



MAGNA CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MARCH 10, 2026 @ 6:00 PM
WEBSTER COMMUNITY CENTER
8952 West Magna Main Street
Magna, Utah 84044

****DRAFT MINUTES – UNAPPROVED****
MAGNA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
March 10, 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 Michael Jensen (via Zoom)

Council Member(s) Excused:

Staff Present:

David Brickey, City Manager
Nathan Bracken, City Attorney
Claire Gillmor, Deputy City Attorney
Diana Baun, City Recorder
Chief Del Craig, Unified Police Department
Lt. Chris Benedict, Unified Police Department

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Mayor Sudbury recognized Representative Anthony Loubet in attendance and invited him forward to speak.

Representative Anthony Loubet expressed appreciation to the Mayor and Council for accommodating his schedule, noting he needed to leave early due to a family commitment. He commended the Mayor and Council Members for their strong involvement during the legislative session, explaining that he had received frequent communication from them regarding local concerns. He described an issue involving the Salt Lake Valley Law Enforcement Service Area (SLVLESA), in which the county had attempted to amend legislation to withdraw from the service area and remove its funding mechanism. He stated that this change would have negatively impacted Magna, Kearns, Copperton, and other participating communities, particularly due to the significant financial contribution tied to the Rio Tinto Copperton Mine area. Representative Loubet reported that, after being alerted early in the process, he worked with the bill sponsor to remove the provision before it reached committee, despite opposition from the county. He indicated that further discussions with the county would continue throughout the year to find a resolution that allows the county to exit while preserving funding for the remaining communities.

Representative Loubet also addressed efforts to secure funding for the Bangerter Highway road project, explaining that approximately \$3 million had been sought. He described how legislative discussions evolved from possibly including the funding as a line item to instead creating an Affordable Housing Infrastructure Board. He explained that this board would include Steve Waldrip from the Governor's Office, two state representatives, and two state senators, and would distribute grants for infrastructure projects connected to affordable housing needs. He stated that the Magna development project could qualify under this criteria, and that he had worked to elevate the project's priority. He added that, in coordination with Mayor Mick Sudbury, the city planned to submit an application promptly once the program becomes active, with the goal of securing at least a portion of the needed funding.

Mayor Mick Sudbury expressed appreciation for Representative Loubet's efforts during the 45-day legislative session, acknowledging the demanding nature of the work. He thanked him for his responsiveness and for facilitating the Mayor's opportunity to observe proceedings on the legislative floor. Mayor Mick Sudbury stated his willingness to provide support as needed.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Malinda Burrell stated that the most meaningful safety improvement for the community would be completion of the West Cordero Drive exit, emphasizing that it would directly affect approximately 5,000–6,000 residents in the Little Valley Gateway area, representing about 20% of Magna's population and roughly 1,600 homes in addition to school staff and students. She explained that the current infrastructure forces reliance on a single entry and exit point, creating safety risks. She acknowledged the value of paving 4100 South but asserted that it would not resolve the core safety issue, noting that the connecting road is a narrow neighborhood street with on-street parking that buses tend to avoid. She stated that traffic

would continue to funnel through Cordero and 8400 West, where congestion already exists, and that additional traffic from 4100 South would worsen conditions. Malinda Burrell urged the city to require developers, including D.R. Horton, to bear the cost of completing 4100 South rather than the city. She advocated prioritizing the more expensive West Cordero exit due to its greater long-term benefits, including improved emergency access and safer school traffic flow, and suggested adding speed cushions when Cordero connects to 3500 South. She referenced a recent tragedy, stating that while urgency is understandable, decisions should be based on long-term safety outcomes.

Tammy Broadbent raised concerns about operations at Magna FACT, specifically regarding food distribution practices. She reported that the organization no longer receives deliveries from the Utah Food Bank and alleged that food being distributed is often expired or spoiled, including molded bread. She stated that some residents collect unusable food for animal feed. Tammy Broadbent further alleged that volunteers and residents living above Magna FACT receive priority access to food, and that food intended for the broader community is sometimes distributed to specific individuals before reaching the facility. She described an incident around Thanksgiving in which approximately 80 turkeys were delivered, but later staff denied receiving them, and none were found in storage when she inquired. She stated that she and others in the community had not received expected assistance despite providing contact information and alleged that follow-up communication from staff did not occur. She indicated that multiple community members had expressed similar concerns to her and emphasized that the issue affects residents on fixed incomes who rely on the service.

