

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Ogden City Council held on Tuesday, February 3, 2026 at 6:05 p.m., in the Council Chambers, and via electronic meeting, on the third floor of the Municipal Building, 2549 Washington Boulevard, Ogden City, Weber County, Utah.

Present: Chair Richard A. Hyer
 Vice Chair Dave Graf
 Council members Flor Lopez
 Kevin Lundell
 Shaun Myers
 Ken Richey
 Alicia Washington

Council Executive Director Glenn Symes
Council Assistant Executive Director Steve Burton
Council Communications Director Brandon Garside
Council Communications Specialist Eric Davenport

Also present: Mayor Benjamin K. Nadolski
 Chief Administrative Officer Mara A. Brown
 City Attorney Gary Williams
 Assistant City Attorney James Tanner
 Community and Economic Development Executive Director Jared Johnson
 Community and Economic Development Assistant Executive Director David Sawyer
 Planning Director Barton Brierley
 Assistant Planning Director Joe Simpson
 Community Development Director Jeremy Smith
 Community Engagement Administrator Luis Lopez
 Sustainability Coordinator Lorenzo Long
 Chief Executive Assistant Cindy Weloth
 Deputy City Recorder Jason Gould

At the request of the Chair, all present stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance led by Ogden's Police Honor Guard.

A moment of silence was observed.

Acknowledgements:

Idle-free month. Sustainability Coordinator Long presented Ogden City's sustainability efforts, highlighting several initiatives related to improving air quality:

- The expansion of EV charging infrastructure with 8 new chargers added and partnerships with Rocky Mountain Power and Electrify America for fast charging stations at Union Station;
- Growth of the City's electric vehicle fleet from zero to 5 vehicles over two years;
- Significant progress with Green Bike program, which had 10,807 rides in 2025 (a 155% increase over 2024);
- The OGX Bus Rapid Transit system, with potential extension of free fares pending grant approval; and
- New air quality monitoring initiatives in partnership with the Running Up For Air Race, with monitors to be installed in March to track PM2.5 and PM10 levels throughout Ogden.

Jer Bates, Director of Communications with Ogden School District, discussed the school district's participation in Idle Free Month, noting:

- The value of council members visiting schools to promote the initiative;
- Plans for student leaders to partner with council members to distribute stickers and educational materials;
- Classroom lessons focused on air quality and pollution impacts; and
- Targeting education efforts toward parents, employees, and especially student drivers.

Hayley Walker, representing Weber State University, shared the University's sustainability accomplishments:

- 34% reduction in electricity consumption, 54% reduction in natural gas usage, and 43% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions since 2007;
- Goal to source 100% renewable energy by 2040; and
- A new substation battery project to provide backup power and enable more solar installations.

Council member Richey acknowledged Mr. Long's participation in the upcoming RUFA (Running Up For Air) race,

demonstrating personal commitment to the cause.

Ogden 175. Vice Chair Graf presented on the 175th anniversary of Ogden's incorporation as a city (February 6, 1851).

He noted:

- Ogden was the third incorporated city west of the Missouri River (after San Francisco and Salt Lake City);
- The City's origins date back to Fort Buenaventura, established in the 1840s;
- Ogden was named after Peter Skeen Ogden, a Hudson Bay Company brigade leader;
- The City's first election was held on October 23, 1851, with Lorin Farr serving as mayor for 22 years; and
- The arrival of the transcontinental railroad in 1869 transformed Ogden into a major rail hub, earning it the nickname "Junction City".

The City will celebrate with special events at Union Station during the First Friday Art Stroll, including free museum access, special exhibits, educational activities, live music, and food trucks.

America 250. Chair Hyer spoke about the America250 program, acknowledging that the country is in the middle of its 250th year. He shared that Ogden and Weber County are participating in the program, and the day's flag ceremony was in honor of America250.

Chair Hyer read the Preamble to the Constitution and noted its historical significance as the first national constitution in the world, which has since served as a template for many other nations. He mentioned that the Council would share more about the Constitution throughout the year and noted that copies were available for attendees.

Council member Lundell acknowledged that February is also Black History Month, recognizing the contributions of the Black community to Ogden and noting the historic nature of Council member Washington's election.

