

Minutes of the meeting of the Logan Municipal Council convened in regular session on Tuesday, March 17, 2026, in the Logan Municipal Council Chambers located at 290 North 100 West, Logan, Utah 84321 at 5:30 p.m. Logan Municipal Council Meetings are televised live as a public service on Channel 17 and the City of Logan YouTube channel at: [go.loganutah.gov/CouncilMeetings](https://www.go.loganutah.gov/CouncilMeetings)

Councilmembers present at the beginning of the meeting: Vice Chair Ernesto López, Councilmember Jeannie F. Simmonds, Councilmember Melissa Dahle and Councilmember Katie Lee-Koven. Administration present: Mayor Mark A. Anderson, City Attorney Craig Carlston, Finance Director Richard Anderson, and City Recorder Teresa Harris.

Chair Mike Johnson joined the meeting at 5:45 p.m.

Vice Chair López welcomed those present. There were approximately 18 people in attendance at the beginning of the meeting.

OPENING CEREMONY:

The opening ceremony was provided by Heather Crockett, Executive Director of the William A. Burnard Warming Center, who also led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. Crockett introduced herself and provided a detailed overview of the Warming Center's operations. She explained that the facility is currently operating out of St. John's Episcopal Church with a maximum capacity of 45 individuals and has consistently reached capacity this season despite a relatively mild winter. She noted significant operational limitations, including the absence of shower facilities, reliance on off-site laundry services, and limited food storage capacity.

Ms. Crockett emphasized that the Warming Center serves vulnerable populations including families with children, elderly individuals, and those experiencing medical or mental health challenges. She expressed concern about the impending seasonal closure in mid-April, stating that many individuals will have no viable alternatives for shelter.

She requested assistance from the City in securing a larger facility (approximately 5,000 square feet) that would allow for separation of families and individuals, as well as the addition of essential services such as showers and laundry. She also highlighted an immediate need for shelf-stable food to sustain operations through the remainder of the season.

Council members asked questions regarding coordination with the food bank, the impact of the upcoming receiving center, and space needs.

Ms. Crockett indicated that while the receiving center may help, it will not fully meet demand and will likely reach capacity quickly.

Meeting Minutes. Minutes of the Council meeting held on March 3, 2026 were reviewed and approved.

Meeting Agenda. Vice Chair López, announced there are three public hearings scheduled for tonight's Council meeting. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes and agenda with the following amendment: **Item C. – Maple View Subdivision Public Hearing (Ordinance 26-07)** was withdrawn by the applicant.

ACTION. Motion by Councilmember Simmonds seconded by Councilmember Dahle to approve minutes from the March 3, 2026 Council meeting and the March 17, 2026 agenda as amended. Motion carried by roll call vote (4-0).

Dahle: Aye

Johnson: Excused

Lee-Koven: Aye

López: Aye

Simmonds: Aye

Meeting Schedule. Vice Chair López, announced that regular Council meetings are held on the first and third Tuesdays of the month at 5:30 p.m. The next regular Council meeting is Tuesday, April 7, 2026.

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FOR MAYOR AND COUNCIL: (11:02)

Vice Chair López explained that any person wishing to comment on any item not otherwise on the agenda may address the City Council at this point by stepping to the microphone and giving his or her name and address for the record. Comments should be limited to not more than three (3) minutes unless additional time is authorized by the Council Chair. Citizen groups will be asked to appoint a spokesperson. This is the time and place for any person who wishes to comment on non-agenda items and items that are germane or relevant to the authority of the City Council. Items brought forward to the attention of the City Council will be turned over to staff to respond to outside of the City Council meeting.

Joshua Molitor (Logan) Mr. Molitor shared personal experience assisting an individual experiencing homelessness and emphasized the growing severity of homelessness in the community. He urged the Council to take proactive steps and consider requiring contributions from developers to help address housing and social needs.

Anna Darley (Logan) Ms. Darley expressed concern regarding traffic safety and requested the addition of more protected left-turn signals at intersections. She referenced

the City's mission statement and encouraged improvements that enhance safety and efficiency.

Councilmember Simmonds agreed but said the problem is convincing the Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) because most of our road the big roads in Logan are owned by the state.

Gail Hanson (Logan) Ms. Hanson spoke about concerns related to artificial intelligence and broader issues of community growth. She encouraged the Council to prioritize sustainability and thoughtful decision-making, noting that not all technological or growth opportunities necessarily benefit the community.

Hunter Ashby (Logan) Mr. Ashby raised concerns regarding the use of flock safety cameras, specifically the potential for unauthorized access or misuse. He urged the Council to ensure adequate safeguards are in place if additional cameras are installed.