Wendy Weight expressed condolences regarding a recent accident, describing it as tragic and emotionally impactful, particularly as a parent of a student who travels in the area. She stated that the incident reflected a significant community concern. Wendy Weight also conveyed appreciation for the Mayor and City Council, acknowledging their ongoing efforts to address community challenges despite obstacles, and stated that their work had not gone unnoticed.

Donnie Sweezy stated his address and informed the Council that he had received notice of a potential revocation of his business license. He reported that when they contacted council members, those individuals were unaware of the situation. Donnie Sweezy referenced prior interactions with the city and Municipal Services District, describing ongoing regulatory requirements related to property improvements, including fencing specifications and compliance issues. He stated that he had recently secured a \$400,000 SBA loan to improve their property, including asphalt and building upgrades, and expressed concern that enforcement actions were continuing despite these efforts. Donnie Sweezy also described personal hardships, including multiple family losses and health issues, and requested community support at an upcoming meeting regarding the license matter.

Sarah Sanchez discussed community discourse surrounding traffic and infrastructure issues, noting that public conversations had become focused on assigning blame. She encouraged residents to shift toward collaborative problem-solving, suggesting ideas such as organized parking strategies and shared solutions within neighborhoods and homeowner associations.

She acknowledged existing challenges, including school placement and limited egress, and stated that while no solution would satisfy everyone, efforts should aim for broadly beneficial outcomes. Sarah Sanchez also highlighted congestion concerns at intersections along 8400 West and called for improved traffic monitoring and cooperative planning to enhance safety and mobility.

Pete Kirkendahl introduced himself as a long-time resident and union member, expressing interest in becoming more involved in the community. He stated his willingness to assist with community efforts and emphasized the importance of neighbor support and engagement. Pete Kirkendahl also referenced involvement in political and labor activities, including advocacy related to House Bill 267 and support for apprenticeship programs, noting that such programs provide viable career paths alongside traditional college education. He reiterated a commitment to contributing to the community.

5. STAKEHOLDER REPORTS

A. Unified Police Department

Lieutenant Chris Benedict expressed appreciation to Mayor Mick Sudbury and the City Council for their visible support of law enforcement, stating that the presence and encouragement from city leadership had a meaningful impact on officers, including Chief Craig, Sergeant Borders, and Sergeant Connell. He emphasized that the level of community support in Magna was notable and personally significant to department leadership.

Lt. Benedict reported preliminary enforcement statistics from the previous month, stating that officers issued 685 parking citations, 187 criminal citations, and conducted 90 DUI arrests during February. He characterized these actions as proactive efforts aimed at improving community safety and noted that additional data, including heat maps and monthly statistics, would be presented in greater detail at the next council meeting.

Lt. Benedict also described a recent case involving a vehicle burglary in which industrial equipment had been stolen. He explained that information from the incident was passed to the day shift, and officers were able to locate the suspects using a license plate and departmental technology. He stated that a traffic stop led to identification of the suspects, recovery of the stolen property, and execution of a search warrant at a residence. Additional stolen property and evidence of drug use were discovered, and the residence was shut down for occupancy. Lt. Benedict reported that eight individuals were arrested in connection with the case, all of whom were members of the same family, and credited Sergeant Borders and Sergeant Connell's teams for successfully resolving the incident.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approve City Council Minutes

1. February 24, 2026 City Council Meeting

Council Member Jensen moved to approve the February 24, 2026 City Council Meeting Minutes as published. Council Member George seconded the motion; vote was 5-0, unanimous in favor.

B. Acknowledgement of Monthly Financial Report

Council Member Jensen moved to officially acknowledge receipt of the monthly financial report prior to tonight's meeting. Council Member George seconded the motion; vote was 5-0, unanimous in favor.

C. Meridian Land Counsel Agreement

Council Member Jensen moved to approve Mayor Sudbury to sign the Meridian Land Counsel Agreement as presented. Council Member Prokopis seconded the motion; vote was 5-0, unanimous in favor.