Request to be on the Agenda: Ogden Valley Adaptive Sports

Brandon Flint, Executive Director of Ogden Valley Adaptive Sports, presented the organization's mission to help people with physical and mental disabilities access outdoor recreation opportunities in and around Ogden. He shared:

- The organization focuses on removing barriers for people with disabilities to experience outdoor activities;
- They provide year-round services including skiing, snowboarding, cycling, rock climbing, mountain biking, and kayaking;
- Their programs serve people in Weber, Davis, Box Elder, and Morgan Counties;
- Approximately 130,000 people with disabilities live in these counties;
- Getting people with disabilities outdoors provides significant social, physical, and mental health benefits;
- 2025 was their busiest year, with doubled summer lesson participation;
- The organization relies on 170 volunteers; and
- The Snow Basin Adaptive Sports Education Foundation began in 2009 and has grown into Ogden Valley Adaptive Sports.

Stacy Bernal, the founder of Awesome Autistic Ogden, noted that the two organizations have partnered and expressed appreciation for the City Council's support of inclusive programming.

Several Council members expressed support for the organization's work, with Council member Richey and Council member Myers sharing personal experiences with family members who have benefited from adaptive sports programs.

Proposed Resolution 2026-1 consenting to the annexation of property located at approximately 2101 West Hinckley Drive into Roy City

A memo from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding the proposed annexation of property at 2101 West Hinckley Drive into Roy City came before the Council for consideration. The memo stated that Steward Land Company has requested the Council's consideration of a resolution granting consent for the annexation of approximately 3.96 acres of unincorporated property into Roy City. Utah Code §10-2-804(7) requires a municipality seeking to annex property located within 5,000 feet of another city's municipal airport to obtain consent from the city that operates the airport. Approval of the resolution would allow the annexation process to proceed.

Planning Manager Brierley summarized the memo and stated the subject property is a small strip between Roy and West Haven along a former railroad line and the developer plans to build townhomes/apartments on the property. City staff have no concerns with this annexation as it is distant from the runway with residential development in between and the annexation would not affect utilities or airport operations.

Chair Hyer invited input from the petitioner, who indicated he had nothing to add to Mr. Brierley's presentation.

Chair Hyer introduced in writing proposed Resolution 2026-1, entitled:

"A resolution of the Ogden City Council consenting to the annexation of property located at approximately 3101 W. Hinckley Drive into Roy City."

ON A MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER RICHEY AND SECONDED BY VICE CHAIR GRAF, RESOLUTION 2026-1 WAS ADOPTED UPON THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING AYE – COUNCIL MEMBERS LOPEZ, LUNDELL, MYERS, RICHEY, WASHINGTON, VICE CHAIR GRAF, AND CHAIR HYER. VOTING NO – NONE.

Proposed Ordinance 2025-40 rezoning property located at 211 Patterson Street from Multiple-family Residential Zone (R-4) to Multiple-family

Residential Zone (R-5) to allow development of a 25-unit multi-family project that will provide long-term housing options for young adults who have aged out of foster care, managed by the Ogden Housing Authority (Tabled from January 20, 2026)

A memo from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding the proposed rezone of 211 Patterson Street came before the Council for consideration. The memo stated the Housing Management and Development Corporation, affiliated with the Ogden Housing Authority, has submitted a petition to rezone 0.54 acres from R-4 (multiple-family residential) to R-5 (multiple-family residential with higher density). The petitioner requests to establish zoning on the property to allow a 25-unit apartment building as long-term housing for young adults aging out of foster care. The Planning Commission reviewed and recommended approval of the proposal on October 1, 2025. The main difference between the R-4 and R-5 zones is the level of residential density they allow. Both zones permit multiple family housing, but R-5 allows more units on the same amount of land by requiring less lot area per dwelling unit and by allowing larger projects by right. For example, R-4 only allows up to eight units as a permitted use, while R-5 allows up to 49 units before a conditional use permit is required. On December 9, 2025, the City Council tabled action on this item until January 20, 2026. The proposal was most recently discussed at a work session on January 13, 2026. Information requested by the Council, including a map of nearby bus stops and a heat map illustrating the location of other low-income housing projects in the area, has been provided.

