

MINUTES OF THE DRAPER CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2026, IN THE DRAPER CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 1020 EAST PIONEER ROAD, DRAPER, UTAH

PRESENT: Mayor Troy K. Walker (arrived at 5:52 pm), and Councilmembers Kathryn Dahlin, Bryn Heather Johnson, Tasha Lowery, and Fred Lowry

EXCUSED: Councilmember Mike Green

STAFF: Mike Barker, City Manager; Kellie Challburg, Assistant City Manager; Scott Cooley, City Engineer and Public Works Director; Spencer DuShane, Assistant City Attorney; Traci Gundersen, City Attorney; Jennifer Jastremsky, Community Development Director; Ashley Johnson, Deputy City Recorder; Rhett Ogden, Parks and Recreation Director; Derek Orth, Human Resource Director; Linda Peterson, Communications Director; Nicole Smedley, City Recorder; Clint Smith, Fire Chief; Jake Sorensen, Network Manager; and John Vuyk, Finance Director

Study Session

Mayor Pro Tempore Bryn Heather Johnson called the meeting to order.

Report: Major Roads CIP Update

Public Works Director Scott Cooley reported that the 12150 South signal installations had been completed. Councilmember F. Lowry stated that complaints had been received regarding the timing of the southbound left-turn signal at the intersection, and Mr. Cooley stated that he would review the timing. Mr. Cooley also reported that Zone 4 sidewalk repairs were expected to be completed by the end of June, at which time Zone 5 sidewalk repairs would begin. He also provided updates on the 1700 East storm drain improvement project and the Pump Station 3 upgrade project.

Mr. Cooley reported on planned capital projects for 2026, including pavement maintenance; Pioneer Road resurfacing and storm drain, curb, and gutter improvements from 100 East to 700 East; construction of dual northbound left-turn lanes at the 14600 South and Minuteman intersection; installation of sidewalk, curb, and gutter improvements along 700 West from 11400 South to 12300 South on the west side; an asphalt addition on 13400 South; a sidewalk gap project on Manfield Way; expansion of the City Hall parking lot;

construction of the Suncrest Detention Pond; and replacement of the Suncrest pressure-reducing valve (PRV).

Mr. Cooley also reported on anticipated 2027 projects, including the Lone Peak Parkway widening project; construction of dual left-turn lanes at the 700 East and 11400 South intersection in coordination with Sandy City; and improvements to Fort Street from Pioneer Road to 13200 South.

Mayor Walker arrived at 5:52 pm.

Report: Parks CIP Update

Parks and Recreation Director Rhett Ogden reported on completed projects, and said Jenson Farm Park upgrades were ahead of schedule. He provided an update on: Porter Rockwell Trail bridge expansion; North Canary Hills access easement; Sunrise Station Park Expansion; Bonneville Shoreline Trail; Spring Hollow bridge replacement; and West Red Rock Access Loop Trail. Proposed projects included flyover crossings at Vertigo Trail/Levitate Trail intersection and Maple Hollow Downhill Bike Trail/Ann's Trail intersection.

Report: Fuel Mitigation Grants Funding Update

Fuels Crew Supervisor Parker Hansen reported on projects completed over the previous three years, noting that some had been funded through a \$119,000 grant. In response to a question from Councilmember F. Lowry, Mr. Hansen stated that ongoing maintenance of fire breaks would be manageable due to the significant clearing work that had already been completed. Mr. Hansen also explained that the City's fuel mitigation efforts had helped homeowners maintain their insurance coverage.

Mr. Hansen emphasized that chipper events had been an effective method for reducing wildfire risk in Draper and explained plans to expand chipper days in the upcoming season with the assistance of a \$200,000 grant. The Council and staff discussed County-owned land within the Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) area and the coordination involved in mitigation efforts.

Council/Manager Reports

This item was moved to later in the meeting.

Closed Meeting

Councilmember Johnson moved to recess to a closed meeting to discuss a proposed development agreement. Councilmember T. Lowery seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken. The motion passed unanimously.

	Yes	No	Absent
Councilmember Green			Excused
Councilmember Johnson	X		
Councilmember T. Lowery	X		
Councilmember F. Lowry	X		
Councilmember Dahlin	X		

The closed meeting convened at 6:24 pm, and the Council returned to open meeting at 7:04 pm.

Business Session

1. Call to Order by Mayor Troy K. Walker

2. Pledge of Allegiance led by Rhett Ogden

3. Public Comments

Mike Lund, Draper resident, said use of rocket launchers on City Park property next to his property was a problem. He said he had horses, and said rockets were launched dangerously onto his property from the park. Mr. Lund said he spoke with the Police Department and was told there was not a related ordinance in place they could enforce. Mr. Lund asked for Council help in preventing rockets from being launched onto his property.