7. PRESENTATION ITEMS - None

8. COUNCIL BUSINESS

A. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Selection of Members for the Planning Commission and Traffic and Safety Committee

Council Member Olsen moved to approve the following Resolutions, appointing members to the Magna Planning Commission:

- **Resolution R2026-15, appointing Jeff White as a Regular Planning Commissioner**
- **Resolution R2026-16, appointing Jeff Larson as a Regular Planning Commissioner**
- **Resolution R2026-17, appointing Ted Shaw as a Regular Planning Commissioner**
- **Resolution R2026-18, appointing Doyle Jenkins and Ronnie Thompson as alternate members of the Planning Commission**

Council Member Jensen seconded the motion; vote was 4-0 for all Resolutions with Council Member Audrey Pierce abstaining from the vote.

The council had a discussion and decided to vote on the three residents proposed for the committee, but to hold off until a future meeting date, allowing for UPD and other Stakeholders to give their input regarding their representatives to the committee. They announced Jennifer D'Haenens, Kristan Smith and Malinda Burrell as the residents invited to join the council.

Council Member Jensen moved to approve the three resident names given above for the Traffic and Safety Committee. Council Member George seconded the motion; vote was 5-0, unanimous in favor.

B. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Infrastructure within Magna City

City Manager David Brickey introduced a discussion regarding infrastructure and operational changes within the city. He announced the hiring of a new Assistant City Manager, Kelly Bush, noting her background in municipal law and her prior involvement in the development of the Municipal Services District. David Brickey stated that her experience would be a significant asset to the city and acknowledged that he was accustomed to referring to her as “Mayor Kelly Bush.” He indicated that she had recently begun her role and would contribute to the city’s continued growth and administrative capacity.

David Brickey also addressed ongoing challenges related to the relationship between the city and the Municipal Services District, explaining that the two entities operate under separate structures. He informed the Council that the city was moving forward with a revised procurement and procedural process intended to improve efficiency, particularly in preparation for upcoming construction projects anticipated as early as the summer. He noted that further details on these procedural updates would likely be provided by City Attorney Nathan Bracken and then invited Kelly Bush to introduce herself.

Assistant City Manager Kelly Bush greeted Mayor Mick Sudbury and the City Council and expressed enthusiasm about joining the city’s leadership team. She stated that she was familiar with members of the community and described Magna as having significant opportunities for growth and development. Ms. Bush conveyed her commitment to supporting the Council and the community, encouraging members to reach out to her with ideas and emphasizing her readiness to assist in advancing city initiatives.

9. MANAGER/CITY ATTORNEY UPDATES

City Attorney Nathan Bracken stated that his report would be combined with another agenda item to provide a comprehensive legal update. He expanded on City Manager David Brickey’s earlier remarks regarding procurement policies, explaining that Magna City had maintained a procurement policy since 2019, which had recently been updated but still required further revision. He noted that this topic had been discussed during a recent council retreat and emphasized the urgency of updating the policy due to upcoming construction projects, including several that required immediate action. Nathan Bracken explained that coordination with the Municipal Services District had been necessary because the district maintains its own procurement policy, which can create confusion when determining whether MSD or city procedures apply, particularly when MSD funds are used for projects within Magna. He stated that discussions with MSD staff had focused on developing a more streamlined and coordinated process to reduce uncertainty and improve efficiency.

Nathan Bracken provided an explanation of the Municipal Services District in response to a request from Mayor Mick Sudbury, describing it as a separate governmental entity created by the legislature to support communities that lacked a sufficient commercial tax base. He explained that Magna and similar municipalities share resources and staff through the district,

and that each member city has representation on the MSD board, with Council Member Michael Jensen serving in that role for Magna. He clarified that MSD projects follow the district's procurement policies, while projects funded solely by Magna must follow the city's policies, which has contributed to procedural confusion. Nathan Bracken stated that the city intended to update its procurement policy, forms, and contract templates in coordination with MSD staff to ensure clarity and allow for more efficient project execution.