An additional memo from Council staff also summarized the actions available to the Council this evening, including approval or denial of the application, tabling until a date certain, or extending the matter for additional time without a date certain.

Assistant Planning Director Simpson summarized the memo and noted that the project involves rezoning a half-acre vacant lot to develop a multifamily building that will share management with the existing Solace Apartments. The surrounding area includes commercial, multifamily, duplex, and single-family uses. The proposed development will feature single-bedroom units, each accommodating one person, and will benefit from good transit access. To enhance security, the project will incorporate features such as cameras, controlled entry, and on-site staff, and will conduct background checks on residents to ensure safety. City Administration is prepared to recommend approval of the petition with the following four conditions of approval:

- Further coordination with the police chief and Administration;
- Background checks on all residents;
- Registration under the Good Landlord program; and
- Coordination with Ogden City to ensure Ogden residents have priority as tenants.

Following a disturbance of the meeting from the audience, Chair Hyer called for a vote on a brief recess of the meeting; **ALL VOTED IN FAVOR, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF COUNCIL MEMBER WASHINGTON, WHO VOTED IN OPPOSITION.**

Following the public disturbance, Vice Chair Graf addressed concerns about the process of selecting Council leadership. He expressed understanding of concerns regarding the public's role in Council operations, explaining that the process for electing Council leadership, including Council Chair and Vice Chair, follows established rules and norms. Although Council selection of leadership is a form of internal Council business, Vice Chair Graf acknowledged the process could be reviewed by submitting a Council initiative that could potentially change rules or introduce more public engagement. He emphasized the importance of respecting the existing framework while also being open to proposed changes. Lastly, Vice Chair Graf highlighted the differentiation between the selection process for Council leadership and the electoral process by which the public elects Council members themselves.

Council member Lundell raised concerns about whether the Good Landlord Program requirements might inadvertently disqualify residents who need housing most. Council members Lundell and Washington both echoed the importance of ensuring the rezoning conditions create no additional barriers for applicants. Mr. Simpson mentioned that these concerns would be addressed in the agreement with the Ogden Housing Authority (OHA), who welcomed the measures. He invited input from the OHA regarding these issues.

Markita Wheeler from OHA clarified that while the OHA follows the Good Landlord program requirements, they have an appeals process for credit issues, and the goal is to help residents establish good credit and become successful community members.

Chair Hyer introduced in writing proposed Ordinance 2025-40, entitled:

“An ordinance of Ogden City Utah, amending the Zoning Map of Ogden City, as adopted by Section 15-3-3 of the Ogden Municipal Code, to reclassify as Multiple-Family Residential Zone (R-5) property heretofore classified as Multiple-Family Residential Zone (R-4), generally located 211 Patterson Street; and by providing that this ordinance shall become effective immediately upon posting after final passage.”

Chair Hyer then called for public input regarding the proposal.

Chris (no last name given), Linda Sanchez, Thor Dorosh, Clancy (no last name given), Joshua Creek, Cameron Shurtz, and Taylor Knuth expressed support for the project, noting it would prevent homelessness and provide needed support for vulnerable youth.

Laura Lewis voiced her concerns about the viability of granting Ogden residents first priority to fill openings in the development and Teresa Bramwell raised concerns about potential crime impacts to surrounding neighborhoods, concentration of poverty in the area, and how residents would cycle through the program.

There were no other persons who came forward to be heard.

Ms. Wheeler referenced questions about how residents cycle through the program and noted that most residents transition out of the housing within 18 months, with 83 percent successfully avoiding homelessness afterward.

Council member Myers asked Mr. Simpson to clarify if the rezoning conditions are tied to the rezone itself or specific to the project's planned development. Mr. Simpson responded that the conditions would be connected to the specific rezone of the subject property and would not constitute an ordinance amendment. Chair Hyer questioned what would happen if the project did not proceed after the rezone was approved. Mr. Simpson stated the zone change of the property would remain intact unless future petitions related to zoning are submitted.

