Water District, and Magna Mosquito Abatement District. He explained that while there were no current conflicts, the firm had arranged for Jay Springer, who had recently established his own firm, Meridian Land Counsel, to serve as conflict counsel if needed. Mr. Bracken stated that Jay Springer had previously handled land use matters for Magna through the Municipal Services District and was familiar with the community. He noted that if a conflict arose, the City would negotiate a separate contract with Jay Springer at rates consistent with the firm's.

Mayor Mick Sudbury asked if there were additional questions from the Council and then inquired whether action was required. David Brickey explained that formal action was not on the agenda that evening but that the Council could provide direction to begin negotiating a contract. He noted that when he was hired, the contract process had taken approximately six weeks and stated that he anticipated a shorter timeline in this instance. Council Member Terry George expressed that the Council should proceed to closed session and suggested that at least one representative remain available. Council Member Mike Jensen asked whether direction was needed to begin negotiations. David Brickey responded that he would wait until after the closed session discussion but indicated that if the Council was comfortable providing direction to begin negotiations, that would be helpful.

Council Member Jensen moved to direct Magna City Staff to begin negotiations with Smith Hartvigsen as discussed above. Council Member Olsen seconded the motion; vote was 5-0, unanimous in favor.

8. COUNCIL BUSINESS

A. Selection of City Council Chair/Mayor Pro Tempore

After discussion, the council chose to combine the two positions, appointing one council member as both the City Council Chair and Mayor Pro Tempore with one ballot. The ballots were filled out, and after counting by the City Recorder it was announced that Council Member Terry George would serve in the above described position.

B. Resolution R2026-03, A Resolution Appointing a Replacement Member of the Council as Magna's Representative to the Greater Salt Lake Municipal Service District's Board of Trustees

Mayor Mick Sudbury recommended Council Member Michael Jensen to serve as his replacement, and Magna's representative on the MSD Board of Trustees.

Council Member George moved to approve Resolution R2026-03, appointing Council Member Jensen to serve as the city's representative on the MSD Board, replacing Mayor Sudbury. Council Member Prokopis seconded the motion; vote was 5-0, unanimous in favor.

The council then discussed the option of appointing an alternate representative to the MSD Board, should Council Member Jensen be unable to attend. Council Member Olsen suggested appointing Mayor Sudbury as the alternate.

Council Member Olsen moved to appoint Mayor Sudbury as the alternate representative on the MSD Board to attend and vote in Council Member Jensen's absence. Council Member Jensen seconded the motion; vote was 4-1, majority in favor with Council Member Pierce casting a "No" vote.

C. Resolution R2026-04, A Resolution Appointing a Member of the Council to the Unified Fire Authority (UFA) and Unified Fire Service Area (UFSA) Boards

Council Member Jensen moved to approve Resolution R2026-04, appointing Mayor Sudbury as the city's representative to the Unified Fire Authority and United Fire Service Area Boards as detailed above. Council Member Prokopis seconded the motion; vote was 5-0, unanimous in favor.

D. Resolution R2026-06, A Resolution Appointing a Member of the Council to the Wasatch Front Waste and Recycling District (WFWRD) Board

David Brickey informed the Council that the representative position on the Wasatch Front Waste and Recycling District would be challenging in the coming months. He explained that Herriman had requested consideration of leaving the district, creating uncertainty and potential impacts for member entities. Mr. Brickey stated that he had recently spoken with the district's new executive director and observed a shift in tone and approach, noting that leadership appeared to be attempting to become more receptive than in previous years. He cautioned, however, that there would be significant challenges ahead for whoever represented Magna on the board.

Mayor Mick Sudbury asked David Brickey to explain what the district had proposed regarding cleanup efforts. Mr. Brickey responded that the district had agreed to assist Emigration Canyon with a cleanup program by providing dumpsters at designated drop-off locations, where residents would bring waste for disposal. He explained that the district's concern was whether providing this service to Emigration Canyon would create expectations among other member cities for similar services. Mr. Brickey stated that he had indicated it likely would.

