

**ST. GEORGE CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 5, 2026, 9:00 A.M.
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

PRESENT:

**Mayor Jimmie Hughes
Councilmember Dannielle Larkin
Councilmember Natalie Larsen
Councilmember Michelle Tanner
Councilmember Steve Kemp
Councilmember Austin Anderson**

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

**City Manager John Willis
City Attorney Ryan Dooley
City Recorder Christina Fernandez
Public Works Director Cameron Cutler
Police Chief Kyle Whitehead
Planner Dan Boles**

OTHERS PRESENT:

**Victoria Hales with the Washington County Attorney's Office
Leslie Conger**

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Hughes called the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance. An invocation was offered by Public Works Director Cameron Cutler and The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Police Chief Kyle Whitehead.

Link to call to order, invocation, and flag salute: [00:00:00](#)

MAYOR'S RECOGNITIONS AND UPDATES:

No recognitions and updates were provided.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

- a. Consider approval to award bid to Caliber Contractor, LLC for the Vernon Worthen Restroom Replacement project.**

BACKGROUND and RECOMMENDATION: This bid is to construct a new restroom in Vernon Worthen Park. The bid includes demolition of the existing restroom, earthwork, site grading, utilities, concrete flatwork, asphalt patching, new restroom building, landscape restoration, and other related work items. This is a Recreation General Obligation Bond Project. Staff recommends awarding the bid to Caliber Contractor, LLC in the amount of \$902,000.

- b. Consider approval to award bid to Index Construction for the construction of the Virgin River South Trail and Sewer Expansion.**

BACKGROUND and RECOMMENDATION: This trail section is on the St. George Parks and Trail Master Plan and runs along an existing sewer line which needs to be expanded. Park planning has been working on the alignment for some time

and has easements in place as needed. Staff recommends awarding the bid to Index Construction in the amount of \$1,891,299.91.

c. Consider approval to award Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) Amendment #3 to Hughes General Contractors for utilities and announcer booth for the Dixie Sunbowl Renovation Project.

BACKGROUND and RECOMMENDATION: This item is to award GMP Amendment #3 for utilities and announcer booth for the Dixie Sunbowl Renovation Project to Hughes General Contractors (CM/GC contractor for the project) in the amount of \$1,654,848.00. Hughes General Contractors solicited and evaluated bids for the above described work. This GMP Amendment #3 is for Hughes to provide and/or oversee utilities, announcer booth, arena lighting, audio/visual, additional concrete, and additional earthwork for the Dixie Sunbowl. Staff recommends awarding the amendment to Hughes General Contractors in the amount of \$1,654,848.

d. Consider approval to allow for the Spring Round-Up Rodeo to have a beer garden at their event on May 15-16, 2026.

BACKGROUND and RECOMMENDATION: Sky Nine Events LLC is requesting approval for a Beer Garden for their Spring Round-Up Rodeo event for the 2nd year. Previously, this event has been held at the SunBowl, but with the ongoing construction taking place, they will instead be bringing in a temporary rodeo arena to be placed on a City-owned undeveloped lot located on the corner of 1670 S between 120 E and Crosby Way, near the Dixie Convention Center. The Beer Garden will be in a secured, fenced-off area of the parcel. Staff recommends approval, subject to the approval of the ERC, DABS, and condition that the applicant provide a Certificate of Insurance with the required endorsements, and all other requirements of the Special Event Permit.

e. Approve minutes from the meetings held on December 11, 2025; December 18, 2025; January 8, 2026 (work); January 8, 2026 (regular); January 15, 2026; and January 22, 2026.

Link to presentation from City Manager John Willis: [00:01:30](#)

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Link to motion: [00:01:45](#)

MOTION:

A motion was made by Councilmember Larsen to approve the consent calendar.

SECOND:

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Tanner.

VOTE:

Mayor Hughes called for a vote, as follows:

Councilmember Larkin – aye
Councilmember Larsen – aye
Councilmember Tanner – aye
Councilmember Kemp – aye
Councilmember Anderson – aye

The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

AMEND CITY CODE/ORDINANCE:

Consider approval of Ordinance No. 2026-004 amending Title 10-2 and 10-7B of City Code adding "County Trail Park" as an allowed use in the R-1-10 zone and defining the use. (Case No. 205-ZRA-ZRA-016 - County Trail Park in R-1-10 Zone).