Nathan Bracken also outlined additional policy initiatives discussed during the council retreat. He indicated that a surplus property policy would likely be presented for adoption at the next meeting and that updated rules of order and procedure had been drafted to govern council meetings and establish conduct expectations for both council members and the public. He recommended implementing a structured agenda-setting process involving the Mayor, City Manager, and rotating council members to improve meeting preparation and ensure timely submission of agenda items. He noted that feedback on the draft policies was requested and that the updated procurement policy might be ready for consideration in April if not sooner.

Nathan Bracken introduced Deputy City Attorney Claire Gillmor, noting her 15 years of experience with the West Valley City Attorney's Office and her background in construction and infrastructure-related legal work. Claire Gillmor expressed appreciation for the opportunity to serve the city and commented on the high level of community engagement and civic participation she had observed. Nathan Bracken added that both he and Claire Gillmor valued the cooperative and community-oriented nature of Magna residents, contrasting it with experiences in other jurisdictions.

10. COUNCIL REPORTS

Council Member Audrey Pierce reported on discussions from the recent Magna Mosquito Abatement District meeting. She explained that the board had been reviewing potential legislative changes related to board membership structure, particularly concerning representatives from overlapping jurisdictions. Council Member Audrey Pierce stated that because the district serves all of Magna and portions of surrounding areas, including Kearns, Salt Lake County, and parts of West Valley, current rules could prevent individuals from serving on multiple mosquito abatement boards even when their jurisdictions overlap. She indicated that efforts were made during the legislative session to amend these restrictions to allow dual service where appropriate. She also noted that the board discussed attendance at an upcoming national conference in Portland and that a recently updated travel policy now limits attendance to three of the five board members, along with the district manager and secretary.

Council Member Michael Jensen provided an update on the Municipal Services District board meeting, describing it as brief, with the primary action being approval of an agreement related to 8000 West. He stated that there were no public comments on the item. Council Member Michael Jensen requested that City Manager David Brickey and Assistant City Manager Kelly Bush coordinate with legislative representatives to attend a future council meeting and provide

a legislative session update. He also encouraged council members to begin identifying priorities for the next legislative cycle so they could engage with interim committees early and pursue funding opportunities.

Council Member Terry George reported that the Animal Services Board had not met since the last update and would reconvene on April 30, at which time additional information would be provided. Council Member Terry George also stated that the ChamberWest board would meet the following week and that an update would be given at the next council meeting.

Mayor Mick Sudbury reported on Wasatch Front Waste and Recycling District activities, stating that updates were being made to the bulk waste container reservation system. He explained that residents would no longer need to reserve containers at midnight, as reservations would instead open at 8:00 a.m., and that residents who received a container the previous year would not be eligible the following year unless availability allowed. He indicated the program was expected to run from approximately May 26 through June 1. Mayor Mick Sudbury also noted ongoing discussions regarding service providers within the district.

Council Member Megan Olsen reported on a meeting with the CTC, attended alongside Mayor Mick Sudbury and Council Member Terry George, stating that the organization was preparing to move into the Lake Ridge building and would soon have dedicated space. She also provided an update on Magna's Fourth of July planning, noting that organizational efforts were progressing, a website and online resources were being launched, and volunteers and sponsors were still being sought.

Council Member Steve Prokopis reported that the Unified Fire Authority board meeting was scheduled for the 17th of the month and highlighted the upcoming Fire Ops 101 training scheduled for March 27, encouraging council participation. He also stated that the board would receive a legislative update from its lobbyists, including information on bills related to ambulance services, wildfire policy, firefighter cancer benefits, governmental immunity, and annual fire code updates. In response to a question from Council Member Michael Jensen, Council Member Steve Prokopis identified House Bill 269 concerning ambulance provider payment amendments and House Bill 416 establishing a firefighter cancer benefit trust fund.

Council Member Megan Olsen briefly noted that the Unified Police Department board would meet on the 19th and stated that no additional updates were available since the previous meeting..

Council Member Jensen moved to recess the City Council Meeting at 6:54 p.m., and move into Closed Session to discuss the topics noted 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 March 10, 2026 Magna City Council Meeting adjourned immediately following the adjournment of the Closed Session above.

This is a true and correct copy of the March 10, 2026 City Council Meeting Minutes, which were approved on March 24, 2026.

Attest:

Diana Baun, Magna City Recorder

Mick Sudbury, Magna City Mayor