Council member Richey referenced the questions asked by the public about security and the potential impact on the surrounding neighborhood; he asked Mr. Simpson to explain how the proposed measures would address these concerns. Mr. Simpson outlined that the conditions recommended with the rezone aim to mitigate impacts. These include security features, background checks, and compliance with the Good Landlord program.

Council member Lopez expressed gratitude to City Administration, Police Department, and Fire Department for their community engagement efforts regarding the project. She acknowledged the importance of ongoing collaboration between the City's departments and the local community to address concerns raised about the project. She appreciated the responsiveness of the Administration and other City Departments in attending meetings and listening to neighborhood feedback, noting that these efforts gave residents a sense of being heard and valued. She emphasized that although community safety concerns are not resolved overnight, the process of addressing them and working together builds trust and reflects the City's commitment to improving conditions. She iterated that the problems are being worked on and removed step by step, with the residents feeling grateful for the attention and resources being devoted to their neighborhood's challenges.

Council member Myers spoke in support of the project, emphasizing the importance of helping youth transitioning from foster care by providing housing, social support, and educational/work opportunities. Chair Hyer agreed and noted his personal connection to the project as a foster grandparent to over 70 children over the years.

COUNCIL MEMBER MYERS MOVED TO AMEND ORDINANCE 2025-40 TO INCLUDE DIRECTION THAT CITY ADMINISTRATION ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH OGDEN HOUSING AUTHORITY OUTLINING ADDITIONAL STEPS FOR ENHANCED SAFETY AND SECURITY AT THE DEVELOPMENT LOCATED AT 211 PATTERSON STREET, WITH THE FOUR CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL RECOMMENDED BY STAFF. COUNCIL MEMBER RICHEY SECONDED THE MOTION, ALL VOTED AYE.

ON A MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER MYERS AND SECONDED BY VICE CHAIR GRAF, AMENDED ORDINANCE 2025-40 WAS ADOPTED UPON THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING AYE – COUNCIL MEMBERS LOPEZ, LUNDELL, MYERS, RICHEY, WASHINGTON, VICE CHAIR GRAF, AND CHAIR HYER. VOTING NO – NONE.

New Business: Election of Council Chair

COUNCIL MEMBER GRAF NOMINATED COUNCIL MEMBER HYER TO SERVE AS COUNCIL CHAIR DURING 2026.

Council member Hyer voiced his commitment to ensuring all Council members' voices are heard, giving Council initiatives proper consideration, and maintaining a fair agenda process.

COUNCIL MEMBER WASHINGTON MOVED TO OPEN THE NOMINATION FOR PUBLIC COMMENT. COUNCIL MEMBER LUNDELL SECONDED THE MOTION. VOTING AYE – COUNCIL MEMBERS LUNDELL AND WASHINGTON. VOTING NO – COUNCIL MEMBERS GRAF, HYER, LOPEZ, MYERS, AND RICHEY. The motion failed.

COUNCIL MEMBER RICHEY MOVED TO ELECT COUNCIL MEMBER HYER AS COUNCIL CHAIR FOR 2026. COUNCIL MEMBER GRAF SECONDED THE MOTION AND THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN: VOTING AYE – COUNCIL MEMBERS FLOR, GRAF, HYER, MYERS, AND RICHEY. VOTING NO – COUNCIL MEMBERS LUNDELL AND WASHINGTON.

New Business: Election of Council Vice Chair

COUNCIL MEMBER RICHEY NOMINATED COUNCIL MEMBER GRAF TO SERVE AS COUNCIL VICE CHAIR DURING 2026.

Council Member Graf expressed appreciation for the opportunity to serve and invited input from the public throughout his term of service as Vice Chair.

COUNCIL MEMBER WASHINGTON MOVED TO OPEN THE NOMINATION FOR PUBLIC COMMENT. COUNCIL MEMBER LUNDELL SECONDED THE MOTION. VOTING AYE – COUNCIL MEMBERS LUNDELL AND WASHINGTON. VOTING NO – COUNCIL MEMBERS GRAF, HYER, LOPEZ, MYERS, AND RICHEY. The motion failed.

