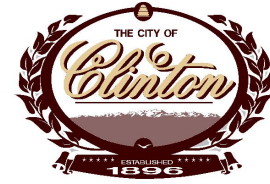


## CLINTON CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES

**Date:** March 10, 2026

**Time:** 6:00 PM

**Location:** 2267 N 1500 W, Clinton, UT 84015



### **Staff present:**

City Manager Trevor Cahoon, Finance Director Cory Christensen, Public Works Director David Williams, Parks & Recreation Director Brooke Mitchell attended electronically, Community Development Director Peter Matson, Fire Chief Jason Poulsen, Police Chief Shawn Stoker, Deputy Recorder Amy Durrans, Recorder Lisa Titensor

### **City Council:**

Mayor Marie Dougherty  
Councilmembers Spencer Arave, Jennifer Christensen, Chris Danson, Adam Larsen, and Dane Searle

### **Citizen Attendance:**

Kirby Crowley, Greg Allen, Robert Miller

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Dougherty called the work session to order at 6:00 PM.

### **PARKS AND OPEN SPACE DISCUSSION**

City Manager Trevor Cahoon opened the discussion by explaining the purpose of the work session was to receive Council direction regarding future park planning and priorities. Councilmembers were asked to consider strategic questions about the City's park system, including whether future parks should focus primarily on neighborhood needs or serve as regional attractions.

Mr. Cahoon also asked Councilmembers to consider whether the City should prioritize improvements to existing parks or focus on developing new park space.

The Council discussed the concept of parks with themes versus parks with similar amenities at each location. Some members expressed support for having parks with specific purposes while maintaining common amenities such as playgrounds, walking paths, picnic areas, and pavilions.

Councilmember Larsen expressed support for themed parks while noting that certain features such as playgrounds, walking paths, and picnic areas are expected amenities in most parks.

Councilmember Arave noted that the Council may first need to determine whether the priority should be completing existing parks or beginning development of new park areas.

Mr. Cahoon explained that the City's General Plan includes a goal of providing access to a park in close proximity of residential areas. He noted that the southwestern portion of the City currently lacks park access and that future planning may need to address this gap.

### **DISCUSSION ON PARK PRIORITIES**

Councilmembers discussed several priorities for park improvements.

#### **Development of Land X**

Councilmembers discussed the possibility of developing Land X, which is in the southwest portion of the City. Several Councilmembers expressed interest in developing this property to provide park access for residents in that area who currently do not have a nearby park.

Councilmember Larsen noted that even minimal improvements such as installing grass and irrigation could create usable recreational space while allowing additional improvements to be completed in future phases.

Councilmembers discussed the concept of developing the park in phases, potentially beginning with a small neighborhood-scale park, with improvements phased over time.

Staff explained that phased development could allow the City to make initial improvements while planning for future amenities.

#### **Completion of Existing Parks**

Councilmembers also discussed the importance of completing improvements at existing parks, particularly Pond Park.

Several Councilmembers noted that Pond Park has remained unfinished for many years and that residents have expressed concern about its appearance and maintenance.

Staff explained that improvements at Pond Park would include dredging the pond to address sediment buildup and water quality concerns.

Councilmember Danson stated that completing existing projects could provide visible improvements to the community and prevent parks from appearing neglected.

## **Civic Center Park**

Councilmembers discussed Civic Center Park as a potential long-term location for a larger community gathering space or showcase park. However, several members suggested that decisions about major improvements at Civic Center Park may depend on the outcome of the ongoing General Plan update.

## **PARK SYSTEM GOALS**

Staff and Councilmembers also discussed broader goals for the City's park system.

Parks & Recreation Director Brooke Mitchell explained that park planning should consider the purpose of parks within the community, including whether the City wishes to prioritize recreation programming, community gathering spaces, or regional recreational attractions.

Ms. Mitchell also emphasized the importance of ensuring that parks include appropriate supporting amenities such as seating, shade structures, and restrooms when necessary to encourage consistent use.

Councilmembers discussed the possibility of creating a phased park development strategy to address park improvements across the City over time.

## **FUNDING CONSIDERATIONS**

Staff explained that the City currently has approximately \$1.5 million available for park improvements, consisting of funds from the Parks Project Fund and the RAP Tax Fund.

It was noted that additional funding opportunities may be available through federal Land and Water Conservation grants, which could potentially provide matching funds for certain park projects.

Staff also noted that some park impact fee funds must be used within certain timelines to remain in compliance with state law.

## **RAP TAX BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS**

Councilmember Arave noted that the RAP Tax Board has recently discussed potential park improvements and identified additional shade structures in parks as a priority based on community feedback.

## **COUNCIL CONSENSUS**

Based on the discussion, several Councilmembers expressed interest in prioritizing the following park improvements:

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- Development of Land X to provide park access in the southwest area of the City
- Improvements and completion of Pond Park
- Continued evaluation of Civic Center Park in coordination with the General Plan update

Staff will review these priorities and return to the Council with additional concepts and potential phased development options.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The work session concluded at approximately 6:50 PM.

*Dated this 24<sup>th</sup> day of March 2026  
/s/Lisa Titensor, Clinton City Recorder*