Mr. Brickey further explained that Emigration Canyon was contributing toward dumpster tipping fees, and the executive director had expressed interest in discussing how tipping fees would be structured if a similar program were implemented in Magna. According to Mr. Brickey, the executive director suggested that because the landfill was located in Magna, tipping fees might be lower due to reduced travel time and associated costs, even though base tipping fees themselves did not change. He stated that the executive director believed a similar cleanup program in Magna could potentially be implemented for approximately \$5,000.

Mayor Sudbury commented that during his time serving on the district board, he had observed rate increases while services appeared to decrease. He noted that other cities had seasonal dumpster programs without additional charges, which had been a point of concern for him. He expressed appreciation that the new executive director had initiated the discussion. Mr. Brickey stated that he had requested a written proposal from the district to share with the Council for review and further consideration.

Council Member Audrey Pierce raised concerns about board and committee assignments. She explained that two of the upcoming appointments were currently her assignments and noted

that she maintained full-time employment. She stated that the two boards she currently served on met during lunch or after hours, which aligned better with her schedule. While she was willing to adjust assignments if necessary, she emphasized that schedule compatibility should be considered when making changes.

Council Member Megan Olsen stated that evening meetings worked better for her schedule. Council Member Mike Jensen asked when the Wasatch Front Waste and Recycling District meetings were held. Council Member Audrey Pierce responded that they occurred on Mondays at 9:00 a.m.

Council Member Terry George remarked that he would be better suited for the animal control board, citing his familiarity with animals. Council Member Steve Prokopis suggested that assignments could be made and later revisited if they proved unworkable. Mayor Mick Sudbury concluded that he would temporarily continue serving on the Wasatch Front Waste and Recycling District board until assignments could be sorted out.

Council Member Prokopis moved to approve Resolution R2026-06, appointing Mayor Sudbury as the city's representative to the Wasatch Front Waste and Recycling District. Council Member Jensen seconded the motion; vote was 5-0, unanimous in favor.

E. Resolution R2026-07, A Resolution Appointing a Member of the Council to the Magna Mosquito Abatement District Board

Council Member Pierce moved to approve Resolution R2026-07, appointing herself, Council Member Pierce, to be the city's representative on the Magna Mosquito Abatement District Board. Council Member Jensen seconded the motion; vote was 5-0, unanimous in favor.

The council had a quick discussion regarding the current board appointment to the UPD/SLVLESA Boards. Mayor Sudbury noted that Council Member Prokopios does a great job representing the city on those boards and noted that he was alright with him staying in that position at this time. Council Member Prokopis noted that this would not be a good time for a change on that board, as there is a lot going on and it would be extremely difficult for someone else to jump in and try to stay caught up. In the future, there will be a point when all of that is behind them and he would be open to a change in his assignments at that time.

F. Resolution R2026-08, A Resolution Appointing a Member of the Council to the Salt Lake County Animal Services Board

Council Member Jensen moved to approve Resolution R2026-08, appointing Council Member George as the city's representative on the Salt Lake County Animal Services Board. Council Member Olsen seconded that motion; vote was 5-0, unanimous in favor.

G. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Individuals on the Magna Planning

Commission

David Brickey returned to the discussion of recruitment for the Planning Commission and Traffic and Safety Committee. He reported that several weeks earlier, with assistance from Maridene Alexander, the City began advertising the open positions on Facebook and through links to application forms. As of the week prior to the meeting, there had been one application submitted for the Planning Commission and one for the Traffic and Safety Committee. On the evening of the meeting, two additional individuals submitted Planning Commission applications in person. Mr. Brickey stated that there were currently three applicants for the Planning Commission, which had two alternate positions and one regular position available. He indicated that he would compile the submitted applications and distribute them to the Council later in the week. He also noted that the Traffic and Safety Committee required at least five members and that additional applicants were still needed. He stated that the intent of the discussion was to determine whether there were more effective ways to advertise the openings. He confirmed that notices were posted on both the City's website and Facebook.