Cameron Carnes (Utah State University – Kappa Delta Sorority) Ms. Carnes presented information about Kappa Delta's upcoming philanthropy week benefiting Prevent Child Abuse America and The Family Place. She outlined planned events and invited community participation to help raise funds and awareness.

Matthew Fatuesi (Logan) Mr. Fatuesi provided commentary related to energy policy, decision-making frameworks, and definitions of charitable organizations. He encouraged the Council to carefully consider long-term implications of policy decisions and prioritize public benefit.

Liz Bailey (Logan) Ms. Bailey, a restoration ecologist and former wildland firefighter, expressed concerns about wildfire risk in Logan. She noted that Logan ranks high nationally for wildfire risk and emphasized the importance of prevention, education, and community preparedness. She encouraged increased communication of available resources and mitigation strategies.

There were no further comments or questions for the Mayor or Council.

MAYOR/STAFF REPORTS:

No Mayor/Staff Reports were provided.

COUNCIL BUSINESS: [\(27:17\)](#)

Planning Commission Update – Councilmember Simmonds

Councilmember Simmonds reported that the Planning Commission discussed the General Plan which was continued to their next meeting. It will come to the City Council at the

April 7, 2026 Council meeting. The Planning Commission also approved a commercial development project located at approximately 200 North and 600 West.

Council Announcements – Vice Chair López

Councilmember Dahle reported attending a recent Library Board meeting and shared that the Friends of the Library will hold their annual public meeting at 5:00 p.m. at the library. She encouraged community members to attend, particularly those interested in joining the Friends of the Library board, as additional participation is needed. She added that the Friends of the Library provides valuable financial support and programming for the library, though there may be limited public awareness of the organization's role.

Chair Johnson reported that the Mayor and staff, along with council involvement, recently conducted interviews for a Public Relations position. While no official decision has been made, there are several strong candidates and progress is being made in filling the role. Additionally, work has begun on a new city website. The project will involve a complete rebuild rather than a simple update, with a focus on creating a more user-friendly experience for the public.

No further Council Business items were presented.

ACTION ITEMS:

PUBLIC HEARING - Consideration of a proposed resolution authorizing and approving the amended and restated Power Pooling Agreement with the Utah Associated Municipal Power Systems (UAMPS) for the Pool Project; authorizing execution and delivery thereof; and related matters – Resolution 26-07 – Tyson Godfrey, Light & Power Resource Manager [\(33:00\)](#)

At the March 3, 2026 Council meeting, Logan Light & Power Resource Manager Tyson Godfrey presented Resolution 26-07 authorizing and approving an Amended and Restated Power Pooling Agreement between Logan City and Utah Associated Municipal Power Systems (UAMPS) for participation in the UAMPS Pool Project.

Mr. Godfrey explained that the current agreement is outdated and does not reflect current operations. The updated agreement aligns with modern practices and prepares the City for participation in a new energy market system launching May 1.

The agreement establishes UAMPS as the City's scheduling agent and project manager for power operations. While it is a long-term agreement that is not easily exited, staff emphasized that participation provides significant benefits, including shared resources, cost efficiency, and reliable public power service. Operating independently would require substantial additional staffing and resources.

Vice Chair López asked about the terms of the exiting agreement.

Mr. Godfrey explained that exiting the agreement would only be considered if a comparable joint agency offered greater value, which is not currently the case. He stated the agreement has been thoroughly reviewed, with no major outstanding concerns, and is designed to remain in place for 15–20 years, with supporting documents adaptable over time.

Councilmember Simmonds commented that it's not economically feasible for Logan to participate on our own.

Vice Chair López, opened the meeting to a public hearing.

There were no comments and Vice Chair López, closed the public hearing.

ACTION. Motion by Councilmember Simmonds seconded by Chair Johnson to approve Resolution 26-07 as presented. Motion carried by roll call vote (5-0).

Dahle: Aye

Johnson: Aye

Lee-Koven: Aye

López: Aye

Simmonds: Aye

PUBLIC HEARING - JED WILLETS DOWNZONE – Consideration of a proposed downzone. Russ Holley/Logan City are requesting a downzone of a .22-acre parcel located at 1354 North 220 West from Mixed Residential Medium (MR-20) back to Mixed Residential Low (MR-12) in the Bridger Neighborhood – Ordinance 26-06 – Russ Holley, Community Development Director [\(38:36\)](#)

At the March 3, 2026 Council meeting, Community Development Director Russ Holley addressed the Council regarding the proposed ordinance. Mr. Holley provided a brief history, explaining that the parcel was originally created illegally in the 1990's and has undergone multiple zoning adjustments over the years to allow development. The property had previously been upzoned several times to permit building; however, those approvals expired.