BACKGROUND and RECOMMENDATION: The applicant is proposing a zoning regulation amendment to provide a definition of a "County Trail Park" along with a provision to allow it in a R-1-10 (single-family, 10,000 sq ft minimum lot size) zone. At their meeting held on January 13, 2026 the Planning Commission held a public hearing and recommended approval with a 6-0 vote with no conditions; no public comments were provided.

Link to introduction from City Manager John Willis and presentation from Planner Dan Boles, including discussion between the City Council, Victoria Hales with the Washington County Attorney's Office, Leslie Conger, and Mayor Hughes: [00:02:01](#)

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Link to motion: [00:16:13](#)

MOTION:

A motion was made by Councilmember Kemp to approve Ordinance No. 2026-004 amending Title 10-2 and 10-7B of City Code adding "County Trail Park" as an allowed use in the R-1-10 zone and defining the use.

SECOND:

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Larkin.

VOTE:

Mayor Hughes called for a roll call vote, as follows:

Councilmember Larkin – aye
Councilmember Larsen – aye
Councilmember Tanner – aye
Councilmember Kemp – aye
Councilmember Anderson – aye

The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

APPOINT REPRESENTATIVE TO SOUTHWEST MOSQUITO ABATEMENT AND CONTROL BOARD/RESOLUTION:

Consider approval Resolution No. 2026-003R appointing a representative to the Southwest Mosquito Abatement and Control Board.

BACKGROUND and RECOMMENDATION: This resolution is to appoint Councilmember Austin Anderson to replace Jay Sandberg on the Southwest Mosquito Abatement and Control Board to represent the City.

Link to presentation from City Manager John Willis: [00:16:58](#)

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Link to motion: [00:17:58](#)

MOTION:

A motion was made by Councilmember Kemp to appoint Austin Anderson to the Southwest Mosquito Abatement and Control Board.

SECOND:

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Larsen.

VOTE:

Mayor Hughes called for a roll call vote, as follows:

Councilmember Larkin – aye
Councilmember Larsen – aye
Councilmember Tanner – aye
Councilmember Kemp – aye
Councilmember Anderson – aye

The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS OF THE CITY:

a. Appoint Mayor Pro Tem.

Link to Mayor Hughes recommending the appointment of Councilmember Larkin as Mayor Pro Tem: [00:18:40](#)

Link to motion: [00:19:31](#)

MOTION:

A motion was made by Councilmember Kemp to appoint Dannielle Larkin as Mayor Pro Tem for the remainder of her term on the Council.

SECOND:

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Tanner.

VOTE:

Mayor Hughes called for a vote, as follows:

Councilmember Larkin – aye
Councilmember Larsen – aye

Councilmember Tanner – aye
Councilmember Kemp – aye
Councilmember Anderson – aye

The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

b. Appoint new Planning Commission Member.

Link to Mayor Hughes recommending the appointment of Kelly Tayson to replace Councilmember Anderson on the Planning Commission: [00:20:00](#)

Link to motion: [00:20:38](#)

MOTION:

A motion was made by Councilmember Larkin to appoint Kelly Taysom to the Planning Commission.

SECOND:

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Anderson.

VOTE:

Mayor Hughes called for a vote, as follows:

Councilmember Larkin – aye
Councilmember Larsen – aye
Councilmember Tanner – aye
Councilmember Kemp – aye
Councilmember Anderson – aye

The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

REPORTS FROM MAYOR, COUNCILMEMBERS, AND CITY MANAGER:

Link to reports from Mayor, Councilmembers, and City Manager: [00:21:24](#)

ADJOURN TO A CLOSED MEETING:

Request a closed meeting to discuss litigation, security, property acquisition or sale or the character and professional competence or physical or mental health of an individual.

A closed meeting was not held.

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Request a closed meeting to discuss litigation, security, property acquisition or sale or the character and professional competence or physical or mental health of an individual.

Link to motion: [00:22:40](#)

MOTION:

A motion was made by Councilmember Tanner to adjourn.

SECOND:

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Kemp.

VOTE:

Mayor Hughes called for a vote, as follows:

Councilmember Larkin – aye
Councilmember Larsen – aye
Councilmember Tanner – aye
Councilmember Kemp – aye
Councilmember Anderson – aye

The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

/s/Christina Fernandez

Christina Fernandez, City Recorder