Mayor Mick Sudbury asked whether the City was effectively reaching the public and inquired about additional advertising options. David Brickey responded that the City could pay to boost posts on Facebook for a relatively low cost, approximately \$15 to \$25.

Maridene Alexander explained that the openings had also been included in the City's online newsletter and would be included in the upcoming printed newsletter, which was nearly ready for distribution. She stated that she would continue posting on Facebook as well.

Council Member Steve Prokopis asked how many subscribers received the online newsletter. Maridene Alexander responded that there were approximately 500 subscribers. Council Member Megan Olsen questioned how that number compared to the total number of households in Magna, noting that it appeared low relative to the community size. Maridene Alexander stated that increased promotion of the online newsletter might help expand subscriptions.

Mayor Mick Sudbury raised concerns about accessibility of the application forms, noting difficulty accessing a Microsoft 365 document on an Apple computer. Maridene Alexander offered to post a PDF version of the application to improve compatibility. Council Member Terry George asked whether individuals could complete applications in person at City offices. David Brickey confirmed that interested individuals could email him to receive a PDF application and return it in person.

Council Member Megan Olsen asked about the term length for Planning Commission members. David Brickey stated that the bylaws specified four-year terms with a maximum of two terms, totaling eight years. He acknowledged that some current Planning Commission members had served longer than eight years and stated that he was preparing a letter encouraging current commissioners to reapply if they wished to continue serving.

Maridene Alexander added that the Planning Commission and Traffic and Safety Committee openings were prominently displayed on the City's website, including on the City Council page, in the news section, and on the homepage to ensure visibility for website visitors.

H. Discussion and Possible Action Selecting a Date for A Magna City Council Retreat

David Brickey discussed scheduling the upcoming City Council retreat. He stated that suggested dates included a Friday or Saturday in February or the first weekend in March. He clarified that the retreat would be held on one day rather than both days. Mr. Brickey noted that in previous years the retreat had been held on the last Saturday in February.

Council Member Megan Olsen pointed out that one of the earlier suggested February dates fell on Presidents' Day weekend and referenced a potential conflict. Mr. Brickey responded that while he would be moving slowly that weekend, it was not a direct conflict. He reiterated that prior retreats had been held on the last Saturday in February.

A Council Member indicated availability on either the 27th or 28th of February. Mr. Brickey summarized that he was hearing consensus around February 27 or 28 and proposed sending an email to all six Council Members to confirm availability after they checked with their families. He reminded the Council that the retreat would need to be publicly noticed at least 48 hours in advance because the Council would be meeting as a public body. He clarified that members of the public could attend and observe but could not participate in the discussion. He added that in prior years, representatives such as Brian Tucker from the Municipal Services District had attended to observe discussions related to planning and zoning issues. Mr. Brickey confirmed that he would coordinate with the Mayor to prepare the agenda and suggested beginning at 8:00 a.m. at the Webster Center. He explained that retreat agendas were intentionally broad to allow flexibility for Council-driven discussion rather than limiting topics to pre-defined staff items.

Mayor Mick Sudbury encouraged Council Members to come prepared with two ideas for discussion to help focus priorities. Council Member Steve Prokopis added that in past retreats the Council had generated too many ideas and had difficulty accomplishing them all. He stated that the Council had previously discussed narrowing priorities to approximately 10 key items to focus on completing during the year.

I. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Personnel Needed in Magna City

Item discussed below during City Manager update.

J. Discussion and Possible Action on Ordinance 2026-O-01, Project Area Plan for the Proposed Broadway Community Reinvestment Project Area

Council Member Jensen moved to approve Ordinance 2026-O-01, Project Area Plan for the Proposed Broadway Community Reinvestment Project Area as discussed tonight.

Council Member George seconded the motion; vote was 5-0, unanimous in favor.