The current downzone process was initiated in January 2026. The current property owner has since obtained a building permit and is now vested, though construction has not yet begun. Staff expressed hope that the project will proceed before the permit expires, eliminating the need for further zoning actions on the property.

Vice Chair López, opened the meeting to a public hearing.

There were no comments and Vice Chair López, closed the public hearing.

ACTION. Motion by Councilmember Simmonds seconded by Councilmember Lee-Koven to adopt Ordinance 26-06 as presented. Motion carried by roll call vote (5-0).

Dahle: Aye

Johnson: Aye

Lee-Koven: Aye

López: Aye

Simmonds: Aye

WITHDRAWN - PUBLIC HEARING - MAPLE VIEW SUBDIVISION REZONE – Consideration of a proposed rezone. Brad Brown/V Dean Adams & Joyce Y Adams Family Trust, authorized agent/owner are requesting a rezone of a 10-acre parcel located at approximately 350 South 1400 West from Suburban Neighborhood Residential (NR-4) to Traditional Mixed Residential Transitional (MR-9) in the Woodruff Neighborhood – Ordinance 26-07 – Russ Holley

As was announced at the beginning of the meeting, the Maple View Subdivision Rezone was withdrawn by the applicant.

PUBLIC HEARING - Budget Adjustments FY 2025-2026 appropriating: \$30,710 insurance proceeds toward equipment repairs; \$10,786 funds the Library received from the State of Utah. The Community Library Enhancement Fund (CLEF) grant will be used for collection development and technology use; \$400,000 additional construction budget for electrical connections and infrastructure costs associated with new construction; \$361,625 wildland reimbursements to the Fire Department; \$39,002 wildland reimbursements to the EMS fund – Resolution 26-08 – Richard Anderson, Finance Director [\(41:44\)](#)

At the March 3, 2026 Council meeting, Finance Director Richard Anderson presented several budget adjustment requests for Council consideration.

1. Insurance Proceeds – Fire Engine Repair

Request to appropriate \$30,710 in insurance proceeds to reimburse the Fire Department for repairs to a fire engine that had been struck in a vehicle accident. The repairs have already been completed, and the request reflects the final insurance reimbursement associated with the incident.

2. Library CLEF Grant

Request for to appropriate \$10,786 from the Library CLEF Grant, which the Logan Library receives annually. The grant supports collection development and technology improvements within the library.

3. Electrical Construction Budget Adjustment

Request to appropriate an additional \$400,000 for electrical construction within the Light and Power budget. Mr. Anderson explained that the city has more

electrical service connections than originally anticipated, requiring additional construction work. Although the budget needs to be increased, the costs are covered through connection fees and associated revenue. He noted that both construction costs and development activity have fluctuated in recent years, and future budgets may need adjustment to better reflect these changing conditions.

4. **Wildland Fire Deployment Reimbursements**

Two appropriations were requested related to wildland fire deployments in which Logan firefighters assisted with firefighting operations and emergency response:

- \$361,625 appropriated to the Fire Department General Fund
- \$39,002 appropriated to the EMS Fund

Council discussion focused on the process for approving expenditures, clarifying that all funds regardless of source must be formally appropriated by the Council before use.

Mr. Anderson explained that reimbursements for wildland deployments are received after expenses are incurred and are essential to maintaining department budgets.

Discussion clarified that wildfire reimbursement funds had already been spent by the Fire Department for overtime and related expenses, and the City is now formally allocating those received funds back to the appropriate departments. While these reimbursements are not legally restricted, staff strongly recommended they be used for their intended purpose to support fire services and operations.

Mr. Anderson also explained that all funds regardless of source, including grants and reimbursements, must be approved by the Council before they can be spent, as part of the City's budgeting and transparency process.

Vice Chair López, opened the meeting to a public hearing.

There were no comments and Vice Chair López, closed the public hearing.

ACTION. Motion by Chair Johnson seconded by Councilmember Dahle to approve Resolution 26-08 as presented. Motion carried by roll call vote (5-0).

Dahle: Aye

Johnson: Aye

Lee-Koven: Aye

López: Aye

Simmonds: Aye

WORKSHOP ITEMS:

No workshop items were presented.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:

No further considerations were discussed.

ADJOURNED:

There being no further business, the Logan Municipal Council adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Teresa Harris, City Recorder