Mischelle Polish, Draper resident, said she worked with Americans for Prosperity. She said the organization was planning a free America 250 event, and said she wanted to hold the event at the Draper Amphitheatre. Ms. Polish said she knew the Council had responsibility for use of the Amphitheatre, and asked for Council support.

4. Consent Items

4.a Approve the Meeting Minutes of the February 10, 2026 City Council Retreat

4.b Approve Resolution #26-12 certifying authorized individuals to access and/or transact business with the State of Utah Public Treasurers Investment Funds

and to execute any necessary forms in connection with such changes on behalf of Draper City

- 4.c Approve Resolution #26-13 authorizing the execution of a vote center agreement between Draper City and Salt Lake County for the 2026 Elections

Councilmember T. Lowery moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Dahlin seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken. The motion passed unanimously.

	Yes	No	Absent
Councilmember Green			Excused
Councilmember Johnson	X		
Councilmember T. Lowery	X		
Councilmember F. Lowry	X		
Councilmember Dahlin	X		

5. Items for Council Consideration

- 5.a Public Hearing: Ordinances #1706 and #1707 amending the Official Land Use Map and the Official Zoning Map of Draper City for approximately 0.25 acres to remove the property from both the Land Use Map and the Zoning Map, known as the City Initiated Highland Boundary Adjustment Land Use Map and Zoning Map Amendments

Planner Todd Draper said the property, located at approximately 16199 South 3300 East, was the subject of a municipal boundary line adjustment between Draper City and Highland City. He said the Planning Commission forwarded a positive recommendation for the proposed amendments.

Mayor Walker opened a public hearing, and closed the public hearing seeing no one come forward.

Councilmember T. Lowery moved to approve Ordinances #1706 and #1707. Councilmember Johnson seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken. The motion passed unanimously.

	Yes	No	Absent
Councilmember Green			Excused
Councilmember Johnson	X		
Councilmember T. Lowery	X		
Councilmember F. Lowry	X		

Council / Manager Reports

Tree Committee

Councilmember Johnson said she met with the Tree Committee that morning, and the Committee had been open to new goals of beautification and landscaping. She said the Committee suggested adding community education to their scope as well.

Historic Plaque

Community Development Director Jennifer Jastremsky said the Historic Preservation Commission had been working on a historic plaque for the Widowmaker Trail, and had been working with Salt Lake County to put the plaque on County land. She said an interlocal agreement had been drafted, and asked for Council feedback. She reported that the City would pay for installation and maintenance. A majority of the Council indicated support.

Legislative Update

Mayor Walker provided an update on the current Legislative Session, highlighting bills concerning property tax, municipal fund balances, gas tax, and elimination of voting by mail. He said he personally appreciated voting by mail, commented that eliminating the vote-by-mail system would be costly for every municipality, and reported the bill died in committee earlier that day. City Manager Mike Barker said the alcohol bill would allow for municipal discretion regarding proximity requirements.

Rocket Launchers

Councilmember F. Lowry asked if use of rocket launchers was legal in Draper. Mr. Ogden said explosives restrictions in Code prohibited use of rocket launchers in City parks, and said he would reach out to Mr. Lund about the possibility of placing a sign adjacent to his property. Mayor Walker asked if the Council would be willing to create Code language that specifically called out rockets, and a majority of the Council appeared to indicate support.

Draper Amphitheatre

Mayor Walker said the City typically did not rent out the Draper Amphitheatre, and said no policy for rental was in place. He expressed hope that a policy would be adopted prior to renting out the facility to ensure sufficient recovery of costs, including police and fire expenses. Mayor Walker cautioned that if the

facility were opened for rental, the City would not be able to discriminate based on message or content. Councilmember Johnson expressed concern that making the facility available to rent would open the door to frequent use. She pointed out the facility was in a residential neighborhood, and said she would not want to turn the area into a regular event center.

Councilmember F. Lowry asked if the City could sponsor or partner with a group for an event at the Draper Amphitheatre, such as the America 250 event mentioned during Public Comments. The Council and staff discussed considerations, including funding for overtime for police and fire and other services, and how to determine which organizations with whom the City would partner. Councilmember Dahlin said she was not opposed to the idea of renting the facility, but agreed a policy needed to first be in place to mitigate concerns.

6. **Adjournment**

Councilmember T. Lowery moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Johnson seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous vote (4-0).

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.