9. MANAGER/CITY ATTORNEY UPDATES

Paul Ashton gave the council some legislative updates, given brief descriptions of current legislation, specifically the bill regarding the sale of school properties, noting that he is keeping an eye on the matter and will update the council as more information is available.

David Brickey discussed previous desire for the council to hire individuals to help at the Webster Center, noting that per state statute there is an allowance for the mayor to hire an assistant. Previously the council had budgeted \$110,000 for an Assistant City Manager. At the retreat, the council will be asked to share with staff and attorneys how they want their employees structured and Mr. Brickey noted that the council can reference previous information sent to them with examples from other cities. He noted that the mayor gets to hire his administrative assistant without the city manager's input, on the other hand the city manager gets to hire his assistant with the council setting the parameters of what he can hire, but the city manager ultimately is responsible for that employee. At the present time, if an assistant city manager were to be hired with benefits, it would probably be somewhere around \$185,000; an assistant to the mayor is probably \$105,000 with benefits; someone at the Webster Center doing customer service and staying at the front desk would be around \$85,000 with benefits. Altogether, those three positions would cost around \$372,000. Previously, the council set aside \$154,000, with the difference being about \$219,000. The city does have over \$900,000 in its administrative budget, so they would not be getting into that money with these changes and those funds would be transferred into reserve funds. He doesn't want to see that depleted and he wants to see that \$1.7 million get a good hit again this coming year. He asked for guidance on those three positions, noting the mayor is anxious to move forward. There will need to be a budget hearing once the decisions are made, so they need to get moving through the process.

Council Member Megan Olsen asked when the parameters were set for the \$110,000 that was originally budgeted.

Mr. Brickey responded that was in last year's budget, and the council put some restrictions on the hiring. As they moved through the process, Mr. Brickey said he didn't feel good about some of the options being considered by the council so he didn't act on them.

Council Member Michael Jensen agreed that the mayor as well as the city needs staff at this time, especially locally in Magna so residents can come by and actually see a face. He appreciates what the MSD does, but with their offices in Taylorsville, sometimes there is an issue with not having someone within the city. With regards to the mayor's individual, he is very supportive. With the new role the mayor has, the time and commitments to outside groups, he will need someone to help. For the public's information, the mayor did not take any of his offered salary or benefits, so that would more than make up the difference with his

employee. Mr. Brickey is the best one to know what he needs in an assistant city manager and whether he needs one or not, but Council Member Jensen wanted it noted on the record that despite the city not having an official probationary period for employment, whoever that person is he would like to see that person and their product for three to six months to ensure there is a good fit with the city, the council and with Mr. Brickey. Council Member Terry George agreed with the comments above, noting that the person should be hired “at-will.”

Mr. Brickey shared that he expects the assistant’s situation would be similar to his, which is also “at-will” in his contract. He also believes a person looking to fill that position would understand that as well, as it’s the traditional form for that kind of position.

Mayor Sudbury noted that Magna became a city last year, and they all want to try and save costs, but they also have to create costs to operate. If they are going to operate as a city, his recommendation is to get the people in play. They always hear that the public attempts to visit the Webster Center for issues, but there is no one there, and that’s one of his biggest goals is getting the right people in the right places.

Council Member George agreed with everything that had been said noting they need to move forward, acting like a city.

Mr. Brickey shared his goal to have those three listing ready for a public hearing on February 10 for those amounts discussed, and if that is what the council is comfortable with, that is the direction he will head in. The council will be able to vote at that time to move forward.

Mayor Sudbury asked, since this is on the agenda tonight, whether it has the option to have a vote tonight.

Mr. Brickey deferred to Paul Ashton as the City Attorney, who noted that if it’s listed on the agenda for action, then that is an option tonight. Mr. Brickey then continued noting the additional amount needed for those positions is \$219,000. Next year’s budget will be larger because they will budget the amounts needed for a full year with benefits.

Council Member Olsen moved to add the additional \$219,000 to the City’s Administrative Budget for the new employees discussed above. Council Member George seconded the motion; vote was 4-1 with the majority in favor and Council Member Pierce voting “no.”