COUNCIL MEMBER RICHEY MOVED TO ELECT COUNCIL MEMBER GRAF AS COUNCIL VICE CHAIR FOR 2026. COUNCIL MEMBER MYERS SECONDED THE MOTION AND THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN: VOTING AYE – COUNCIL MEMBERS FLOR, GRAF, HYER, MYERS, AND RICHEY. VOTING NO – COUNCIL MEMBERS LUNDELL AND WASHINGTON.

Administration of Oath of Office for Council Vice Chair

Deputy City Recorder Gould administered the Oath of Office for Council Vice Chair Graf and Chair Hyer.

Council Member Lundell explained his nay vote, stating that while he looked forward to working with the leadership, he

felt the selections did not reflect the will of the people in the last City-wide election.

Council member Washington noted the importance of transparency in the nomination and voting process, appreciating that the conversation highlighted potential council initiatives to examine rules and norms for this process.

Public Comments

Many community members spoke during public comments, with the majority addressing two main topics:

Concerns about ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement) and immigration enforcement:

- Thor Dorosh, William Mitchell, Jessica Matthews, Josh Creek, Alvin Thurgood, Emily Fox, Rachel Moore, Cameron Shurtz, Sophia Adams, Amelia Baker, Elena Montenegro, Yesenia Salgado, Pete Previte, Sean Bishop, Heath Satow, Taylor Knuth, and Jess Miles expressed concerns about ICE activities in Ogden.
- These speakers called for a formal resolution prohibiting Ogden City resources from being used for immigration enforcement;
- They shared fears about immigration raids, surveillance, and potential constitutional violations;
- Some reported specific incidents involving ICE in Ogden; and
- Several mentioned concerns about surveillance cameras and the Flock Safety system.

Perspectives on the City Council leadership selection process:

- Taylor Knuth, Sean Bishop, Cameron Shurtz, and Rachel Moore expressed disappointment with the process for selecting council leadership.
- They highlighted concerns over Chair Hyer's previous actions and comments related to pride flags. They referenced an incident where Council member Hyer allegedly attempted to have individuals pledge allegiance to a thin blue line flag instead of the American flag during a Council meeting. This action, along with efforts to limit the freedom to display pride flags in government buildings, has raised concerns about inclusivity and respect for diverse communities.
- They advocated for more transparency and public input in the selection process; and
- Some questioned Chair Hyer's ability to serve in the role of Council Chair while running for Weber County Commissioner.

Other perspectives presented:

- Eulogio Alejandro and Miguel Hernandez from Latinos United Promoting Education and Civic Engagement expressed concern that a formal resolution regarding ICE could draw unnecessary attention to Ogden and create more risk for immigrant families.
- Laura Lewis and Linda Sanchez expressed concern about conduct during the meeting and called for civil discourse.
- James Humphreys emphasized the importance of civic participation and working together despite differences.
- Teresa Bramwell raised concerns about the Great Salt Lake's decline and its environmental impacts.
- A resident named David expressed concern over the Police Department's contract with Flock Safety.

Council member Comments

Council members responded to the topics raised during the public comment period; Vice Chair Graf expressed his defense of Chair Hyer as both a person and a public servant. He acknowledged the character assassinations that were occurring, particularly through social media, and emphasized that such attacks were unfair and uncalled for. He noted that while Chair Hyer's candidacy as a Weber County Republican should not inherently be considered a negative trait or indicate any evil intentions, there has been undue scrutiny and unwarranted judgment directed at him based on his political affiliation. Vice Chair Graf cited that similar circumstances had previously occurred without protest when Council member Angela Choberka, ran as a Democrat for another office while serving on the Council, suggesting inconsistency in the criticism. He argued for the importance of respecting all Council members regardless of their political alignment, as they were all elected by the community to work towards the City's progress. He reiterated the importance of maintaining civil discourse, despite differing opinions or political affiliations, to reflect a unified direction for the Council's work. Vice Chair Graf mentioned he was familiar with the situations occurring in Minnesota due to family connections there; he discussed the disturbances related to ICE activities and their impact on public safety, highlighting the complexity of enforcement and the political environment. He noted the importance of maintaining stability and public safety in Ogden without escalating fear or reactionary measures. He emphasized a balanced approach in handling safety concerns, advocating for thoughtful deliberation over hasty actions that could provoke unwanted consequences like what was occurred in Minnesota.

