



MINUTES OF THE SOUTH OGDEN CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION AND CITY COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2025

WORK SESSION – 5 PM IN EOC ROOM

COUNCIL MEETING – 6 PM IN COUNCIL ROOM

WORK SESSION MINUTES

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Russell Porter, Council Members Mike Howard, Doug Stephens, Jeremy Howe, and Clayton Peterson

COUNCIL MEMBERS EXCUSED

Jeannette Smyth

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

City Manager Matt Dixon, Assistant City Manager Summer Palmer, Finance Director Peter Anjewierden, Public Works Director Jon Andersen, Fire Chief Cameron West, City Planner Alika Murphy, Communications and Events Manager Danielle Bendinelli, Accounts Payable Clerk Lori Hurd, and Recorder Leesa Kapetanov

OTHERS PRESENT

No one else attended this meeting

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I. CALL TO ORDER

- At 5:00 pm, Mayor Porter called the meeting to order.

00:00:00

Council Member Howe so moved, followed by a second from Council Member Howard. Council Members Howard, Stephens, Howe, and Peterson all voted aye.

II. REVIEW OF COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

- Council Member Stephens asked some questions about the proposed business license changes
00:01:06

III. DISCUSSION ITEMS

Moderate Income Housing

- Planner Alika Murphy reported on the City Center visioning open house from the previous
00:01:56
- Ms. Murphy reviewed the current Moderate Income Housing strategies
00:06:07
- Council Member Howard asked another question about the proposed changes to business license approvals
00:22:49

Strategic Plan Vision Statement

- There was time left in the work session, so City Manager Dixon began a discussion on the City's Vision Statement. Three members of the Council were in favor of changing the Vision Statement to:
"South Ogden City is a friendly and vibrant community that prioritizes safety, belonging, and a high quality of life".
00:24:47

IV. ADJOURN

- At 5:39 pm Mayor Porter called for a motion to end the work session
00:39:17

Council Member Howe moved to adjourn the work session, followed by a second from Council Member Howard. The voice vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

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COUNCIL MEMBERS EXCUSED

Jeanette Smyth

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

City Manager Matt Dixon, Assistant City Manager Summer Palmer, Finance Director Peter Anjewierden, Police Chief Darin Parke, Public Works Director Jon Andersen, Fire Chief Cameron West, City Planner Alikea Murphy, Communications and Events Manager Danielle Bendinelli, and Recorder Leesa Kapetanov

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT

Joyce & Bruce Hardman, Cordelia Brown, MaryAnn Brown, Joe Sgambato, Maureen Sgambato, Lindsay Taudo, and other Youth Council and their families

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I. OPENING CEREMONY

A. Call To Order

- Mayor Porter called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm, excused Council Member Smyth and entertained a motion to begin 00:00:00

Council Member Howard so moved. The motion was seconded by Council Member Peterson. In a voice vote Council Members Howard, Stephens, Howe, and Peterson all voted aye.

B. Prayer/Moment of Silence

- The mayor led those present in a moment of silence

C. Pledge Of Allegiance

- Council Member Howe led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance

IV. PRESENTATION OF OATH OF OFFICE TO YOUTH CITY COUNCIL

00:00:56

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

Joseph Sgambato

00:07:16

Spoke against short-term rentals

VI. RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COMMENT

- Mayor Porter responded to Mr. Sgambato’s comments

00:10:22

VII. CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of January 20, 2026 Council Minutes

- Mayor Porter asked if any corrections needed to be made to the minutes. Seeing none, he called for a motion to approve the consent agenda.

00:12:00

Council Member Stephens so moved. The motion was seconded by Council Member Howe. All present voted aye.

VIII. DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS

Consideration of Ordinance 26-02 – Amending South Ogden City Code (SOCC) Title 3 Concerning Liquor Control, Beer License Approval Process, and Changing City Recorder to Business License Official

- City Recorder Leesa Kapetanov reviewed some of the changes since the last meeting
- Discussion by Council
- Mayor Porter called for a motion to approve Ordinance 26-02

00:12:21

00:14:34

00:16:50

Council Member Stephens so moved, followed by a second from Council Member Peterson. The mayor asked if there were any further comments, and seeing none, he called the vote:

Council Member Howard - Yes

Council Member Stephens - Yes
Council Member Howe- Yes
Council Member Peterson- Yes

The motion stood.

IX. DISCUSSION ITEMS

Strategic Plan Review

- Mayor Porter explained there had been time in the work session to review the strategic plan and the Council had made some minor changes to the City’s Vision Statement so it now said: “South Ogden City is a friendly and vibrant community that prioritizes safety, belonging, and a high quality of life”. 00:17:11

X. REPORTS/DIRECTION TO CITY MANAGER

A. City Council Members

Council Member Stephens - 00:17:57
Council Member Peterson - 00:20:42
Council Member Howard - 00:20:54
Council Member Howe - 00:22:27

B. City Manager 00:25:32

C. Mayor 00:32:44

XI. RECESS INTO CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION

In Accordance With 52-4-205(1)(d) Strategy Sessions to Discuss the Purchase, Exchange, or Lease of Real Property

- Mayor Porter called for a motion to recess into a closed executive session to discuss pending or reasonably imminent litigation 00:33:58

Council Member Howard so moved. Council member Howe seconded the motion. The mayor made a roll call vote:

Council Member Peterson - Yes
Council Member Howe - Yes
Council Member Stephens - Yes
Council Member Howard- Yes

Note: The City Council and City Manager Dixon remained in the council chambers for the closed session while everyone else was asked to leave.

XII. ADJOURN CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION AND RECONVENE SOUTH OGDEN CITY COUNCIL

XIII. ADJOURN

- At 7:14 pm, Mayor Porter called for a motion to end the closed executive session, reconvene city council meeting, and adjourn

Council Member Howe so moved. Council Member Peterson seconded the motion. The voice vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true, accurate and complete record of the South Ogden City Work Session and Council Meeting held Tuesday, February 3, 2026.


Leesa Kapetanov, City Recorder

March 3, 2026
Date Approved by the City Council