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Council Department Report
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2026 General Session of the 66th Legislature

The general session began on January 20 and concluded on March 6, 2026. A total of 1,016 bills were introduced and 540 passed. More information on the bills and their status are located at utct.utah.gov.

Tree Board Meeting: Discussion topics included, but were not limited to:

Project updates were given for:

- Invasive species removal on Trees Ranch and Town
- Tree City USA application approved
- Virgin River revegetation project review
- Upcoming tree climbing training - Jameson to attend

Tree planting with Springdale Elementary is planned for April 22.

George offered to write an article for the April Newsletter regarding ongoing tree maintenance and planting on town owned property.

Nice sendoff for Rick; It was well attended by town residents and staff. Wishing him all the best in his new role as a retiree.

Tumbleweed Removal: Big thank you to everyone who helped remove tumbleweed at the River Park on March 20 - which happened to be the hottest day of the week (94 degrees!). A special thanks to Conserve Southwest Utah who made up the bulk of volunteers who helped. Next steps include spraying an herbicide to remove exotic vegetation in the project area followed by reseeding with native seed in the fall.

River Park pre-bid site visit: Jason from ASSIST facilitated the site visit for interested contractors. Town staff were available for questions.