Council member Lopez read a statement opposing a proposed resolution regarding 287(g) agreements, noting she has heard directly from members of the immigrant community who feel safe in Ogden and they believe the City has handled this issue responsibly up to this point and they aren't concerned that Ogden will suddenly enter into a 287(g) agreement because leadership has already been clear on their position. Their concern is that formalizing a position through a resolution could introduce unnecessary risk. Ms. Lopez said family members and friends who are a part of this community are asking the city to preserve what already exists, which provides stability and a sense of safety in their lives. A resolution will only give people a false sense of security. She also expressed her personal concerns about texts she has received and rocks that have been thrown at her house because of her position on this matter.

Council member Washington provided an update on work toward a potential "Affirming Community Trust through

Public Safety" joint resolution. She and Council member Lundell are researching similar resolutions from other cities after learning the Weber County Sheriff's Office does have a 287(g) agreement with ICE under the task force model. She added several municipalities across the nation have recently passed resolutions on this issue and she acknowledged the fear in the community and the importance of addressing it.

Council member Lundell emphasized that the intent behind the resolution was to provide accountability and ensure the promises and commitments made by City leaders were clear and actionable. He voiced the significance of maintaining public trust, noting that the resolution sought to reaffirm Ogden's commitment to protecting the constitutional rights of its residents. Additionally, Council member Lundell highlighted the recent update from the police chief on the Flock camera system, which now includes a new transparency portal. He appreciated the Chief's efforts in increasing transparency and providing the community with access to information about the camera system's operations. The new portal allows residents to better understand how the system is used and ensures the City's surveillance methods comply with stringent guidelines, thereby reinforcing public trust and accountability in law enforcement activities.

Council member Richey expressed his gratitude to Chair Hyer and Vice Chair Graf for their willingness to serve in leadership roles on the City Council. He acknowledged the challenges that come with these positions and commended their readiness to navigate the complexities of Council leadership. Council member Richey highlighted the importance of fair and transparent leadership, and he conveyed his confidence in their ability to guide the Council through its duties. He also expressed disappointment in the character assassinations that have been launched against Chair Hyer. Council member Richey also addressed the personal attacks that Council member Lopez has faced, particularly due to her stance on a proposed resolution regarding 287(g) agreements. He expressed concern over the negativity directed at her and emphasized that Council members should be able to voice their opinions without fear of personal retaliation. He acknowledged the atmosphere of fear and hostility that has emerged, both inside and outside of Council meetings, and reiterated the need for civil discourse when addressing highly charged issues. Furthermore, Council member Richey underscored the crucial role that deliberative processes play in effective governance. He noted that these processes are essential for ensuring that all perspectives are considered and that decisions are made based on comprehensive information and thoughtful discussion. By maintaining a commitment to these principles, the Council can foster an environment where diverse viewpoints are respected and robust debate is encouraged, ultimately leading to more informed and balanced policymaking. He reiterated his commitment to supporting an environment of collaboration on the City Council, where all members can contribute to the shared goals of enhancing the welfare of Ogden City and its residents.

Chair Hyer addressed several questions raised during public comments; he explained that his candidacy for Weber County Commissioner would not interfere with his Council duties, as the position is part-time. Chair Hyer addressed a past incident involving a thin blue line flag that appeared as his Zoom background during a meeting in June 2020, amidst the shift to virtual sessions due to COVID-19. He clarified that the meeting, which was initially set to transition into a closed session, intended to provide moral support to a Police Chief who was experiencing a challenging period. The flag in the background was meant as a gesture of support and not as a pledge to the flag itself. He acknowledged that an awkward comment was made during the meeting due to technical issues, and he should have switched the background when it became clear it could be triggering to some attendees. He further mentioned that he publicly apologized the following week for any unintended offense caused by the situation. Chair Hyer also elaborated on his support for the City flagpole initiative, which aimed to maintain government speech as distinct from public speech. He noted concerns about creating a public forum that might obligate the City to allow the display of flags that could be offensive, citing hypotheticals such as a MAGA flag or even more controversial symbols. He stressed that ensuring the flagpole remains a medium for government speech helps prevent potential divisive situations and ensures inclusivity by safeguarding it from becoming a venue for potentially contentious public expressions.