10. COUNCIL REPORTS

Council Member Audrey Pierce shared that the last MSD meeting was covered by Mayor Sudbury, so she had no meetings to discuss at this time. She did note an email exchange with a resident in her district asking some questions she would like some follow-up on and to put on the council’s radar. There is a vacant lot near a resident’s property on 7200 W and approximately Miriam Way, and the residents is proposing the city look into whether that land,

rather than being vacant and fenced off, could possibly be a community garden. She asked Mr. Brickey to help her understand the zoning for that parcel, and from her research it appears to be owned by the county. She is questioning whether this was open space that was supposed to be turned over to the city when some of the other pocket parks were turned over, or it looks like it might have been drainage for a neighborhood when installed. There are some utilities attached to it that you can see from the street, so she is unsure if that proposal would be possible, but she would like follow-up on what the process for something like that would look like if they found the appropriate spot for it.

Mr. Brickey shared what they know up to this point. It is owned by the county, and interestingly enough a few months ago the county did suggest turning it over to the city. The city agreed to accept that property and then the county changed their mind. It is a detention pond, designed for detention, so anything on the property would interfere with that. He did ask the engineers to reach out the county again to ask for their reconsideration in turning that over to the city. He will continue to follow up and will update the city when he has more information.

Mayor Sudbury asked if the county doesn't want to hand that property over, can they make them go in and clean it up since the fence is torn down and it's currently their responsibility. The city also has another project on Centennial and 35th so they want to identify all those drainage property areas and see what they can do with those.

Mr. Brickey noted that he has asked Ms. Stringham from the county for her assistance in getting this reviewed, so he is waiting for that information.

Council Member Prokopis asked why they would want to take ownership if they are still being used as detention ponds.

Mr. Brickey responded because the county has failed to maintain them.

Council Member Terry George noted that he didn't believe any of them were currently in use.

Council Member Megan Olsen responded that if they don't have storm drain infrastructure at that location, those areas are used as bypasses for that missing infrastructure in case of the 100 year flood. She referenced the year that Cordero looked like a lake for a day, noting that's what happens when there aren't proper preparations.

Dan Torres noted that the additional detention/retention pond properties shared with the city manager are all locations that were purchased to be a part of the system, but were never activated, or the infrastructure was disconnected with only some remaining. He noted he would share those additional details and information with the council after the meeting.

Mayor Mick Sudbury noted that he didn't make it to the Capitol or the Wasatch Front Waste and Recycling District meeting so he had nothing to report for those committees. Regarding UFA, he sat in on the UFA board meeting last week but he was unable to vote without being

sworn in. It was interesting with a lot of stuff going on and he is excited to get in there and learn a lot.

Council Member Steve Prokopis added that UFA is in the middle of their budget process, and there was quite a bit of discussion about the budget that is just getting started. For UPD he had nothing to report since he reported at the last meeting.

Council Member Jensen moved to recess the City Council Meeting and move to Closed Session to cover the topics indicated below. **Council Member George** seconded the motion; vote was 5-0, unanimous in favor.

11. CLOSED SESSIONS IF NEEDED AS ALLOWED PURSUANT TO UTAH CODE §52-4-205

- A. Discussion of the character, professional competence or physical or mental health of an individual.**
- B. Strategy sessions to discuss pending or reasonably imminent litigation.**
- C. Strategy sessions to discuss the purchase, exchange, or lease of real property.**
- D. Discussion regarding deployment of security personnel, devices, or systems; and**
- E. Other lawful purposes as listed in Utah Code §52-4-205**

12. ADJOURN

The January 27, 2026 Magna City Council Meeting adjourned immediately following the adjournment of the Closed Session above.

This is a true and correct copy of the January 27, 2026 City Council Meeting Minutes, which were approved on February 24, 2026.

Attest:

Diana Baun, Magna City Recorder

Mick Sudbury, Magna City Mayor