



CITY OF OREM
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
56 North State Street, Orem, Utah
May 5, 2026

*This meeting may be held electronically
to allow a Councilmember to participate.*

2:45 P.M. WORK SESSION - CITY COUNCIL CONFERENCE ROOM

1. WORK SESSION ITEMS

While this is a public meeting, we kindly ask that only presenters and individuals specifically invited by the Mayor or City Council speak or ask questions. This helps us conduct the City's business in an efficient and orderly manner. If you would like to make a comment on an issue, please do so during the Public Appearances portion of the regular meeting. This ensures that your comment is properly addressed and documented for the official record. Please keep side conversations to a minimum as it interferes with the audio recording.

1.1 PRESENTATION — Public Safety Revenue Dedicated Fund (15 min)

Presenter: Brandon C. Nelson, CPA, Finance Director

1.2 PRESENTATION — Short Term Rental Continued (75 min)

Presenter: D. Jacob Summers, Deputy Attorney

1.3 PRESENTATION - BUDGET - CIP (40 min)

Presenter: Taggart Bowen, City Engineer

1.4 PRESENTATION - CARE Deliberations Continued (20 min)

Presenter: Brandon C. Nelson, CPA, Finance Director

1.5 PRESENTATION - BUDGET - Fleet and Streets (30 min)

*Presenter: Thayne Carter, Fleet Manager, Chris Tschirki, Public Works Director and
Bill Peterson, Streets Manager*

2. ADJOURN

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SPECIAL REVENUE FUND



WHAT IS IT?

Per Utah State Code 10-6-133, the City can establish a dedicated **“Special Revenue Fund”** that legally restricts all property tax collected into this fund for public safety

WHY WE ARE INTERESTED?

- Ensures stable funding for the Orem Police Department and Orem Fire Department
- Improves transparency - Every dollar of property tax will be legally restricted to critical public safety services only
- Midvale in 2025 & South Salt Lake in 2022 have added a dedicated Special Revenue Fund for Public Safety

HOW WILL IT WORK?

- Decrease Orem’s “General Operations” property tax amount by 100%
- Shift all current “General Operations” property tax into new line item titled “Orem City Public Safety”
 - Because it is a “new” tax, the reported increase for this new line item will be 100%
- Truth in Taxation will not need to be pursued unless we want to increase the total revenue collected from property tax

SPECIAL REVENUE FUND

THE BUDGET

- **FY26:** \$8.1M general property tax & \$32.8M sales tax budgeted
- **FY26 Police and Fire Budgets: \$38.1M Total** (\$21.4M Police & \$16.7M Fire)
- **FY27:** Total property tax will only cover approximately 20% of total Police and Fire Department expenditures. Remaining expenditures will be covered through other existing public safety revenues and a transfer from the General Fund.



IMPLEMENTATION TIMELINE

Orem would need to complete Phase 3 by June

PHASE 1: PREPARATION

- **Departmental Analysis:** Chief Financial Officer and Police and Fire Chiefs determine the exact dollar amount and revenue sources to move to the new Public Safety Fund

PHASE 2: TENTATIVE BUDGET & RESOLUTION - MAY 12

- **Tentative Budget and Resolution:** Presentation of tentative FY27 budget, resolution to adopt the Tentative Budget, and resolution to establish the new Special Revenue Fund

PHASE 3: PUBLIC HEARING & ADOPTION OF FINAL BUDGET - JUNE 9

- **Budget Ordinance:** Ordinance to adopt FY 2027 budget with language outlining and approving the tax levy, including moving all property tax into the new Special Revenue Fund
- **Public Hearing**
- **Adoption of FY2027 Budget**

KEY CONSTRAINT

- The City must report annually on this fund in its Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR)

Mini/Mid-Major Grants	Proposed Award
Alianza Venezolana Utah (New)	\$ 2,500
Aloha Fest (New)	\$ 3,500
BetterTogether	\$ 1,000
Cantorum Chamber Choir	\$ 5,500
Centro Hispano Elevate Utah	\$ 7,000
Chauntenette Women's Chorus	\$ 3,300
Colonial Heritage Foundation	\$ 15,000
Excellence In The Community	\$ 2,000
Garden Valley Pipe Band	\$ 3,000
Grassroots Shakespeare	\$ 7,000
Mountain Springs Music Festival	\$ 3,000
Nashville in the Rockies (New)	\$ 3,000
Ngoma y'Africa Cultural Center	\$ 5,000
Resonance	\$ 2,000
Roots of Freedom Foundation	\$ 5,000
The Orem Chorale	\$ 3,000
Timpanogos Chorale (New)	\$ 2,000
Timpanogos Bluegrass Roots Festival	\$ 4,000
Timpanogos Symphony Orchestra	\$ 10,000
United Angels Foundation	\$ 3,000
Utah Brazilian Festival	\$ 3,000
Utah Chinese Association	\$ 2,000
Utah Live Concerts Foundation	\$ 9,000
Utah Symphony & Opera	\$ 9,000
Utah Theater Bloggers Association	\$ 600
Utah Valley Civic Ballet Company	\$ 5,000
Utah Valley Interfaith Choir	\$ 2,000
Utah Valley Monster Concert (New)	\$ 1,850
Wasatch Chorale	\$ 2,250
Wasatch Contemporary Dance	\$ 5,000
Witness Music	\$ 6,500
World Folkfest	\$ 7,000
Subtotal - Mini/Mid-Major Grants	\$ 143,000
Major Grants	Proposed Award
SCERA	\$ 1,071,408
Utah Metropolitan Ballet	\$ 25,000
Subtotal - Major Grants	\$ 1,096,408
Civic-Related Arts	Proposed Award
Heart of Downtown	\$ 463,437
Library Hall/City Facilities Rent - CARE Rec	\$ 45,000
Honorarium Program	\$ 20,000
Artist/Writer in Residence	\$ 30,000
Artists - Career Advancement Grants	\$ 5,000
Subtotal - Civic-Related Arts Grant	\$ 563,437
TOTAL - ARTS GRANTS	\$ 1,802,845

City Recreation Grants	Proposed Award
Co-Sponsored Groups	\$ 50,000
Subtotal - City Recreation Grants	\$ 50,000
City Parks Grants	Proposed Award
Lakeside Park (Ninja Course, Playground, etc.)	\$ 725,000
Park (Pump Track)	\$ 500,000
Springwater Park (RC Crawler & Basher Course)	\$ 150,000
Library Gardens	\$ 125,000
Bonneville Sports Court	\$ 100,000
Dog Park & Rainbow Bridge	\$ 85,000
Orem Elementary Softball Dugout Repairs	\$ 15,000
Other Park Projects	\$ 1,845
Subtotal - City Parks Grants	\$ 1,701,845
TOTAL - CITY RECREATION & PARKS GRANTS	\$ 1,751,845
ADMINISTRATION ALLOCATION (1.5%)	\$ 50,310
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 3,605,000