Mayor Comments

Mayor Nadolski addressed the concerns raised during public comments, particularly focusing on ICE and immigration enforcement. He emphasized his responsibility to listen to all voices, which includes protestors, immigrant community members, police officers, other mayors, and City staff. The Mayor acknowledged the diverse opinions and fears expressed by the community and stressed that everyone desires safety. This is why he takes concerns about fear seriously and is committed to addressing them appropriately. Firstly, Mayor Nadolski reaffirmed his commitment to uphold the Constitution and the rule of law. He elaborated on the significance of the Constitution, describing it as the framework for maintaining public safety and order. He emphasized that respecting the rule of law and the rights it guarantees is crucial for safeguarding community members' wellbeing. He asserted that the principles enshrined in the Constitution guide the actions of him and his Administration. Mayor Nadolski discussed the professionalism of the Ogden Police Department, highlighting that it is fully staffed and has achieved its highest community satisfaction rating in 10 years. He mentioned that the Department has a commitment to public safety and maintains this through ethical practices and a focus on community trust. This professionalism is not hearsay but is backed by quantifiable results. The Mayor praised the Police Department's dedication to remaining apolitical and focused solely on serving and protecting the public. Furthermore, the Mayor made it clear that the Ogden Police Department does not enforce federal immigration laws, and he assured the public that he will not enter into a 287(g) agreement with ICE, as there is no perceived need for one in Ogden. He expressed concerns that a formal resolution regarding such agreements could be misrepresented and potentially create more risk or fear among community members. Mayor Nadolski emphasized that his Administration's approach has been to engage with all involved parties to ensure the community feels secure without the need for misleading or politically motivated resolutions. To further support the immigrant community, Mayor Nadolski highlighted the City's pathway to citizenship program. This initiative provides significant support to residents aspiring to become citizens, showcasing the City's commitment to inclusivity and helping individuals legally integrate into the community. The program has been successful in providing resources and assistance to those

on their journey towards citizenship, thereby reinforcing the City's dedication to its diverse population. In closing, Mayor Nadolski reiterated his commitment to prioritizing the safety of Ogden's residents over political popularity and to ensuring that the City's actions lead by example through moral clarity, integrity, and compassion.

Council member Washington requested clarification from Mayor Nadolski, asking him to reaffirm his commitment that Ogden City Police Department will not enter into a 287(g) agreement. Upon confirming this request, Mayor Nadolski restated his position that the City would not engage in such agreements. Furthermore, Council member Washington emphasized her intention to proceed with drafting a joint resolution and outlined her goal to engage in public discussions during work sessions. This initiative would allow Council members to consider additional input from the community while reviewing the proposal to enhance trust and public safety in Ogden. Council member Washington then addressed a previous incident concerning Chair Hyer's display of a flag on Zoom in June 2020. She noted the Council meeting's audio recording for that day was missing, skipping over the time when the incident occurred. Council member Washington requested clarification regarding the absence of that segment in the public record, indicating an interest in understanding how and why that portion of the Council meeting recording was not available for review.

Council member Lundell clarified that the proposed resolution that he and Council member Washington will pursue would not suggest harboring individuals who harm the community. He emphasized that the intent behind the resolution was to provide accountability and ensure the promises and commitments made by City leaders were clear and actionable. He voiced the significance of maintaining public trust, noting that the resolution sought to reaffirm Ogden's commitment to protecting the constitutional rights of its residents.

Chair Hyer shared the Council's ongoing efforts to host a naturalization ceremony in the chambers as part of the America250 celebrations. This initiative would align with celebrating the country's 250th anniversary by welcoming new citizens and showcasing the City's commitment to inclusivity and cultural diversity. He noted the symbolic significance of such a ceremony and the intention to ensure it becomes a memorable event.

There being no further business to come before the Council, **COUNCIL MEMBER MYERS MOVED THE MEETING ADJOURN AT 9:51 P.M. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY VICE CHAIR GRAF, ALL VOTING AYE.**

JASON GOULD
DEPUTY CITY RECORDER

RICHARD A. HYER, CHAIR

APPROVED: March 3, 2026